



## Mrs. Josephine Craig

April 13, 1932 - October 27, 2022

Josephine Bernice Hale was born on April 13, 1932, in York, Alabama. Throughout her life, she embodied and showcased the importance of being loyal, respecting yourself and others, and having unconditional love for all.

As an only child, she enjoyed a very close relationship with her aunts and uncles, and they considered her their baby sister. She also had a very close relationship with her Hale cousins who hold very dear memories and lots of stories. Many of her most cherished moments was attending family reunions and visiting with her family. “Red” as they called her, was a bit spoiled but smart as a whip. At the age of three she was found reading the local Alabama newspaper. Even at an early age she was studious and excelled at learning and that would be the case throughout her life.

Later she would attend Alabama State University where she received her Bachelor’s Degree in Education. She then began her teaching career in the Alabama Public School System.

On May 18, 1951, Josephine married Harold Craig, Sr. They would remain married for 70 years until Harold’s death in 2021. In 1966, Harold and Josephine moved to Saginaw, Michigan. This is the place they would call home and raise their family. Upon moving to Saginaw, Josephine would teach for the public school system at Morley Elementary until her retirement in June of 1986. She was very proud of her students, and they had deep affection for

her.

She and her husband studied the Bible with Walter H. Langley. Josephine was baptized as one of Jehovah's Witnesses on September 12, 1959. Josephine cherished the relationship with Brother Langley. She would often recall his encouragement to have stickability and later she would instill that lesson in all her Bible students. She also developed a very close relationship with the Sturdivant family who became a pillar of support and encouragement throughout her life.

Affectionately known as "Mama Carig" to most, she dedicated the rest of her life to teaching her family and others about Jehovah God. She served as a regular pioneer in the Saginaw area for many years.

Josephine was able to aide more than 45 families and individuals to the truth. She enjoyed many privileges of service including playing the piano at the Kingdom Hall, providing hospitality to many special pioneers, circuit overseers, and other special visitors. She also enjoyed attending international conventions in Germany and Hawaii and Bible Lands Tour in Israel and Egypt and many more.

Josephine is survived by her children, Sylvia Lawrence, Rita Brown (James), Regina Warren (Clinton, Sr.), Carlos Craig (Stacy) and Sherlyn Robinson (LV); 14 grandchildren, Darrell Lawrence, Jeremy Brown, Tanika Craig, Wakine West, Erika Hinds, Daron Robinson, Ashia Jones, Craig Brown, Clinton Warren, Jr., Maranda Craig, Chad Warren, Danita Robinson, Craig Warren and Carlos Craig, Jr.; 20 great-grandchildren; a host of other family members and very close dear friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Justina and Eddie Ray; husband, Harold Craig, Sr.; a son, Harold Craig, Jr. and a grandson, Myron Craig.

Funeral service will take place at 1:00 PM, Saturday, November 12, 2022, at Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, 1203 North Niagara Street, Saginaw, Michigan 48602. Brother Garth Ratti will officiate.

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# Cemetery Details

## Roselawn Memorial Gardens

950 North Center  
Saginaw, MI 48603

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

NOV 12. 1:00 PM (ET)

Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses  
1203 N. Niagara  
Saginaw, MI 48602

# Tribute Wall

LH

“ My condolences to the family, Mrs .Craig was my 5th grade teacher and some how few of my classmates and I found out she had a birthday coming up. This was in 1972 and I can not remember the other classmates who walked together with me to the Fort Saginaw Mall to go by her a birthday cake from the bakery for her birthday to find out when we gave it to her she explained to us that she didn't celebrate birthdays. She explained her religious beliefs to us and then allowed the class to eat the cake. She was my favorite favorite teacher. I loved her so much such a beautiful person. ❤️❤️❤️

Leisha Harris - December 10, 2022 at 07:35 PM

SW

“ Shelbie Williams lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Josephine Craig



Shelbie Williams - November 18, 2022 at 05:46 AM

AZ

“ Prayers and condolences sent to the entire Craig family. She was my teacher at Morley school. A very nice, caring, professional and beautiful teacher. I enjoyed having her as a teacher. RIP

Albert & Frances Ham Zackrie - November 14, 2022 at 10:12 AM

PB

“ Patrick&Sharon Brown lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Josephine Craig



Patrick&Sharon Brown - November 12, 2022 at 01:42 PM



“ Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Mrs. Josephine Craig.



November 12, 2022 at 08:54 AM



“ Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Mrs. Josephine Craig.



November 12, 2022 at 03:19 AM

MW

“ Heartfelt prayers and sincerest condolences to the entire family.



