



## Craig Brinton Phair

October 5, 1949 - July 8, 2023

### Craig Brinton Phair

Age 73 from New Brighton passed away peacefully on Saturday, July 8, after a long illness. Craig was born on October 5, 1949 in Seattle, Washington to parents Philip and Elaine Phair., and grew up in Glenview, Illinois. After high school graduation he attended and graduated from Cornell College in Mt. Vernon, IA and the University of Iowa College of Dentistry, after which he met and married Lucinda "Cindy" Skelley in 1983. The couple moved from Iowa to New Brighton, MN, when Craig accepted a faculty position at the University of MN School of Dentistry where he taught from 1983 until his retirement in 2016. During his teaching career he was active in the MN Dental Association, and was elected a fellow in the American Association of Dental Schools.

In addition to his love of teaching dental students, Craig had a passion for golf, as well as Big Ten basketball and football, and could be seen sitting proudly in the "Barn" or Metrodome in his black and gold IOWA jacket, especially when Iowa played MN! He was a beloved husband, father, brother, uncle and was a cherished "PaPa" to his grandchildren.

Craig was preceded in death by his parents Philip and Elaine Phair. He is survived by his wife "Cindy"; a son Eric Phair (Kristin); grandchildren Nolan and Brielle Phair and another expected grandchild in October; also a brother, Paul

Phair (Beverly); niece Julie Medley (children Brooke and Cole Medley); nephew Josh Phair (Julie) and (children Cannon and Cora Phair); niece Christine Weber (children Max and Lauren Weber); and nephew, Andy Skelley.

A "Celebration of Life" will be held at 11:00 a.m. with visitation beginning at 10 a.m. on July 22 at Washburn-McReavy Hillside Chapel, 2610 19th Ave. N.E. Mpls. Following the service, a lunch will be served in the Hillside Chapel Community room. Interment at Fort Snelling National Cemetery will be held at a later date in August.

Memorial Donations may be made to either of the following:

Samaritan's Purse - provides relief from disasters in the US and around the world - e.g. Ukraine relief efforts such as housing/shelter, food, medical aid

OR

Compassion International - focus on orphan children throughout the world in extreme poverty areas

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 22. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Hillside Chapel  
2610 19th Avenue N.E.  
Minneapolis, MN 55418

## Memorial Service

JUL 22. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Washburn-McReavy Funeral Chapels created a Tribute Video in memory of Craig Brinton Phair



Washburn-McReavy - July 19, 2023 at 01:34 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Craig Brinton Phair.



July 24, 2023 at 02:28 PM



“ Barry Russell and Lu Ann White purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Craig Brinton Phair.



Barry Russell and Lu Ann White - July 20, 2023 at 09:23 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Craig Brinton Phair.*



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July 20, 2023 at 07:13 AM



“ *UMN School of Dentistry purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Craig Brinton Phair.*



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**UMN School of Dentistry** - July 19, 2023 at 04:45 PM



“ *Our sympathies to the family! Dr. Phair was a beloved faculty member at the School of Dentistry and is truly missed. Dr. Heather Conrad, Interim Chair, Department of Restorative Sciences*

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**Heather Conrad** - July 19, 2023 at 03:40 PM



“ 89 files added to the album Life Tributes



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