

Craig Raymond Sentker

May 19, 1942 ~ September 16, 2021

Craig Raymond Sentker, 79, passed away from heart failure in his home on September 16, 2021.

Craig was born to Gerda Schaar and Raymond Sentker on May 19, 1942 in Salt Lake City, UT. He was preceded in death by his wife of 38 years, Betty Darline Sentker. He is survived by his nephew, Ron Crowe; stepdaughters Sherrie Tuttle, Kimberly Kounalis, Hollie Kounalis-Giles and her husband, Peter Giles; grandchildren Brittianey Lott and her husband, Cameron Lott, T.J. Tuttle, Jesse Law, Logan Law, Sonny Kounalis, Damon and Ozzie Giles; great grandchildren London and Hudson.

Craig was a lifelong resident of Salt Lake City, UT. He studied computer sciences at the University of Utah, then worked for 30 years as a Systems Analyst for the University of Utah Hospital in the Department of Anesthesiology. 1982 marked a high point in his career when he found himself on the Barney Clark team which implanted the first artificial heart in a human patient.

Craig was not only a provider for his family, but a fun-loving, easygoing guy who enjoyed nothing more than road trips to Mexico and Canada with his wife in their motorhomes. He was a jack-of-all-trades who loved Liquid Nails, duct tape, tinkering with electronics, computers, and countless DIY projects. Craig even designed and built his dream home after his childhood house was destroyed by fire. He was also a meticulous record-keeper who documented literally every family gathering and vacation with home movies and photographs. Craig will be deeply missed by his family, friends, neighbors and all who knew him.

An open house celebration of his life will be held at the Sentker residence on Saturday, October 2 from 3:00 PM to 9:00 PM.