



Craig Erik Markham

June 4, 1952 - March 5, 2025

Craig passed away peacefully in Edmonton, Alberta at the age of 72, after many years with complex health issues. Predeceased by his parents Esther (Thoen) and William Markham. Craig will be tragically missed by his wife Heather Markham (nee Iles) of almost 50 years, daughter Erika (Chris Marshall) Mexico, son Jonathon (Stephanie Rindt) Vancouver, daughter Lyn {Scotlen} (Ilara Stefaniuk-Gaudet) Edmonton, and sister Jill (James Peck) Ottawa and grandchildren Elliot, Lea (Vancouver) and Alice, Chance (Mexico) as well as many extended family (Florence Linden (Thoen), Cathy Iles-Cavan, Lynn Iles-Bell, Larry Iles and nieces and nephews: Trevor, Brad, Zander, Grace, Rachel, Hailey, Shauna) and friends near and far.

Craig was a graphic designer throughout his career with a specialty in packaging design. He volunteered for many years as a director and coach of the Knights of Columbus North Hockey Club.

Heather was the love of Craig's life and he looked forward to seeing her every day. He missed her greatly when she wasn't in sight. On retirement, Heather and Craig travelled to see their grandchildren whenever they could. They spent many hours in companionship sitting on their deck enjoying their garden while Heather painted and Craig caught up on the hockey scores.

Craig cherished his time with his grandchildren watching them grow, giving

them big hugs, and playing together. He especially loved spending time with his adult children: Erika to provide support to, always, and share in like-minded activities; long chats making memories with Jonathon while he gently played guitar; and Lyn who he welcomed into the family as a trans femme - they shared a passion for creating and making projects together. Lyn provided constant care and compassion during the last few months of Craig's life.

He will be sadly missed and remembered for all of the happy times, and for his dedication to supporting youth hockey as well as being a huge Edmonton Oilers fan.

Thank you to Dr. Rania Bedaba and the nurses on Unit 41 of the Royal Alexandra Hospital for their care and compassion.

A Celebration of Craig's Life will be held at a later date.

Tribute Wall

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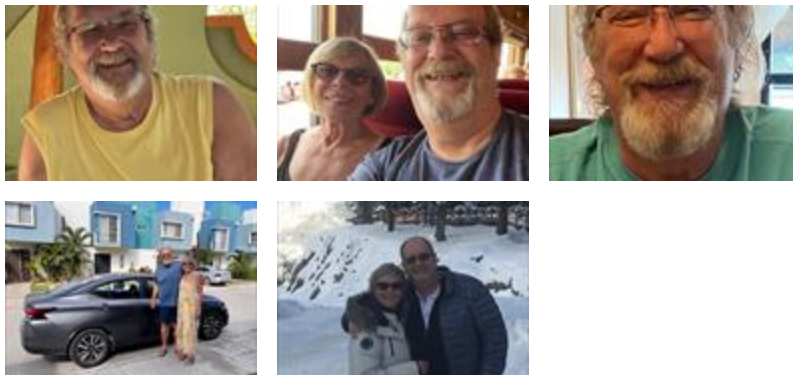
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Patrick Meraw - March 18, 2025 at 09:39 AM

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Patrick Meraw - March 17, 2025 at 08:04 AM

AJ

“ *Condolences to Heather and family. What a great couple! One of my memories of Craig is his love of the Blues. I know he also was big on sports. Anita Jenkins*

Anita Jenkins - March 14, 2025 at 01:28 PM

HM

Thanks for the memory Anita. Indeed, Craig was a blues man at heart, loved to play hockey in both his youth and our children's, and was a huge Oilers fan once we moved to Edmonton.

Heather Markham - March 16, 2025 at 09:23 AM

LS

“ *Oh Heather! I was so sad to hear the news about Craig. Although we hadn't got together in a while, our friendship began in high school. Then we had so much fun together when you and Craig and I lived in the same house on Ossington Avenue in Ottawa. So many adventures in his white Mini! Connections and relationships made at that age and stage stay with us forever. And I remember the warm hospitality when I visited you and Craig in Edmonton. Lee, Julea and I so much appreciated the friendship you showed Lee when they were at U of A, too. Sincere condolences from Julea, Lee and me. 🌸*

Len St-Aubin - March 13, 2025 at 06:58 PM

HM

Dear Len (Julea and Lee), thank you...Craig and I have great memories of those times together almost 50 years ago, I can hardly believe it's been that long since we got married and you took the wedding photos for us. Those early years of friendship may have been short, but they have proved to be very long-lived.

