



Craig Campbell McFarland

February 12, 1945 - June 2, 2025

Craig Campbell McFarland, age 80, of Crown Point, IN, passed away peacefully on June 2, 2025, with his wife of 56 years, Marylee (nee Payton) by his side. Craig was preceded in death by his parents, Harold “Mac” and Janet McFarland. He is survived by his older sister, Marcia Morton of Charlotte, NC; son, Steven McFarland (Scott Sharpf); daughter, Bonnie (Bradley) Roy and granddaughters, Campbell and Payton Roy all of St. Louis, MO; three sisters-in-law, five brothers-in-law, and many nieces and nephews. Marrying into a large family and the ensuing relationships were a highlight of Craig’s life. He was a relatively quiet man, but an enthusiastic cheerleader for the interests and accomplishments of family members and friends. He shared his love with three different dogs over 34 years and three grand-dogs over the past 16 years.

Craig was born in Lansing, MI and later lived in the Birmingham/Bloomfield area and Houston, TX before moving to northwest Indiana in 1976. He enlisted in the U.S. Navy after high school where he served from 1964-1968 aboard the U.S.S. Enterprise as a flightdeck boatswain mate. Throughout his career post-Navy, Craig was employed in various aspects of the automotive industry, including manufacturer’s rep, vehicle sales, service and sales manager. Craig’s enthusiasm for cars started when he was young. He adored his ’57 turquoise and white Chevy convertible and had the pleasure of owning two Chevy Corvettes in retirement. He was a big NASCAR fan and thrilled to

view the Daytona 500 from the pits for his 40th birthday, otherwise a devoted fan from the comfort of his couch each year. He was a 48-year member of the Merrillville, IN First Presbyterian Church, serving as a deacon and an elder. He was a former member of the Merrillville Kiwanis and Crown Point Corvette Club.

Craig's favorite place on earth was the family home on Torch Lake in northern Michigan – the site of numerous gatherings of family and/or friends, and the hub for seasonal sports and activities. Moving to northwest Indiana only added an extra hour of travel time to reach his beloved Torch Lake. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Torch Conservation Center which helps conserve land and care for water in the Torch Lake Watershed (conservetorch.org or check payable to Torch Conservation Center, P.O. Box 1142, Bellaire, MI 49615). Military Honors will take place on Saturday, June 28, 2025, at 4 p.m., followed by a Memorial service at Gamba's Restaurant, 455 E 84th Dr, Merrillville, IN. Rev. Paul Anderson officiating. Burns Funeral Home & Crematory, Crown Point, IN, entrusted with arrangements. www.burnsfuneral.com

Previous Events

Military Honors

JUN **28**. 4:00 PM (CT)

Gamba Ristorante
455 E 84th Dr
Merrillville, IN 46410
(219) 736-5000

Memorial Service

JUN **28**. 4:30 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *The Pennanen Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Craig Campbell McFarland.*



The Pennanen Family - June 27, 2025 at 10:07 AM



“ *A grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Craig Campbell McFarland.*

June 11, 2025 at 10:24 PM

SP

“ *My deepest condolences to Marylee and family. I knew Craig from the Crown Point Car Club. I had the pleasure of Craig's company on a trip to Indianapolis to attend Bloomington Gold car show. During our drive to and from Indianapolis we shared personal experiences and I recall his love for the place on Torch Lake and his love of Corvettes. R.I.P. my friend. Stan Peters*

Stsn Peters - June 09, 2025 at 07:51 PM

KJ

“ Craig was our dear brother-in-law and we will miss him. We have known Craig for over 56 years. We have more memories than we can count: anniversaries, birthdays, Thanksgiving, Christmas, summer activities on Torch Lake or Lake Bellaire, shared navy experiences, weddings of them, us, and our children, ice skating, sledding, golfing, special dinners, movies, dancing, Michigan State football games, visiting us and them no matter where each of us lived (except when we lived in Morocco) game playing, just to name a few. Craig and his family have been an important part of our lives and we will never forget all the happy memories. Thank you, Craig. We love you. King and Martha Jean

King and Martha Jean - June 06, 2025 at 04:06 PM

RS

“ Ron, Jeff, Susan and Stephanie purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Craig Campbell McFarland.



Ron, Jeff, Susan and Stephanie - June 06, 2025 at 02:07 PM

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“ Ron, Jeff, Susan and Stephanie planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Craig Campbell McFarland.

Ron, Jeff, Susan and Stephanie - June 06, 2025 at 02:07 PM

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“ We were blessed to have known Craig and Marylee for many years! Craig had a great sense of humor and even greater love for family, dogs and cars. Craig was always happy to volunteer for church activities. He and Kenny Heinz were the best dishwashers at Feeding the Flock! Ron enjoyed getting Craig to talk about his time in the Navy and found out Craig served at the same as Ron's Uncle on the CVN 65 USS Enterprise for a year. Craig grilled a mean burger at church picnics and car shows. We could always count on him and will deeply miss him. Our prayers are with Marylee, family and friends!

Ron and April Thorne - June 05, 2025 at 09:26 PM