



Larry Paul Crain Sr.

October 23, 1941 - April 12, 2023

Larry Paul Crain, Sr., a faithful husband, father, grandfather, friend, and respected entrepreneur entered into eternal life with Jesus Christ on April 12, 2023, at the age of 81.

Born on October 23, 1941, in Crosby, Arkansas, to Paul Welch Crain and Ouita Harrison Crain, Larry spent his early years in the small town of Searcy, Arkansas. It was there in junior high that he met and fell in love with the beautiful Miss Janett McNiel.

After graduating from Searcy High School in 1959, Larry began his studies in accounting at the University of Arkansas. In 1961, he married the love of his life, Janett McNiel.

Larry went on to earn a degree in accounting from the University of Arkansas, graduating in 1963 and immediately beginning his career as a CPA at Peat Marwick and Mitchell. That same year their first son, Larry Jr., was born. God later blessed Larry and Janett with two other sons, Marc Thurston Crain (1966) and Christopher Harrison Crain (1972).

Larry was a true entrepreneur, his first business venture being that of selling "Crain's Handy Dandy Hand Cleaner" to small mom and pop stores in the late 1950s. After working for three years in public accountancy, Larry continued his entrepreneurial pursuits by joining his father, Paul, in 1966 to create a direct sales company, Crain Sales Company, Inc., in Searcy. In the early days, Larry drove a paneled van throughout Arkansas and western Tennessee, peddling a diverse variety of items from auto parts to pantyhose. As a young boy, Larry

Jr. would proudly tell his friends that his dad was a truck driver.

Larry and Paul's peddling business morphed and grew into a successful auto parts warehouse distributorship operated as Kargo Automotive Warehouses and associated Karpro Auto Parts retail stores. Larry's brother-in-law, Danny Lesley, joined in 1977. Larry and son, Larry Jr., purchased the first family auto dealership in 1990. In 2000 the Kargo and Karpro operations were sold to O'Reilly Auto Parts at which point Larry, Larry Jr., and Chris pivoted to focus on the family's growing auto dealership businesses in Arkansas, giving birth to the now familiar "Crain Team."

Larry was an avid Razorback fan and was passionate about professional sports. Always the competitor, he brought ABA professional basketball to Arkansas, winning the 2005 ABA World Championship with his Arkansas RimRockers. Larry was always up for a game of golf with his lifelong buddies and played a mean game of HORSE. Larry loved traveling and spending times of respite in Destin, Florida.

Larry was a man who gave back to his community in many ways. He supported UAMS, the Arkansas Miracle League, Searcy Friends of the Library Foundation, First Methodist Church Searcy, as well as many other service organizations.

Larry is survived by his three sons, Larry Jr. & Joy Crain and their children, Chandler & Kelli, Chase & Casey, Carrington & Dylen, Christian, Cenzington, Covington, and Cruze of Little Rock, Marc Crain of Big Bear Lake, California, Chris & Jennifer Crain, and their children, Camryn and Caroline of Conway. Larry is also survived by his 6 greatgrandchildren, Stellar, Saige, Jones, Jack Titus, Cannon, Rocco, and his soon to be born 7th greatgrandchild, Steelman. Additionally, Larry is survived by Ms. Terry Parrott, a special and committed companion who was by his side until the very end.

Larry was an esteemed figure in his community and he will be missed. Friends and family are invited to celebrate his life in fellowship and worship on Thursday, April 20th, 2023, with visitation from 10:00 am until 1:00 PM at First Methodist Church in Searcy. The funeral will follow in the First Methodist

Church sanctuary at 1:30 PM.

In lieu of flowers, please kindly consider a donation to The Sunshine School or to Jacob's Place, both in Searcy, Arkansas.

Arrangements are entrusted to Powell Funeral Home of Searcy. www.powellfuneralhome.net.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **20**. 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

First United Methodist Church
304 N Main St
Searcy, AR 72143
(501) 268-5896

Celebration of Life

APR **20**. 1:30 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

RG

“ Dear Crain Family,

I'm so sorry to hear of Larry's passing. It was such a joy to serve as a pastor to Larry and Janett. I loved them, and they loved me and my family. It was a special blessing. Know that I am praying for you. Rest in peace and rise in glory, saint in light!

