

Robert Charles Craig, age 91, January 21, 1928 to May 6, 2019, 50 plus year resident of Westborough District, South San Francisco. A proud veteran of the Armed Forces, having served in the United States Navy, discharged 1948 and the United States Army, discharged in 1959. Utilizing the GI Bill, Bob earned his AA Degree at Oceanside-Carlsbad College in 1950, his Bachelor of Arts in Industrial Arts Education from the University of California, Santa Barbara in 1953, his Master of Arts in Industrial Arts Education from San Francisco State University in 1960 and his Doctorate in Educational Administration and Higher Education from the University of Southern California in 1974.

Bob's teaching career started at the US Federal Prison, in Lompoc, CA where he taught Math, Drafting and Trade Theory starting in 1954. He went on to teach at Willits High School, Willits, CA and then De Anza High School in Richmond, CA where he distinguished himself as one member of a four-teacher team that developed *The Richmond Plan*, an interdisciplinary curriculum combining Writing, Mathematics, Science and Industrial Technology to better prepare students for transfer to community college and the world of work. His contribution teaching in *The Richmond Program* led to his hiring as an Associate Professor at San Francisco State University in 1965 where he initially taught classes regarding *The Richmond Plan* to teachers and teacher education candidates in the Bay Area and across the United States while simultaneously serving as the Associate Director for the *Center for Technological Education* at SFSU. Professionally, he consulted to over 50 local, state, national and international agencies including visiting professorships at Mississippi State and Clemson University and was the recipient of an Honorary Doctorate from Southern University.

He held memberships and offices in various professional associations related to *Industrial Education and Technological Education* locally, statewide and nationally including the *California Industrial Education Association* and the *California Commission for Teacher Licensing*. He was a long-time member of Phi Delta Kappa for Professional Educators and Epsilon Pi Tau, the International Honorary for Professions in Technology where he served as Co-Trustee and Trustee of the Beta Beta Chapter and was the recipient of both the Laureate and Distinguished Service Citations for outstanding service and exemplary performance as a high school teacher, university professor and administrator, educational consultant and community leader. For more than a dozen years, he was active in the Coast Guard Auxiliary where he taught boating safety classes and performed vessel safety inspections in the San Francisco Bay Area and Northern California.

As a resident of Westborough, in South San Francisco, he served on the Water District Board for thirty years, six of those years as President in addition to serving as representative to the Bay Area Water Supply and Conservation Agency.

During his 30 years of teaching at San Francisco State University, eight of which he served as Department Chairman for the Design and Industry Department with the School of Creative Arts. Under his leadership, the department expanded curriculum and degree opportunities, increased lecturer positions attracting knowledgeable and experienced members of design and technology related professions to reflect current industry practices.

A master teacher, Bob Craig taught classes dealing with Curriculum and Instruction, Electricity/Electronics, Metals, Woods, Plastics, Drafting, Computer-aided Design Technology, as well as Industrial Research and Development, Related Technology, Seminar in Industrial Technology, Creative Work Project and Master Thesis. He advised both undergraduate and graduate students with equal ease across four undergraduate subject matter areas: Industrial Arts Education, Design and Industry Interdisciplinary Studies, Industrial Technology, Vocational Education and at the graduate level for the Master of Arts in Industrial Arts where he chaired and/or was a member of a great many student Creative Work/Master Thesis Committees.

Bob served on the University Academic Senate multiple times, was a member and chair of numerous committees across campus including Asilomar Retreat Planning, Teacher Education Council, University Club Board, SFSU Retirement Association in addition to multiple, consecutive elections to both the Design and Industry Department Hiring, Retention and Tenure Committee and Promotion Committee. In 1978 Bob was selected as a participant for the first Summer Pacific Basin Studies Program. After a semester of studying Mandarin and Chinese Culture, Bob and his wife Suzanne accompanied other colleagues for a summer stay in Taiwan to establish a groundwork for International student and faculty exchange from Taiwan—a program that the University enjoys today. He additionally traveled to Hong Kong and Japan studying Eastern Culture; he was on the forefront of helping SFSU to internationalize the student body and curriculum.

Bob was an avid saltwater and fresh water fisherman. He was a scuba diver, abalone diver and could guide you across large bodies of high seas with a radio directional finder, a straight edge, and a good chart and compass whether it be light, dark or in heavy fog. He loved camping and for 25 years joined family and friends for two weeks at an annual Butt Lake, CA camp-out.

The glue that held all this together and never ceased to support him personally and professionally is Suzanne McCracken Craig, his wife and life partner of 64+ years, whom he leaves behind, along with his children, daughter Nancy Cochran (Chuck); son, Scott Craig; daughter-in-law Rosalie Craig; five lovely grandchildren: Jennifer Dillon (Jason), Matthew Cochran (Marissa), Kevin Cochran, Jessica Craig and Katie Craig, and many friends. He was preceded in death by his firstborn son, James Alan Craig, November 6, 1959 – August 28, 2016.

*Please help us celebrate the life of Dr. Robert Charles Craig, January 21, 1928 – May 6, 2019.
Sunday, June 9, 2019 at 1 PM – 4 PM*

[Burlingame Recreation Center](#) 850 Burlingame Ave, Burlingame, CA 94010

*As Bob was a decorated serviceman in both the US Army and the US Navy,
there will be a military sendoff/ flag presentation ceremony during the celebration.*