Heather Markham - March 14, 2025 at 08:45 AM

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Patrick Meraw - March 13, 2025 at 08:48 AM

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“ Oh Heather. I'm so sorry to read your news today. I really hope he had a smooth transition. I'm sure you feel utterly bereft and are swimming through a crazy void of grief. I'm so glad family could be by his and your side. Sending you so much love and courage as you move through the layers of grief. Craig was one of the biggest hearted, gentle and most lovely people I think I've ever met. Much love ❤️ -Ian Sheldon

Patrick Meraw - March 13, 2025 at 08:39 AM

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“ *Sending much love to all the family. We have sooo many fond memories with Craig and his support for Trevor's boys hockey and all the family events we shared. Big hugs auntie Heather ❤️*
-Trevor and Samantha Cavan

Dear Heather, Jonathon, Erika, Lyn & Family: We are so incredibly sorry for your loss. Craig was a wonderful man, and his kindness & warmth will be deeply missed. Our hearts are with you, and we hope you find comfort in the love that surrounds you.
With deepest sympathy-The Trueman Family

Keeping you close in my thoughts and prayers. My sincere condolences to you and your family. Cherish the memories, for they are precious.
-Verna Klimack

Heather, I'm deeply sorry for your loss. My heart goes out to you and your family during this incredibly difficult time. May these pictures and Craig's smile bring you comfort and peace in the days ahead.
-Victoria Powluk

Heather, my sincerest condolences to you and your family. Craig was one of the good ones and a close and dear friend back in the day. A true Dartmouthian in every way.
-Steve Conrod

Patrick Meraw - March 11, 2025 at 03:30 PM

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“ Dear Heather ❤️

It is so hard to believe that Craig has passed away and to find the right words for it. I am so very sad and feel with you.

I wish you all the best to go through the time to come 🍁love Gitti

I will remember Craig as a good friend with whom sharing Things was always possible, even a good rye 'n seven up a long time ago.

Heather, I feel with you and the family and wish you strength 🍁love Ulli

Patrick Meraw - March 10, 2025 at 10:15 AM

BC

“ *Craig and I met in the early nineties or later eighties. I was first friends with Heather as she was a close friend of Lesley Knight's who worked for me at that time, in government.*

Craig and I had alot in common. We were both Graphic Designers and had alot of similar interests. Many hours were spent talking about how we would change the world, as well as our many challenges with our kids etc.etc. A few years back, I asked Craig to come down to Yuma Arizona for a few days and to drive a vehicle back home with me. The trip was fantastic..went all over the southwest...Grand Canyon,Zion and Bryce Canyon as well as many other points of interest.

Whether we were golfing, taking a course, talking about design, the Oilers, or just hanging out, we always had something to talk about.

Craig was a great guy and a great friend and I will miss him alot.

Memories of Craig will stay with me for a long time.

Sincerest sympathy to Heather, the kids and grandkids.

Bruce Clarkson

Bruce Clarkson - March 08, 2025 at 02:20 PM

HM

Thank you Bruce, you have been a great friend to Craig these past several years. He always looked forward to seeing you and visits on the deck in the summer. He also appreciated your frequent visits to see him in hospital and all the treats you managed to sneak in for him. And you have been a wonderful comfort to me in these last days. Hugs from all of us. - Heather

Heather Markham - March 08, 2025 at 02:35 PM

JT

Dear Heather,

Writing with the happy memories of you and Craig in your salad days on Ossington Avenue, roaring around in the Mini up for anything from High School to Higher Ground.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3hGSqqhhokE&ab_channel=PlayingForChange

You may remember tall, handsome, good natured Richard Johnstone from across the street. He once told me that my late wife, Barbara Hamilton "saved your life."

Now, you are in that singular state of loneliness after losing your best friend, depending on a library of sweet moments of holding hands and your babies, of laughter and 'stepping out'. Vivid images from out of the blue.

In sorrow and hope,

Jerry

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4j4_-r-6T0A&ab_channel=Tafelmusik

Jerry Thompson - March 11, 2025 at 12:08 PM

HM

Dear Jerry, thank you so much for your poetry in words...

Craig and I often talked about our "salad days" as you so aptly put it, and had such great memories of friendships, laughter, shared meals, deep conversations and creative endeavours on Ossington Avenue.

As I mourn my best friend and soul mate, I have so many happy memories and adventures of my life with Craig over the past 50 years to comfort me in the days ahead.

Thank you for reminding me.

Heather Markham - March 13, 2025 at 09:10 AM