



Craig Royster

May 28, 1995 - September 5, 2016

Our fun loving son, brother, grandson, cousin, nephew and friend passed away peacefully and unexpectedly in his sleep while taking a nap in the afternoon at home on Labor Day. He loved sports, the outdoors, camping and fishing. He would spend hours on end creating jumps and rails for snowboarding tricks. He had a real talent for sports and was invited to be on many baseball all-star teams and was also on the swim team. If he could be anywhere in the world it would be fishing along a mountain stream with his buddies and family or taking a jump on his snowboard on a wintery mountain.

Craig had a light inside him that warmed and touched the hearts of many. If you knew Craig you knew of his love for you. He was deeply loved by so many.

Craig was born in Pleasanton, California. He graduated from high school in Livermore, California and loved working at Valdez Painting. He would spend long hours at work and then would come home and work on his car. He is survived by his parents David and Patti Royster, siblings Drew, Steven and Lauren Royster, Grandparents Bob and Carole Royster, and David and Judy Kemp.

His celebration of life services will be held at 3:00 pm Saturday, September 17th at 10494 North 4720 West, Highland Utah. There will be a viewing from 1:00 pm to 2:30pm on the same day prior to the celebration of life service. Craig will be lovingly laid to rest after the service at Highland Cemetery, 6200 West 11000 North, Highland, UT.

We wish to thank all who loved him, taught him, and enjoyed him. He will be greatly missed.

Funeral Directors: Utah Valley Mortuary

Cemetery

Highland City Cemetery

6200 West 11000 North

Highland, UT, 84003

Events

SEP 17 **Viewing** 01:00PM - 02:30PM

Canyon View Ward

10494 North 4720 West, Highland, UT, US

SEP 17 **Celebration of Life** 03:00PM - 04:00PM

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Comments



“ Craig my dear friend. I just barely heard of your passing and I am stunned and heartbroken. We were friends and your friendship helped me get through a very rough part of my life. Your sense of humor was awesome and really showed what an beautiful spirit you have. I hope you have found the peace that alluded you here on the earth. Your dear parents raised a wonderful son that had a very strong light that will not diminish. Please help your parents and family know that you are at peace. They loved you with all their hearts and you will be greatly missed. I am so glad that I had the pleasure to meet you. I loved you like a son and will miss you Craig. God bless you and your dear family.
Love always,
Your dear friend and partner.
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Lloyd Ranquist - March 19, 2018 at 05:20 PM



“ Oh dear Patti and David, how deeply and truly sorry I am for your loss. Your beautiful Craig. The ultimate sadness. My heart aches for you and your family. I know you are/will miss Craig profoundly. My love and blessings, and heartfelt prayers are with you and your family. May you find the strength you need to get through each day and feel the peace of Craig's sweet presence with you always.

With love and sympathy, Gail Nielson (Neighbor and ward member)

Gail Nielson - September 16, 2016 at 02:07 AM



“ I just heard the terrible news of Craig's passing. My heart hurts so much for each of you. Know that we are thinking of you and sending healing thoughts your way.

Diana Friesen - September 15, 2016 at 01:48 AM



“ Craig has been a great addition to our team at Valdez Painting. He always had a positive attitude, caught on to things quickly and didn't mind getting dirty doing his job (or at least he didn't complain). He will be deeply missed. We would like to extend our love and deepest sympathy to his family.



Jen Valdez - September 14, 2016 at 06:56 PM



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Janet Lott - September 13, 2016 at 12:58 PM



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Janet Lott - September 13, 2016 at 12:47 PM



“ I wish we could have him back. If there were anything I could do, I would. I shared some of the best times in Craig's life right by his side and some of the worst. The things we went through together allowed me to see his strengths in a time where I thought being strong was impossible.

I would like to share one story to show Craig's family how much he loved them.

I only saw Craig cry one time. It was about 10 days before Mothers day and Craig wanted to write his mom, and each member of his family a letter. It actually brought him to tears as he sat at his desk for about 12 hours thinking of some ways he could put in to words how much he loved each and every member in his family. His heart was so big it was hard for him to tell people how much they really meant to him, I'm glad I got to sit with Craig as he wrote each of those letters over the period of the next three days. I got to see what it was like to experience more love come from a person than I had ever seen before. As he took hours drawing each person a funny picture (just to make the person reading happy, of course!), he could not stop talking about the different ways he loved his family.

I could go on forever about Craig but Ill leave some pictures instead of this goof ball so you guys can see his true happiness on that river.

Love you brother,

See you again!



Chad Berghoff - September 13, 2016 at 01:37 AM



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Leslie Stark - September 12, 2016 at 10:04 AM



“ Craig was one of my best friends in high school. He was like a brother to me and always will be thought of as a family member. Had a lot of fun times with him and he introduced me to a lot of the friends I know and love today. Im thankful for a lot he did for me and hope he rests easy knowing he had a lot of friends that cared about him.



