



Robert Wesley Crain

January 10, 1949 - December 27, 2017

ROBERT WESLEY CRAIN, AGE 68

And a resident of Franklinton died Wednesday morning December 27, 2017. He was a Franklinton High School graduate of 1967 and later graduated from Louisiana State University in 1975. Robert was a big supporter of FHS athletics, as well as all area schools, civic groups, churches and community projects. He enjoyed tailgating for LSU Tigers football games and watching their sporting events on TV. Robert always loved riding his tractor while working on his farm, spending time on the Bogue Chitto River and relaxing at his camp. He was a lifelong member of First Baptist Church of Franklinton.

As a young man, Robert decided that caring for the needs of others would be his calling in life as he began working in funeral service at the age of 16. He graduated from Commonwealth Institute of Funeral Service in 1969 and began a short journey that brought his new family back to the community he cared so much for. Robert has been the owner of Crain Funeral Home since 1979 and felt it was his duty to provide comfort to the thousands of grieving families he encountered through his 52 years of service. He always felt it was a ministry to the great families of Washington Parish to show compassion to those that needed his support.

Robert had a kind heart and received his greatest joy by providing for others.

Either through the monetary gifts that allowed young people to play the games they loved, sponsorship of the countless events that lifted our community spirit, assistance to any local church that helped them fulfill the needs of its congregation or simply spending quality time with his beloved family and grandchildren. He will be fondly remembered and sadly missed by all those that knew him.

Survived by:

Wife of 48 years: Linda Smith Crain of Franklinton

Daughter and Son in law: Susan Crain Bonner and Chris Bonner of Mandeville

2 Sons and Daughters in law: Robert W. Crain, Jr. and Kristi Crain of Franklinton,
Matthew Wilson Crain and Heather Crain of Hernando, MS

8 Grandchildren: Caroline Bonner,
Wesley Crain,
Hannah Grace Crain,
Christopher Bonner,
Andrew Crain,
Wilson Crain,
Jacob Crain,
Evelyn Crain

2 Sisters and Brothers in law: Pauline and James Bankston of Franklinton,
Paulette and Jack Lantz of Pasadena, CA

Brother in law: Ridge Edwards of Montclair, NJ

Sister in law: Alice L. Smith of Alpharetta, GA

Also survived by numerous nieces, nephews, other family members and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents Robert William Crain and Willie Knight Crain, sister in law Sylvia Edwards and brother in law W.F. Smith.

Visitation will be at Crain Funeral Home Friday December 29th from 5 pm until 9 pm and after 10 am on Saturday. A funeral service will be held at 2 pm Saturday in the funeral home chapel with Rev. Paul Watts and Rev. Leon Hickman officiating. Burial will follow in Ellis Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family prefers donations to the First Baptist Church New Sanctuary Fund (950 Self Street, Franklinton, LA 70438) or to any local Youth Organization.

Pallbearers: Fred Spears, Ken Allen, Dr. Earle "Rob" Brown, James Magruder, Dr. Jerry Thomas, Wayne Fleming, Bennie Crain

Obituaries can be viewed online at www.crainfh.com

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **29**. 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

Crain Funeral Home, Inc.
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P.O. Drawer H
Franklinton, LA 70438
(985) 839-5676
crainfh@yahoo.com
<https://www.crainfh.com/>

Visitation

DEC **30**. 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM (CT)

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Service

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Tribute Wall

AM

“ *May Almighty father God comfort and bless The family and strength the family*

Anthony Martin - January 16, 2025 at 06:35 PM

JV

“ *Robert held my Dad and Mom's service and burial at Springhill Magee*

joanie Varnado - January 28, 2023 at 09:42 PM

JV

Cemetery , i give thanks for the loving care that my family rd

joanie Varnado - January 28, 2023 at 09:53 PM

JC

“ *John Cosse lit a candle in memory of Robert Wesley Crain*



John cosse - May 14, 2018 at 06:03 AM

NG

“ *My memories are of Linda and Robert at Franklinton Elementary first thru the fourth grade. Y'all are still close to my heart. My deepest sympathy to the Linda and the family. May God's love surround you. MAY your family and friends support and love you. Sincerely, Nancy Roth Glendening*

Nancy Roth Glendening - February 04, 2018 at 04:55 PM

ER

“ As a Minister, I have never worked with a more professional and compassionate man than Mr. Robert. His smile was infectious and comforting. He did a great job of ensuring that his staff and family continue on with his legacy to the community. Rob and family, I am praying for each of you and know your Dad will be greatly missed. God bless you all.

