



## Craig Douglas Heinz

June 14, 1953 - April 1, 2021

Craig Douglas Heinz, 67, passed away after a valiant battle with Covid-19. He was predeceased by his parents, Edward and Carol Heinz, and by his younger sister, Gretchen. He is survived by his wife of nearly 40 years, Evelyn “Evie” (née Fisher) Heinz of Cary, NC; his children, Heather Morgan Heinz of Tacoma, WA, Devon Nicole Heinz of Tahunanui, New Zealand, and Hannah Elise Heinz of Asheville, NC; his older siblings, Edward “Ted” Heinz (Zita), Clifford “Kip” Heinz (Catherine), and Deborah Maxwell (Terence); as well as many nieces and nephews. Born and raised in Montclair, NJ, Craig graduated from Montclair State University (BS Biology) and Bowling Green State University (MS Cell Biology). After a career in scientific microscopy and imaging, Craig retired to hiking, kayaking, board games, and remodeling their home at Smith Mountain Lake, VA. Craig led a very active and fulfilling life. A wonderful father, husband, coach, and mentor, Craig was always present in his children’s lives, rarely missing a lacrosse game, soccer match, or swim meet. He shared with his family a love of music, reading, birdwatching, and stargazing. His bright eye for adventure took him on spontaneous road trips down new and diverse trails with Evie, overseas travel, and yearly retreats with lifelong friends.

He will be deeply missed and dearly remembered by many. A celebration of life will be held at a date to be determined. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to The Nature Conservancy or the US Lacrosse Tewaarton Native American Scholarship.

Memories of Craig may be shared at <https://tinyURL.com/CraigHeinzMemorial>

# Comments

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“ Evie, Jeanie and I are so sorry for you loss I know their are no words of comfort now but time heals and the happy memories will take over the hurt. Craig was a pleasure to talk to and a very will knowledgeable guy. I loved hearing about the different places that he had visited. So very sorry!

Randy and Jeanie Dotson - April 11, 2021 at 07:25 PM

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“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Craig Douglas Heinz.



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“ Evie, i'm so sorry for you and the family. Craig was kind hearted, A great neighbor and friend i'm sorry I won't get to play that game of horseshoes we were so looking forward to when I heal. He was a do it yourself kind of guy with a little help from some tools in my shed or garage but he had to do everything himself he was very knowledgeable experienced and a hard worker I'm going to miss him dearly.

charlie twitchell - April 08, 2021 at 07:47 AM



“ Craig was my brother in law, more more like a brother, especially after we lost Robbie.

This has been a devastating time for my sister and their girls, but to Rick and I and our girls and their families, as well.

We have all been very close since they came down to NC in 1995!

We had so many good family meals, holidays celebrations and visits together over the years.

Craig was so good with his girls when they were little; reading to them, singing to them, teaching and coaching them!

He taught them and many of their friends Soccer, Lacrosse and other sports!

He loved the outdoors, but could stare at man made art /paintings for ours, as well!

He was always good to me. As family we always helped each other.

He loved a good board game, especially if he was winning or if you were and had just learned the game!

He was an avid reader, intelligent man, and could converse with anyone on just about any topic.

He and I went gray, white hair, very early in life. It only made him even more distinguished looking!

I am grateful for our times spent together. He loved his family, he loved his parents, and his brothers and sisters.

As we all grew older, we had more times together just us older adults. These times were good, too. We all enjoyed hiking and walking to waterfalls, camping and campfires! We had several mountain and park walks together in the last few years. I was looking forward to more of those times.

Rick and I, our hearts are breaking in the loss of Craig, for his family and for ours.

We are grateful for the times we had, for the soups made, and we are glad we were able to be there to say goodbye, and until we meet again, We told Craig we would watch over Evie and his girls.

He was a hard worker, your correct there, Charlie and he did like to do things himself from painting, to chopping wood and was even self taught a good Chef and baker! We both had a similar sweet tooth.

Craig loved Coconut. I was so hoping I was going to be able to bake him a mile high, meringue topped Coconut Cream pie that I had promised him upon his discharge from the hospital.

There is so much and yet so little can be said that would mean anything more, except we love you Craig and we are missing you!

Sue and Rick Dotson

**Susan Dotson** - April 10, 2021 at 07:08 PM



“ Forgive me, I'm seeking an old friend, Doug Heinze..but he lived in Tempe, Arizona in the 60's and went through a phase of loving grapefruit..? Is this my friend?

**Gabrielle** - November 26, 2021 at 12:06 PM

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**Wake Funeral & Cremation Services, Inc.** - April 06, 2021 at 02:53 PM