Jeremy Monasteri - September 12, 2016 at 03:03 AM



“ Craig was always laughing at me. I dont know what it was but i was always so shy and clutzy around him. He would always be trying to make me blush or laugh. He sure did to. I always wore a smile when i was with him. He had the best smile. Everytime he'd make blush he would have to bring it up to, like he was the winner and i was losing. Haha "Is that blushing i see" I'd always hide my face and deny it. But then wed both start laughing because it was obvious that my face was beat red and my smile was as big as the Cheshire Cat. Craig was constantly talking about his famliy and asking about mine. He told me one night about playing games with them, monopoly was brought up. I love monopoly. Few days later i was texting him and i told him i wanted to play games with his famliy and him. I will never forget his excitement and response. I miss him so much. He has the biggest heart. We ended up at his house with no monopoly game. He told me sorry but we can play sorry. Explained how he rocked at this game and how we would win. We were in teams of two. His dad and Lauren and Craig and I. I was so confused the entire time. He sat across from me. I looked over at him, letting him know i had no idea what i was doing. We lost. I know it was hard for him lossing. Hahaha but he never said anything haha he was so kind about it. "They cheated" is what he said. I will never forget that day. The love in that room was overwhelming. That day meant the world to me. Craig always had a light to him. It was impossible not to be filled with joy when i was around him. Every memory i have if him is dear to my heart. I can't wait to see you again Craig! I can't wait to see that smile! Thank you for bringing so much joy to my life and everyone around you. I love you with all my heart!

Maria schauerhamer - September 12, 2016 at 01:58 AM



“ Craig Royster was one of the most talented baseball players I have ever played with in little league. I remember him coming in when we were eight and no one thought much and then he killed the league with his arm.

Josh Lester - September 11, 2016 at 08:28 PM



“ Every time I had the opportunity to see Craig he had the biggest smile on his face. He was always so loving he would give me the biggest hug and would say aunt Linda we still haven't went fishing yet. Craig loved to fish as I did. He was so outgoing and enjoyed the outdoors so much. He loved his family very much. One time when I visited he went outside to play ball with his Brothers and some of his friends. He hesitated before he went out there because he felt he should stay inside and visit and I told him to go have fun and enjoy yourself. He gave me that big smile and said I love you. I miss him so much. I know he is with our Lord and he is happy, and so loved! I'm so thankful to have Craig in my life.

Aunt Linda

Linda Debose - September 11, 2016 at 04:24 PM



“ When I think of Craig, I think of his adorable smile and his thirst for life. Some of my favorite memories of Craig recently were playing card games with him at our home in California a couple of years ago. I never realized how much he loved playing games until then.

Also, this past May I was able to be at his home for his 21st birthday. I believe it was that day he went a purchased his first vehicle. He was so excited. I had given him some Thrive Life Snackies, and although it wasn't a big gift, he acted like it was so awesome:)

My last memory of Craig was of this past July when again I was at his home in Utah. I had driven up just before he did and when he saw me he got so excited and said he didn't know I was coming to visit. He asked if he could help carry my suitcases into the house.

His cousin, Cameron, especially is going to miss him. He truly looked up to Craig as they both shared their love of baseball and snowboarding.

As I have thought about what Craig may be doing since he left this earth, I believe he has been greeted by our family members who have left this earth previously.

Our heart goes out to my brother and his family. We love you all!

Aunt Janet

Janet Lott - September 11, 2016 at 03:35 PM



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Janet Lott - September 11, 2016 at 03:28 PM



“ Hi Janet,

I went to this graduation with him, I believe there are several pictures of us (possibly taken on this camera?) wondering if you may have come across any you could send to me?
Thank you!

corina seidl - September 14, 2016 at 01:23 PM



“ Our prayers go out to the entire Royster family. I am so sorry to hear about Craig. The Tudino Family's thoughts and prayers are with you. Mr. and Mrs. Royster, I just want you to know that It was an honor and a privilege to know Craig on and off the field, and to spend time with your family during 2 of the most wonderful years that I was fortunate enough to coach Craig. They say it takes a village to raise a child, and I am honored to have been a small part of your village. Both of my sons called to tell me how much they liked Craig, and to pass their condolences to your family. We will never forget him, and his smile in the picture that is hanging on our wall , will hang there forever . We will never forget that infectious smile. He truly was a wonderful young man. Craig will never be forgotten, by anyone that knew him, and your family. Peace and love to you all, Coach Dave

David Tudino Coach Dave - September 10, 2016 at 09:36 PM



“ The Davis Family

Our love goes out to all of you. Craig was such a joy to be around and all of you are such wonderful people. We will always cherish the time we had at the yard playing the wonderful game of baseball. All the boys were so awesome! Our thoughts and prayers go out to you at this time and always. Love Coach Chris, MELANIE, Lauren and Alex

Chris Davis and Family - September 11, 2016 at 06:56 PM



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David Tudino Coach Dave - September 10, 2016 at 09:06 PM



“ Craig had a real light about him.. He was kind & accepting. We loved Christmas Eve 2013 when the Roysters came over & we ate, laughed, & played games til we were all goofy tired. Craig was wearing a Santa hat & of course put a smile on all of our faces & the party instantly began. He will be missed, remembered, & loved always.

Jason & Brandie Elliott Family - September 10, 2016 at 07:48 PM



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Patti Royster - September 10, 2016 at 05:23 PM