Eld. Billy Reyer - January 19, 2018 at 10:48 AM

DP

“ Sending our thoughts and prayers to all of you . Words can not express the sadness for your loss .He will be forever missed by everyone who knew him .God bless and give you comfort and peace in the memories you shared. Debra Pigott and Family

Debra Pigott - January 01, 2018 at 04:16 PM

KS

“ Robert has had a great influence on this community and myself. Robert will be sorely missed. The obituary for Robert is a beautiful reminder of Robert and his attitude and faith.

Kenny Seal - December 30, 2017 at 03:35 PM

TC

“ This afternoon our hometown will be saying farewell to a great gentleman of our town. Mr. Robert gave to his community through his gift of comforting people at their most difficult times in their lives, to supporting his children now grandchildren in their school activities and to faithfully give to our hometown kids programs. Mrs. Linda, Susan, Rob and Matt words can't be said that how greatful Franklinton had been for the love Mr. Robert gave us all!! There isn't a time we will not forget fireworks at the Demons football games at the Old Demon Stadium near Bene Street or being loaded up after a baseball season and getting to have ice cream at the Palace. We know your hearts hurt for losing him but knowing the peace that he is okay now should ease the missing me. And we can guess he is riding the streets of heaven in his truck for such..God Bless the Crain Family...Love Always, Mark Beverly, Rebecca Beverly Samrow and Christine Beverly Ginn

The Beverly Family Children - December 30, 2017 at 03:03 PM

LD

“ Our condolences go out to the Crain family at this difficult time, you are in our thoughts and prayers.
From: Leonard Dunn and Serenity Funeral Home staff

Leonard Dunn - December 30, 2017 at 11:17 AM

JG

“ Jimmy ,Jeannie Guy sent a virtual gift in memory of Robert Wesley Crain



Jimmy ,Jeannie Guy - December 30, 2017 at 11:10 AM

CH

“ *Christi Burch Harrison lit a candle in memory of Robert Wesley Crain*



Christi Burch Harrison - December 29, 2017 at 08:21 PM

HR

“ *HYDE RIKI purchased the Simply Elegant Spathi phyllum for the family of Robert Wesley Crain.*



HYDE RIKI - December 29, 2017 at 07:49 PM

RS

“ *We are saddened to hear of Robert's passing...he was a true gentleman. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Sincere condolences to Linda and family.*
Ron Simmons

ron simmons - December 29, 2017 at 02:47 PM



Robert was a good man he will be miss my Love go out to the Family. Nell & Tommy Caves.

Tommy Caves - December 29, 2017 at 11:23 PM

JD

“ *Our sincerest condolences to a wonderful family for the loss of a great man. He touched so many lives and created many cherished memories with everyone fortunate enough to have known him.*

Prayers

Jay & Jennifer Domengeaux

Jay Domengeaux - December 29, 2017 at 01:36 PM

PV

“ *Robert was such a kind person. He showed such compassion for the families he served. Praying for comfort for his family. Peggy*

Peggy J. Verberne - December 29, 2017 at 11:35 AM

RF

“ *Regina Hill Forbes lit a candle in memory of Robert Wesley Crain*



Regina Hill Forbes - December 29, 2017 at 09:41 AM

RF

My condolences to the family. Robert was a blessing to our community. My prayers will be with those who grieve the loss of such a great man.

Regina Hill Forbes - December 29, 2017 at 09:52 AM

AW

“ *Such a sweet uncle! He cheerfully donated his time and money to our endeavors as kids and it truly brought him great joy to see us succeed in life. Makes me want to "pay it forward" to the generations to come. Thank you Uncle Robert for your wonderful example!*

Ashley Bankston Wascom - December 28, 2017 at 11:35 PM

TS

“ *Praying for comfort and strength for the family during their time of sorrow.
My condolences to the family. Rip Mr. Crain*



Tangela Spurlock-Love - December 28, 2017 at 11:06 PM

JA

“ *Robert was a man that helped people in their time of sorrow. My family's thoughts and prayers are with you Linda and your family during the time of your loss.*

Sincerely, Janie Arguelles and Family

Janie Arguelles - December 28, 2017 at 11:04 PM

JB

“ Jay Bailey lit a candle in memory of Robert Wesley Crain



Jay bailey - December 28, 2017 at 09:59 PM

JB

SO many fond family memories..
Especially my dear brother
Kenneth and Beverly too..
I was the late bloomer ya know..
But for them, many precious memories to recall and ponder, with
specificity..
~Thank be to God for his Life~
He gave peace to ALL of us who have buried our loved ones under the
gentle, caring and capable hands of his expertise, to heal the stress of
losing our beloveds..
Robert Wesley, may young THIS this moment, be, comfortable,
glorified and exalted unto the highest reaches of heaven for the
receiving of your own soul.:
He made a difference to many people and families that stretch far and
wide..
The union of souls in heaven rejoice and he is there in that "white light"
of pure joy, love and acceptance
Jay Bailey