Mary Beeks Williams - November 11, 2022 at 11:16 PM

RM

*Condolences to the family*

**Ruby menzies** - November 12, 2022 at 01:02 PM

TF

“ *THE RIVERS FAMILY lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Josephine Craig*



**THE RIVERS FAMILY** - November 11, 2022 at 01:37 PM

CM

“ *Cornelius McCormick lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Josephine Craig*



**Cornelius McCormick** - November 10, 2022 at 08:36 PM

TO

“ *Toy lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Josephine Craig*



**Toy** - November 10, 2022 at 08:22 PM

KP

“ *Praying for the family.  
Katherine Primas*



**Katherine Primas** - November 10, 2022 at 12:32 PM

GM

“ *From the Murphy family, Gloria,  
Lois and Kim.*



**Gloria Murphy** - November 10, 2022 at 01:03 AM

MM

“ *Mr.&Mrs. Robert McCall lit a candle in  
memory of Mrs. Josephine Craig*



**Mr.&Mrs. Robert McCall** - November 09, 2022 at 07:57 PM

LP

“ *LAJUAN PRINCE sent a virtual gift in memory  
of Mrs. Josephine Craig*



**LAJUAN PRINCE** - November 09, 2022 at 12:44 PM

BC

“ *Billy And Karen Cork lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Josephine Craig*



**Billy and Karen Cork** - November 09, 2022 at 12:29 PM

SM

“ *My Prayers to the family. Mrs. Craig was my 5th Grade Teacher. She was Very Nice & a Beautiful Person. R.I.P. ❤️*

**Sophonria Baynes Murphy-Sparks** - November 09, 2022 at 10:27 AM

DR

“ *My Condolences to the Craig. Mrs. Craig was one of my favorite teachers at Morley school.*



**Dinatria Rainey** - November 08, 2022 at 04:29 PM

AE

“ *Annie Handley Edwards-McCrary lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Josephine Craig*



**Annie Handley Edwards-McCrary** - November 08, 2022 at 03:59 PM

BE

“ To the Craig family, May God's grace comfort each of you as you celebrate the life of the beautiful "Josephine Craig". The Berrys and Craigs go way back to the southside of Saginaw; keeping you all lifted in prayer.



Larry/Linda (Berry) Adams

BERRYS - November 08, 2022 at 01:32 PM

VA

Mrs. Craig was one of my teachers at . Morley . School. I was me of her fifth grade students. I am 62 years old presently! I have many great childhood memories of mrs. Craig! Mainly paddles for talking too much in class! She would handle the situation! R. I. P . Ms. Craig! Your labor was not in vain! Thank you for your service in education! Love. Valeria . Elmore

Valeria - November 10, 2022 at 07:10 PM

AW

“ Sorry for your loss. Sister Craig will be missed.



Avy Wyatt - November 07, 2022 at 07:56 PM

OW

“ Oscar And Alice (Rainey) Wilson sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Josephine Craig



Oscar and Alice (Rainey) Wilson - November 07, 2022 at 07:46 PM

AJ

“ ALICE FAYE FLETCHER JOHNSON lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Josephine Craig



ALICE FAYE FLETCHER JOHNSON - November 07, 2022 at 06:59 PM

TF

“ Teresa & Theotis Wilcoxon / Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Josephine Craig



Teresa & Theotis Wilcoxon / Family - November 07, 2022 at 12:32 PM



“ Healing Tears - All White was purchased for the family of Mrs. Josephine Craig.



November 07, 2022 at 10:04 AM

JW

“ James And Helen Weems sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Josephine Craig



James and Helen Weems - November 07, 2022 at 08:01 AM

IP

“ To the family of Mama Craig, may Jehovah bless and comfort you during this difficult time. Mama Craig was a bible scholar and teacher of the highest order. I knew her from the days when there was a Kingdom Hall on Irving Place. I studied with and learned so much from her. She challenged me to read the Bible and find my own answers to religious questions. She was a remarkable, beautiful soul with a sparkling personality who I will dearly miss.



Irma Price-Calais - November 06, 2022 at 11:59 PM

ES

“ Deepest condolences to all the family.



ERIC T SCOTT - November 05, 2022 at 09:25 PM

PS

“ I met Mrs Craig as a teacher at Morley Elementary School. Always nice.

Pamela M. Smith - November 05, 2022 at 03:38 PM

SC

“ SONA Carruth lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Josephine Craig



SONA Carruth - November 05, 2022 at 11:48 AM

DD

“ Debra Dawkins lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Josephine Craig



Debra Dawkins - November 05, 2022 at 03:17 AM



“ I will always remember her as a wonderful and kind person. I knew her as Sister Craig but she was more like a grandmother. No matter how long it was between visits, her and Brother Craig would always welcome us into their home for long conversation. She will be missed.

