

Craig Nathan Thatcher

April 14, 1952 ~ July 6, 2025

Craig “Craigers” Thatcher our beloved husband, father, grandfather, brother, and friend passed away at the age of 73 on July 6, 2025 surrounded by his wife and children.

Craig loved to tell stories, and his life was full of incredible moments that he immortalized with his confidence and larger than life storytelling ability. He shared his stories with anyone lucky enough to be near him or, because of his booming voice and infectious laugh, anyone that happened to be within the same building. Although some of his stories were impossible to keep up with, they inevitably left you with a smile on your face and a deeper insight into the joyous life that Craig lived.

Craig was born on April 14, 1952 and raised in Salt Lake City, Utah. He attended Highland High School and the University of Utah, where he studied Chemistry and was a member of the Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity. He earned his MBA at Northwestern University in Chicago in 1976, where he met his wife, Connie.

Craig dedicated his life to two things that he was immensely proud of; his family, and the family business that he worked with his parents and siblings to build. He led both organizations with love and cared deeply about both his home family and his work family.

Craig loved to travel the world with Connie, and together they visited 115 countries. Craig saw the best the world had to offer and was proud to join the Travelers’ Century Club in 2014 after he visited his 100th country.

When not working he could be found enjoying a nap, watching Rafael Nadal highlights on YouTube, and watching his childhood favorites of Gun Smoke, Raw Hide, and Perry Mason on TV. He also developed a taste for more contemporary shows like Blue Bloods and Suits, although anything else on TV that he didn’t enjoy was immediately and vehemently labeled “mind numbing drivel”.

He helped so many people in quiet ways that none of us knew. Since his passing we have been touched by the stories of Craig’s charity that have been shared with us. Craig has left a wonderful legacy that will never be forgotten.

Craig is survived by his wife, Connie Nelson Thatcher; daughters, Courtney Healy (Shelby), Jinii Boren (Mike), and Brittney Sorensen (Joseph); son, Scott Thatcher (Florence); 14 grandchildren (and waiting for more from Scott and Flo… someday), and 3 grandpups.

Craig joins his mother Helen Thatcher, father Lawrence Thatcher, father-in-law Dennis Nelson, and his stillborn son, as he returns to his heavenly home where a tall iced Diet Coke, tuna sandwich, cherry pie, and peanut clusters await him.

A viewing will be held Friday, July 11 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm at the Salt Lake Cottonwood Stake, 1830 East 6400 South, Salt Lake City, Utah. Funeral services will be Saturday, July 12 at 11:00am with a viewing one hour prior to

the service. Interment will follow at Memorial Holladay Cemetery, 4900 S Memory Ln, Holladay, UT 84117.

For those unable to attend the service in person, the family invites you to join via Zoom. Please click the Watch Service button above.

The family would like to thank the many amazing doctors, nurses, and medical staff who have helped Craig over the years. Our deepest appreciation goes to those at the Coronary ICU at the Intermountain Medical Center in Murray who provided such great care and comfort to both Craig and the family over the past few weeks.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to your favorite charity and find ways to help lift the burden of someone else.