Jay bailey - December 28, 2017 at 10:45 PM

JH

“ Prayers for Linda and family as y'all bear the burden of losing your
loved one. Robert was such a blessing to this community that he
loved and he will be missed by so many. Praying that God will
provide the peace you need at this time. Love and prayers.

jackie harrison - December 28, 2017 at 07:43 PM

DV

“ *Debbie Varnado lit a candle in memory of Robert Wesley Crain*



Debbie Varnado - December 28, 2017 at 06:21 PM

SM

“ *Robert helped so many people in their time of need. We will always be grateful to the family for the support we have received in our times of need. Our thoughts and prayers are with yours at this time of your loss. Sybil Miller McQueen and Thomas and Ronnie Miller Welch*

Sybil McQueen - December 28, 2017 at 05:36 PM

AB

“ *What an amazing and kind man your father was. His huge heart touched the lives of so many people and for many decades. We wish you all great comfort in this time of unfathomable sorrow. Our hearts are with you. Much love to you all. ❤️*



Ashley Bonner & James Fike

Ashley Bonner - December 28, 2017 at 05:36 PM

RD

“ *My condolences to Robert's family. RIP Robert!*



Royal David - December 28, 2017 at 04:53 PM

KD

“ *Linda, remembering you and your family in prayer in the loss of Robert.*

Kaye Jean Miller Doss - December 28, 2017 at 04:10 PM

PS

“ *I know Robert will be sorely missed, he was an outstanding man. The family has my deepest sympathy. May God bless you all.*



Patricia Cooper Shapiro

Patricia Shapiro - December 28, 2017 at 03:57 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Robert Wesley Crain.*



December 28, 2017 at 03:16 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Robert Wesley Crain.*



December 28, 2017 at 02:55 PM



“ *So sad to hear of such a wonderful person gone far too soon. Robert was so giving and so friendly and served countless families and consoled everyone with such love and compassion over the years. May God Bless you Linda and children and may you be comforted by God's love during this sad time and beyond. Joy Pope Nielson*



Joy Pope Nielson - December 28, 2017 at 02:42 PM



“ *Susan, we hope that the many good deeds of your father and his love for you and the children help ease the loss you are feeling. Please extend our sympathies to your mother and family.*

Tom and Judith Bonner

Thomas Bonner Jr - December 28, 2017 at 02:22 PM



“ *Condolences to Linda and children on Robert's passing. He will be greatly missed by classmates and the community.*



Sylvia LaPointe - December 28, 2017 at 01:07 PM



“ *Serenity Wreath was purchased for the family of Robert Wesley Crain.*



December 28, 2017 at 12:32 PM



“ *Robert and I became good friends when I was pastor of Bethel. He was incredible as a funeral director and was always so helpful and kind. My sincere prayer will be with Linda and the kids. He will be missed.*

Jim Richardson - December 28, 2017 at 11:55 AM



“ *Praying for Linda and Rob and family for the loss of Robert, he was a fine man and asset to the community, will be missed by many, sorry I will not be there.*

Pam Baker - December 28, 2017 at 11:19 AM



“ *Sincere Condolences to Robert Wesleys family at this time of loss. He was such a dear friend to my husband Denny Fisher and I know they are rejoicing in heaven now. God bless you at this time.*

Gayle Fisher - December 28, 2017 at 10:34 AM

SF

“ Robert will be missed by so many in this community. He was so kind and caring to us during all our relatives funerals. We always knew everything would be handle in a loving beautiful way. Sending prayers to all his family. Keith & Suzannah Fussell

suzannah Fussell - December 28, 2017 at 10:27 AM

CM

Mr. Robert touched the lives of so many people with unmatched compassion and concern oftentimes in their darkest hours of losing loved ones and friends. Those in my family, now passed on, were treated with utmost respect and dignity and no detail was ever too small or overlooked as we planned their homegoing. I pray God will cover his family with love, peace and comfort during their time of loss.

Carolyn Miller

Carolyn Miller - December 28, 2017 at 02:32 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Robert Wesley Crain.



December 28, 2017 at 09:53 AM

HS

“ Robert always made Harold and me feel welcome in this community and we admired his dedication to his family and the people he served. We are sad that he is gone from here but know he is rejoicing with his heavenly family. Our prayers are that God's Holy Spirit will comfort his family and friends.

