



## Marc Thurston Crain

July 13, 1966 - July 4, 2024

Marc Thurston Crain, died July 4, 2024, at the age of 57, in Big Bear Lake, California. Born on July 13, 1966, in Little Rock, Arkansas, Marc's life was marked by moments of joy as well as considerable challenges.

Marc grew up in Searcy, Arkansas enjoying a childhood filled with simple pleasures and strong friendships. He spent his early years riding three-wheelers, exploring the outdoors with friends, playing Little League baseball, Pee-Wee Football and recreation basketball. Summers were often spent at Greers Ferry Lake, where Marc enjoyed time with his family, cousins, and close friends. As a senior in high school, Marc joined his Searcy Lions teammates in finishing as runners-up in the state championship in football. Marc additionally was an avid tennis player in high school and walked on to play tennis at the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville.

Marc later attended the University of Arkansas at Little Rock, earning a bachelor's degree. Music played a valuable role in his life, providing an outlet for his emotions and creativity. He spent countless hours recording and playing, finding peace in the tunes. Marc enjoyed snow skiing, which initially led him to Avon, Colorado. He later settled in Big Bear Lake, California, where he found a community more compatible with his lifestyle.

Marc shared a close relationship with his grand-dad, Paul W. Crain, until his grand-dad's death in 2007, even living with him in an attached apartment for a time. His relationship with his grand-dad was a source of strength and comfort for Marc.

In September 1989, Marc accepted Jesus as his Savior during the Billy Graham Crusade at War Memorial Stadium in Little Rock. His decision brings his family comfort and hope, as they hold fast to Jesus Christ's words in John 10:27-28: "My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of My hand."

Marc was preceded in death by his parents, Larry Paul Crain, Sr., and Janett McNeil Crain. He is survived by his two brothers, Larry Crain, Jr. and his wife Joy, and Chris Crain and his wife Jennifer as well as many nieces and nephews. Although Marc's struggles often strained relationships, his family cherishes their positive memories of Marc.

A visitation will be held at 1:30 p.m., followed by a memorial service at 2:30 p.m., on Thursday, July 18, 2024, at the Searcy First Methodist Church, 304 N Main St, Searcy, Arkansas.

Marc Thurston Crain's life was marked by moments of joy as well as significant challenges. We honor Marc, who navigated life's struggles, always loved by his parents, brothers, and community. His journey serves as a reminder of the importance of compassion, understanding and perseverance for those facing mental health challenges.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Visitation

JUL 18. 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM (CT)

First Methodist Church  
304 North Main Street  
Searcy , AR 72143

## Memorial

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# Tribute Wall



“ Powell Funeral Home & Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Marc Thurston Crain



Powell Funeral Home & Cremation Services - July 16, 2024 at 11:48 AM

CY

Remember Mark being out on our trampoline or upstairs in our pool room while growing up in Country Zclub circle. Gone to soon. Rest in piece Mark Crain. 😭

csrlyn Yancey - July 16, 2024 at 03:35 PM

JL

*So many good memories. For a few years, Marc, Edward and I were the only boys our age in the neighborhood. As other people moved in, we climbed every roof of every new house and had more boys our age move in that we all became close friends with like the Ransoms, Simpsons, Killough's I, Wooten's and Elliot's. We played football every fall and basketball every night. Many bb games played and more games of horse. We rode 3 wheelers and go carts from the country club to Yarnell road and everywhere in between. It wasn't unusual to ride bikes up downtown Searcy to hang out. We threw biscuits at cars and even hot wired the Searcy country club golf carts and went joy riding. Marc always challenged us to do things like skateboarding down cc circle or get pulled by a 3 wheeler on your skateboard holding a ski rope. Later on, we were all going to greers ferry and taking out the st tropez cruiser and having drinks and then eating at St John's where it was always someone's birthday so we'd get a free dessert. We were always pushing the envelope. Will always remember Marc on his faithful steed Clever (a Shetland pony), who reared up and Marc was able to hold. When we got to junior high and high school we'd get to stay with Paul in his apartment behind his house. We made a lot of great memories and I'll always remember the good times we had.*

John Lindsey - July 17, 2024 at 05:48 PM

KK

*Very Nice Tribute of Marc. May he rest in Peace.*

KELLY KILBURY - July 18, 2024 at 02:01 PM

CT

*RIP Marc*

Carla Turley - July 18, 2024 at 02:22 PM

GH

*What a beautiful video tribute to Marc. ❤️ I am so sorry to hear this - much love and prayers to your family. He was very loved and the video highlighted so much, the joy and beautiful memories you had together. May he rest in eternal peace.*

Glenda Phillips Horsley - July 20, 2024 at 02:34 AM

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*Keeping the Crain family in our thoughts and praying for a peace that surpasses all understanding! - Team Norris*

Norris - July 27, 2024 at 01:43 PM

CL

*Wow so many great memories on country club circle. Marc is in so many of those memories with so many others in my formative years. Prayers to family friends keep on smiling. RIP Marc , gone too soon*

corey perry lopez - March 27, 2025 at 06:30 AM

LD

*We reconnected with Marc in Colorado. Had many Holiday meals with him. RIP Marc. We love you*

Lana Duncan - June 04, 2025 at 01:00 PM

CP

“ Charley, Matt & Pat planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Marc Thurston Crain.

Charley, Matt & Pat - July 17, 2024 at 01:57 PM



“ Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of Marc Thurston Crain.



July 17, 2024 at 01:57 PM

ME

“ I have fond memories of us as youngsters on golf carts, at the pool, riding around on golf carts, and generally being kids. My heart goes out to your family. - Melanie Lowery

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**melanie** - July 16, 2024 at 12:23 PM

Jl

“ Jill lit a candle in memory of Marc Thurston Crain



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**Jill** - July 16, 2024 at 10:18 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Marc Thurston Crain.



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July 16, 2024 at 10:07 AM

LB

“ Leah Brooks lit a candle in memory of Marc Thurston Crain



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**Leah Brooks** - July 16, 2024 at 10:00 AM

PH

“ *Pat Hambrick lit a candle in memory of Marc Thurston Crain*



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**Pat Hambrick** - July 16, 2024 at 09:51 AM

JM

“ *Judy Maddox lit a candle in memory of Marc Thurston Crain*



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**Judy Maddox** - July 16, 2024 at 08:46 AM

DB

“ *Danielle B. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Marc Thurston Crain.*

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**Danielle B.** - July 16, 2024 at 07:52 AM