*Grace and peace,
Rev. Dr. Tony Griffin
Russellville First United Methodist Church*

Rev. Dr. Tony Griffin - April 24, 2023 at 02:34 PM

YT

“ Your Autotrader/Cox Automotive Team purchased the Rose Remembrance for the family of Larry Paul Crain Sr..



Your Autotrader/Cox Automotive Team - April 20, 2023 at 02:25 PM



“ Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Larry Paul Crain Sr..



April 20, 2023 at 09:09 AM

CT

“ *Carla Turley lit a candle in memory of Larry Paul Crain Sr.*



Carla Turley - April 19, 2023 at 08:47 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Larry Paul Crain Sr..*



April 19, 2023 at 05:43 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Larry Paul Crain Sr..*



April 19, 2023 at 04:53 PM

YT

“ *Your Legacy Acres Team purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Larry Paul Crain Sr..*



Your Legacy Acres Team - April 19, 2023 at 12:01 PM

TC

“ *The Reynolds and Reynolds Company purchased the Heavenly Grace Spray for the family of Larry Paul Crain Sr..*



The Reynolds and Reynolds Company - April 19, 2023 at 11:26 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Larry Paul Crain Sr..*



April 19, 2023 at 09:59 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Larry Paul Crain Sr..*



April 19, 2023 at 09:22 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Larry Paul Crain Sr..*



April 19, 2023 at 08:39 AM

BP

“ *Buddy G Pruitt lit a candle in memory of Larry Paul Crain Sr.*



Buddy G Pruitt - April 18, 2023 at 10:01 PM

BP

“ *So sad to loose a dear friend. Larry lost the love of his life when he lost Janett and I understand since I lost the love of my life in November 2022, Larry and Janett were very good friends to Brenda and me, They were class mates of Brenda's at Searcy High School They are going to be missed. I have always enjoyed Larry's Sunday lessons at the Pairs and Spares Sunday School at First Methodist Church, Larry has joined Janett in a better place and I know they are very happy togther, May the Lord bless them,}}}}God is good*

Buddy G Pruitt and Brenda in Spirit

Buddy G Pruitt - April 18, 2023 at 09:58 PM

CY

“ *"Philippians 4:7 And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."*
My family will continue in prayer for your family that the Lord, the Prince of Peace give you all peace that passes all understanding in Jesus Name for His glory. Sincerely,
Corey York and Family.
P.S. It was an honor and Blessing for my family to work for the Crain Family for almost seven years. Thank You.

Corey York - April 18, 2023 at 06:56 PM

TD

“ TORQ Distribution purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Larry Paul Crain Sr..



TORQ Distribution - April 18, 2023 at 11:08 AM

KP

“ Larry Crain Sr was one of the best boss's I ever had. He was kind, considerate but business minded and frugal. You are all in my prayers



Kathy Phipps - April 18, 2023 at 10:31 AM



“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Larry Paul Crain Sr..



April 18, 2023 at 10:28 AM



“ Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray was purchased for the family of Larry Paul Crain Sr..



April 17, 2023 at 06:07 PM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Larry Paul Crain Sr..*



April 17, 2023 at 01:57 PM



“ *Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Larry Paul Crain Sr..*



April 17, 2023 at 01:51 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Larry Paul Crain Sr..*



April 17, 2023 at 11:09 AM



“ *Prays go out to family .
Webb electric family*



betty webb - April 17, 2023 at 11:00 AM

JS

“ *Judy SoutherlandMaddox lit a candle in memory of Larry Paul Crain Sr.*



Judy SoutherlandMaddox - April 17, 2023 at 08:52 AM

LB

“ *Leah (Faith) Brooks lit a candle in memory of Larry Paul Crain Sr.*



Leah (Faith) Brooks - April 16, 2023 at 02:23 PM



“ *Divine Light was purchased for the family of Larry Paul Crain Sr..*



April 16, 2023 at 11:50 AM

FC

“ Bobby and I moved to Searcy from Bald Knob after retiring from our Drugstore business and teaching. We joined the Methodist Church. Janet and Larry were in our Sunday school class. As we were new people in town, they were the most gracious and welcoming couple we could ask for. They included us in several things we would otherwise not have had the chance to attend, showing their graciousness. Always friendly and welcoming, We came to love them both and greatly admired their generosity to their home community. Searcy has lost leaders of a generation with the loss of Larry and Janet Crain.

Frances and Bob Clark - April 15, 2023 at 08:30 PM