Harold and Judith Smith - December 28, 2017 at 09:41 AM



Charlotte
Hornsby

“ *Such a loss for our community. I dare say we all have a story of how Robert has helped us through a difficult time (some more than once) in a most gentle, kindhearted manner. He has left a great legacy. Ronnie & I are out of town but we send our heartfelt condolences to Linda and the family. You all are in our prayers.*
Charlotte & Ronnie Hornsby

Charlotte Hornsby - December 28, 2017 at 09:35 AM

RS

“ *Robert Crain was a good man! He was always a pleasure to be around. Have a lot of fond memories following our beloved LSU Tigers Foitball! He is going to be missed by the entire community!*

Randy Seal - December 28, 2017 at 09:28 AM

KB

“ *Our condolences to Mrs. Linda and family. I will remember how kind Mr. Robert was when we lost loved ones thru the years. Prayers for you all. Kaye and Mike Byrd.*

Kaye Byrd - December 28, 2017 at 09:27 AM

BM

“ *Thoughts and prayers for Linda and family. It is such a a pleasure to have known Mr. Robert. It was such a kind and genuine person. He made the world a better place. Praying that God blesses you with a peace that passes all understanding during this difficult time.*

Brooke Moody - December 28, 2017 at 09:27 AM

JM

“ *Judy McCasland Micelle lit a candle in memory of Robert Wesley Crain*



Judy McCasland Micelle - December 28, 2017 at 09:08 AM

EK

“ *I'm so sorry for your loss. Robert was such a huge part of this community. He brought comfort to so many. He will truly be missed and remembered. I'm thankful that I got to know him better over the past months. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. May the fond memories fill your loss and God give you comfort and peace.*

Edna Kennedy - December 28, 2017 at 07:33 AM

EW

“ *MY PRAYERS TO ALL OF THE FAMILY ROBERT WILL BE MISSED AS HE WAS A VERY NICE MAN AND WAS ALWAYS THERE TO HELP WHEN IT WAS NEEDED*

ELIZABETH WATSON - December 28, 2017 at 07:29 AM

EF

“ *Mr. Robert will be missed by many, he was a good man.*



Elizabeth Mayer Griggsby and family. - December 28, 2017 at 07:25 AM

GB

“ Gill Bridgett lit a candle in memory of Robert Wesley Crain



Gill Bridgett - December 28, 2017 at 07:10 AM

GB

Mr Robert was always such a kind and compassionate person. Always trying to ease the pain of losing a loved one. RIP Mr Robert. You well deserve the prize you got as you entered Heavens gates yesterday Prayers for Ms Linda, kids and grandkids!!!!

Gill Bridgett - December 28, 2017 at 07:12 AM

SD

Prayers for the family and all who loved Robert Wesley. He was such a gentle soul.

Sylvia Garrett Dugas - December 28, 2017 at 07:40 AM

KP

“ Karen Phelps lit a candle in memory of Robert Wesley Crain



Karen phelps - December 28, 2017 at 04:14 AM

WM

“ Robert was a warm and caring person who tried to make the hardest times bearable. Prayers to his family's comfort

wilkie magee - December 28, 2017 at 01:31 AM

JN

“ *Joan Nielsen lit a candle in memory of Robert Wesley Crain*



Joan nielsen - December 28, 2017 at 12:18 AM

LG

“ *So very sorry for the family and the communities loss of Robert. He was a man with a kind heart. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.*

Linda Galloway - December 27, 2017 at 11:55 PM

RD

“ *Richard And Dianne Dillon lit a candle in memory of Robert Wesley Crain*



Richard and Dianne Dillon - December 27, 2017 at 11:49 PM

LS

“ *Lib Stafford Scheuermann lit a candle in memory of Robert Wesley Crain*



Lib Stafford Scheuermann - December 27, 2017 at 11:48 PM

RL

So very sorry for your loss !!! Have so many memories of him as funeral director over the years !! He was such a blessing to me when I lost momma and had such a genuine quality about him. One of the best I have ever worked with in funerals . He will be greatly missed by the many people who loved him !!! God bless you and your family !! I know you will miss him so much !!

Renee Ladner - December 28, 2017 at 01:30 AM

KH

Having the privilege of knowing and working with Robert was an inspiration. He was a tribute to his profession and to his fellow man. He was one of the most kind and compassionate people I have had the privilege to know. May God bless Linda and his family

Keith Hanks - December 28, 2017 at 07:50 AM

BK

SO SORRY TO HEAR ABOUT MR.ROBERT. LINDA YOUR FAMILY IS IN MY THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS.

BRENDA KENNEDY - December 28, 2017 at 09:34 AM

MA

*Condolences to Linda Sue and the children and Pauline and the rest of the family. I have many good memories of Robert in high school. He was wonderful in dealing with both my mother and father's funeral.
Mike Aaron*

Mike Aaron - December 28, 2017 at 04:30 PM

RH

Linda, So saddened to hear of Robert's passing. Susan, Rob Matt, and you are in my thoughts and prayers

Riki Brown Hyde - December 29, 2017 at 07:35 PM