



Craig H. Black

May 3, 1944 - March 30, 2024

Craig Hugh Black 1944-2024

Craig Black, a longtime resident of Hazelhurst, WI, passed away March 30th, surrounded by friends and family.

Craig was born in Elmhurst, IL, in 1944. His parents, Maynard and Millie Black, bought Keith's Cliff Resort (renamed Black's Cliff Resort) on Lower Kaubashine Lake in Hazelhurst in 1947. They moved the family there permanently in 1958. Craig graduated from Lakeland Union High School in 1962. He went on to study geography at Carroll College in Waukesha. After he graduated he studied at Wayne State University in Detroit, then got his masters degree at Arizona State University.

Craig married his college sweetheart Trudy Palmatier in 1967 and then moved back to Hazelhurst to run Black's Cliff Resort. He took over the resort in 1972 and spent the next 40 years remodeling and rebuilding it. Besides running the resort, he worked at Nicolet College as a geography professor for 26 years. Craig helped build the department by creating labs and a weather station. He also served on the Hazelhurst Fire Department for many years.

In 1996, Craig married Lynnette Kasmarek, whom he loved dearly and spent the rest of his life with. Shortly after, and true to his generous nature, Craig

passed the resort down to his children for them to run. After retiring from Nicolet College, and running the resort, Craig and Lynnette would split their time between Arizona, Hazelhurst, and perhaps his greatest passion, traveling. He loved exploring, and Arizona was a great location from which, along with their dogs, Craig and Lynette staged many beautiful adventures in their coach motorhome.

Craig was known for his sense of humor and generosity. If you knew him, you got to experience both. Whether it was helping to repair a table or putting a roof on your house, Craig never declined to help when he could. And at the end of the project, there was no shortage of jokes and jibes shared over a cold beer.

Craig was preceded in death by his parents, Mildred and Maynard Black, and granddaughter, Berklee Adamovich.

He leaves behind his beloved wife Lynnette Black, his brother David Black, sister in-law Deborah Palmatier, three children, Jenny Gibson (Troy Gibson), Katie Black (Bryon Black), and Steven Black (Jennifer Klement), his two stepsons, Jared and Clint Adamovich (Sarah Adamovich), and nine grandchildren.

Tribute Wall

JD

“ I am deeply sorry to hear of Craigs passing. He was a gentleman a hard worker. We met Craig on our first trip to the Cliff with my family, we continued on going to the cliff for as many years as we could not always consecutively. I am glad to hear of donations to his cause to the fire department
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john dunton - April 24, 2024 at 10:23 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Craig H. Black.



April 22, 2024 at 03:58 PM

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“ Craig, you were one great guy. I remember when Gary's Dad died while we were on vacation, and without asking, you gave us \$500 for any emergencies we might face as we travelled to the funeral. No questions asked. We were a young family back then, and it meant a lot that you would do that for us. That kind of sums up Craig for me. Very generous and knew what to do when it needed to be done. I have known you and the entire Black family since I was a little girl. You will always hold a special place in my heart. Love you always.

Linda Tungett Hoadley - April 16, 2024 at 12:39 PM



“ Craig, You sure will be missed. I always enjoyed interacting with you and getting to know you. You sure lived a great life. Rest in peace, my friend.

Adam Redman

Adam Redman - April 09, 2024 at 03:02 PM