

*When we were thirteen I first met you
I knew at once I'd always love you*

*Then we were twenty we walked the aisle
Oh if our love would last for awhile*

*There were many lonely separate years
Can you forgive me for all those tears*

*I volunteered for that far-off Asian land
So many young men a heroic story We do what we can*

*You were home Strong and true
And the girls just grew and grew*

*There were times when I came close to dying
All I could see were you and the girls crying*

*They flew me back and laid me in the sand
Memories were there of a child-like hand*

*Those were the lonely lonely years
And yes there were still those many tears*

*Thirty years have now come to pass
So much forgiveness from my country lass*

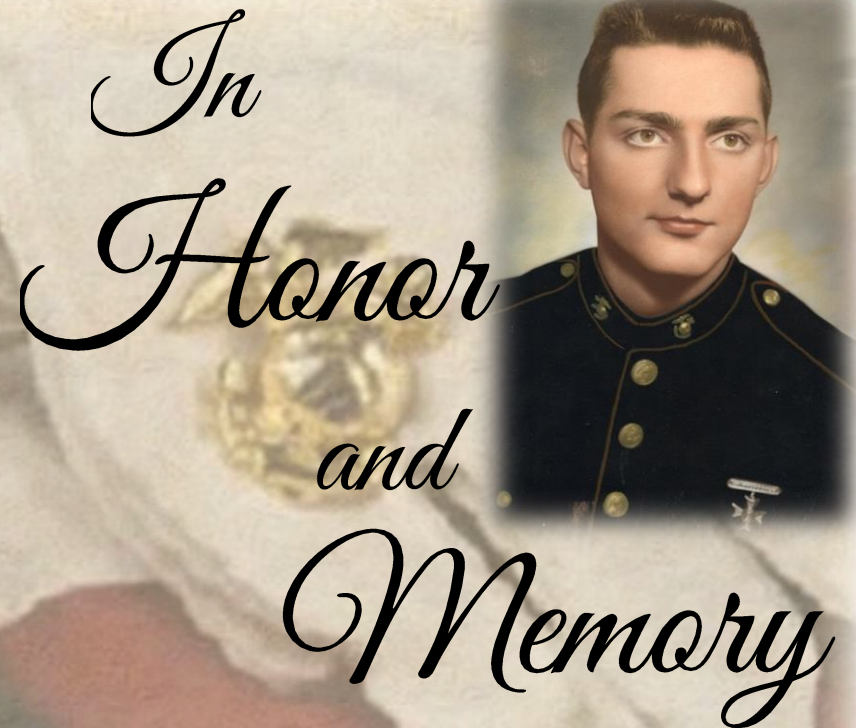
*Four daughters that have made us proud
Their songs their Laughter rose like a cloud*

*New generations and new lives
Bonds forever Circular ties*

*Do we dare hope their loves will last
When their thirty years have come to pass*

*Whatever lies ahead with one more Autumn still to pass
Can only strengthen my love for you My youthful country lass*

Love, Butch



Retired Gunnery Sgt.

Ramon Craig

November 23, 1939 – October 20, 2015

Graveside Service

12 pm, Monday, October 26, 2015

Sandhills State Veterans Cemetery

Pastor Jim Boyle, Officiant

On October 20, 2015, Ramon "Butch" Craig passed away at the age of 75, and he will be greatly missed.

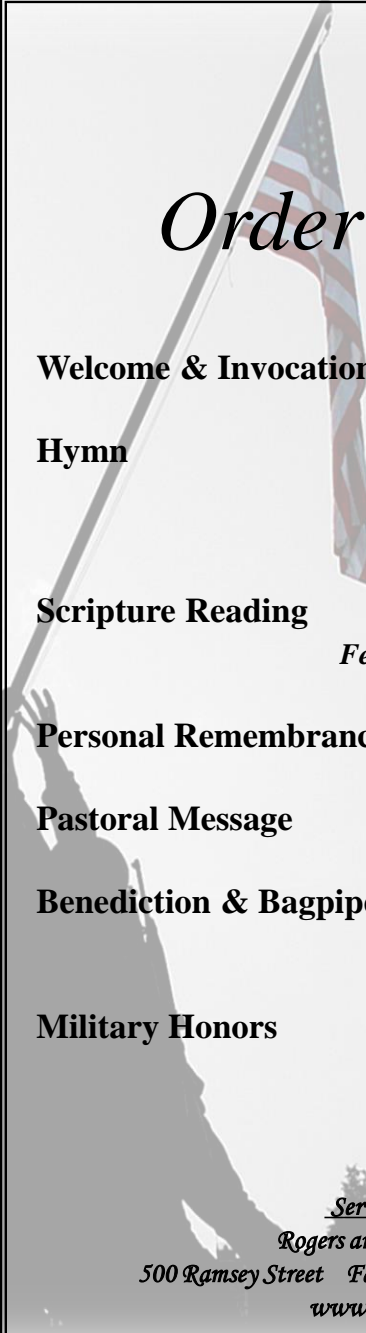
Butch was a retired Marine Corps GYSGT who served two tours of duty in Vietnam as a communications specialist/linguist and a proud member of Force Recon. He was our hero and was acknowledged as such with three Purple Hearts and a Bronze Star with "V."

A graduate of both the University of San Diego and the University Of Alabama, Butch was a strong believer in higher education and helped countless students reach their goals as the former president of Lafayette College in Fayetteville, NC and as a co-owner of Miller-Motte Business College in Wilmington, NC. He was also a proponent of veterans' rights and worked for many years with the National Association of Concerned Veterans (NACV), in addition to membership in the Marine Corps Force Recon Association, Special Operations Association, Disabled American Veterans and a lifetime member of the VFW.

But above all else, family was Butch's greatest achievement. He was loved by his wife of 55 years, Sylvia. Their loving relationship taught us respect and caring. Butch was blessed with four daughters who adored him. He left us with no regrets. "I've had a wonderful life," he said.

Butch was preceded in death by his parents F. Ione "Skip" Collins and Raymond Albert Craig, along with brother, Rodney "Bud" Craig, and granddaughter, Piper Olivia Boyle.

Butch is survived by his wife, Sylvia Craig; daughters Kerri Person (Glenn), Kelly Cresswell (Dave), Kim Burns (Michael) and Kristi Boyle (Thomas); sister, Judy Richardson and brother Richard Craig (Sharon). Butch is also survived by many loving grandchildren: Madison Pere, Hallie Pere, Abby Burns, Ethan Burns, Craig Wilder Person, Fisher Brown, Tucker Boyle, Julie Aument, Glenn Person III, Allison Cresswell, Gavin Cresswell, Ryan Cresswell, great granddaughter Natalie Aument, and several nieces and nephews.



Order of Service

Welcome & Invocation

Pastor Jim Boyle

Hymn

Amazing Grace

**Featuring grandchildren Hallie Pere
& Fisher Brown**

Scripture Reading

Psalms 23

Featuring granddaughter Madison Pere

Personal Remembrances

Jack Carter

Pastoral Message

Pastor Jim Boyle

Benediction & Bagpipes

**Pastor Jim Boyle
& Bill Caudill**

Military Honors

U.S.M.C. Honor Guard

Services Entrusted To:

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