Wayne Huell Sr - November 05, 2022 at 12:38 AM

DR

She will be missed dearly, thank you for sharing your memories with us. She was everyone's "Sister" "Momma" or "Grandma" Craig. And I can't wait to see her again, this is just another "long visit" until then...

DaNita Robinson - November 05, 2022 at 10:24 AM

FB

“ The love of my life..... forever the best 5th grade teacher. I'll love and cherish you always  
❤️



felice bond - November 04, 2022 at 11:22 PM

EM

“ *Ebony McNair lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Josephine Craig*



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**Ebony McNair** - November 04, 2022 at 09:51 PM

JR

“ *Joyce Rivers lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Josephine Craig*



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**Joyce Rivers** - November 04, 2022 at 06:41 PM

BG

“ *Brinda Gaiter lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Josephine Craig*



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**Brinda Gaiter** - November 04, 2022 at 05:38 PM

PC

“ *Mom Craig you will be missed I have nothing but fond memories of you take your rest this isn't goodbye but see you later. Peter Cooper Atlanta Georgia*

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**Peter Cooper** - November 03, 2022 at 10:39 PM



“ *Jacqueline Holmes-Irvin sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Josephine Craig*



**Jacqueline Holmes-Irvin** - November 03, 2022 at 08:52 PM

BH

“ *Bertha Hale-Omar lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Josephine Craig*



**Bertha Hale-Omar** - November 03, 2022 at 08:05 PM

GK

“ *My sincere condolences to the Craig family. Mrs. was one of my favorite teachers at Morley school, for some reason I thought I was one of her favorites. Prayers to the Craig family.*



**Gerald Kariem** - November 03, 2022 at 08:37 AM

DR

*She had a way of making everyone feel as though “we” were her favorite. But that’s because she valued every person she grew to know & care for. Thank you*

**DaNita Robinson** - November 05, 2022 at 10:20 AM

EB

“ *Condolences to the Craig family!  
I've known Sister Craig and family for such a long time. In fact, being baptized March 6, 1971 after being her Bible student, she called me her oldest spiritual daughter. She even taught some of my children at Morley Elementary School and always stop by and checked on us. She loved using the word stickability, stressing for all to stick like glue to the Truth!  
Prayers to the family!  
Evelyn Benard and family*



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**Evelyn Benard** - November 02, 2022 at 09:01 PM

DH

*Yes!!, She will always be aka "Sister Craig"*

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**DarryL Huell** - November 04, 2022 at 08:20 PM

DR

*"Stickability" thank you Evelyn for sharing this beautiful memory & important reminder!*

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**DaNita Robinson** - November 05, 2022 at 10:18 AM

PM

“ *I have fond memories of Mrs. Craig who was my 5th grade teacher at Morley School. My sincere condolences to the family.*



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**Pamela Brown Maloy** - November 02, 2022 at 07:22 PM

BC

“*Josephine Craig was not only a teacher in the Public Educational School System, but she was also engaged in a World Wide Bible Educational program work, and aided many people to learn about God’s Kingdom & shared a wonderful Hope about a beautiful paradise earth where mankind can live forever & never have to get sick, grow old & die. That Bible training included my family “The Benard’s”. Brother & Sister Craig, as we affectionately called them, always visited our mom’s home whenever they knew we were in town & we thank them for that. Sincere condolences to my schoolmate, friend & Bible conductor her daughter Sherlynn, her son Carlos, & Rita & the rest of her immediate family.*

*Barbara Charleston and family*



**Barbara Charleston** - November 02, 2022 at 10:47 AM

DR

*Thank you for this beautiful heartfelt expression. It brings me so much joy reading messages such as these with such fond memories of my grandma. She was loved by so many.*

**DaNita Robinson** - November 05, 2022 at 10:16 AM

SH

“*Sincere condolences to the family of Mrs. Josephine Craig. She was my 5th grade teacher at Morley School.*



**Shelaie Hankins-Parrish** - November 02, 2022 at 08:05 AM

DR

“ *Until we see you again you was very dear to me*



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**Debra Rivers** - November 01, 2022 at 06:58 PM

SH

“ *One of my favorite teachers at Morley Elementary School.*



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**Shauna Hemphill** - October 31, 2022 at 07:40 PM

KR

“ *Rest in peace my 5th grade teacher, Mrs. Craig.*



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**Kimberly Roberts** - October 31, 2022 at 03:46 PM

PM

“ *Mrs. Craig was my fifth grade teacher at Morley School. I have always had such respect for this lady. Sherilyn and I are classmates. My prayers are extended to her entire family.*



*Pamela (Stephens) Monroe*

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**Pamela Monroe** - October 31, 2022 at 01:35 PM