



Craig Steven Danes

October 9, 1961 - October 16, 2020

Please click this link to view the live stream: <https://vimeo.com/472442788/24de579f6a>

The world lost a bit of laughter, intellect, and kindness when Craig Danes, 59, Richfield, MN, left us on Friday, October 16. Craig was a man people were drawn to by his charm, story-telling skills, and quick wit. Accomplished in many ways, Craig took great pride in his family, professional achievements, and service to his community.

Born in Omaha, NE, Craig moved with his family to Prior Lake, MN at the age of 11, and graduated from Prior Lake High School before moving on to gain degrees in electronics engineering and computer science from Minnesota State University, Mankato. While married to his spouse of 34 years Martha (Mueller) Danes, Craig raised two children in the Twin Cities area. Whether it be spending nights and weekends on the sidelines coaching youth soccer, or with a hammer and nails in hand helping family build decks (or even houses!), Craig gave his time freely to support those he loved.

Craig lost his father at a very young age; an event that propelled him to dedicate the majority of his professional career to the research and

development of life-saving devices for some of the industry's leading medical device companies in the Twin Cities and Houston, Texas.

Craig is survived by his loving family including children Karissa Sapp (John) and Griffin Danes, and beloved granddaughter Isla Ellen, sister Diane Banks, brothers Mark and Brian Danes, step-father Clifford Baumbach, former wife Martha, and many nieces and nephews. Craig is preceded in death by parents, Gary Danes and Mary Lucy Danes Baumbach.

While Craig's life in recent years wasn't easy, he was often known for saying he was "fighting the good fight." Although his journey on Earth has ended, his children will always remember the lessons he taught them - do your best, don't judge people and try to find the humor in every situation.

Due to COVID, a family-only Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, October 30, at the St. Joseph Catholic Church, Rosemount, MN. The service will be live streamed. See church and Washburn McReavy websites for additional information (stjosephcommunity.org, washburn-mcreavy.com). The family plans to gather to celebrate his life with friends and extended family members at a later date when it is safe to do so. In lieu of flowers, the family asks a memorial donation be made to your charity of choice.

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Previous Events

Mass of Christian Burial

OCT **30**. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Joseph Catholic Church
13900 Biscayne Ave
Rosemount, MN 55068

Tribute Wall



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Craig Steven Danes.* ”



October 28, 2020 at 06:05 PM



“ *Julie Kaplin (Craig's former admin from BSC) purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Craig Steven Danes.* ”



Julie Kaplin (Craig's former admin from BSC) - October 26, 2020 at 02:01 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Craig Steven Danes.* ”



October 25, 2020 at 06:32 PM

JK

“ Craig was truly an amazing person. He cared about people and life. You could talk to him about anything. He had the ability to know when to just listen and when to give you suggestions.

His stories were funny and at times jaw dropping. Some of them were so off the wall you would wonder how things like this were even possible. I remember telling him once that he was lucky his kids didn't do some of the things he did. He agreed. Because he said he had no idea how he would have disciplined them and not laugh or compared it to what he had done.

I will say that as a boss and mentor he was the best I have ever had in my career. No one will ever hold a candle to him. The world has truly lost a light that made life a little brighter.

To his family. You have my deepest sympathies. May God and the memories of Craig bring comfort and help ease the pain and grief of his loss.

*Sincerely,
Julie Kaplin
(Boston Scientific)*

Julie Kaplin - October 25, 2020 at 02:55 PM

SP

“ Craig was a wonderful human being. I had the honor of coaching his daughter Karissa for a number of years and our daughters were good friends. He always had a smile and was willing to help with anything. My prayers go out to Martha and the rest of the family. Godspeed Craig.

Steve Pittman - October 24, 2020 at 08:50 AM

PF

“ I used to babysit for Craig when he and his family would come visit their relatives in Iowa. He and his 2 siblings were great kids. They got along so well with their Iowa cousins, who I babysat for often. Those were the days and I have still have good memories of Craig and his siblings. My deepest sympathy. Peggy Rowles Fagen

Peggy Rowles Fagen - October 23, 2020 at 08:06 PM

MN

“ We have so many good memories of Craig and the rest of his family. We would get together as a family often and as couples. Craig and Martha are some of our favorite people in the world. We went camping together every summer and later bought our cabins next door to each other. We have missed dear Craig for a while now. We are happy he is finally at peace.
Darin and Mary Kate

MaryKate Nelson - October 23, 2020 at 04:55 PM