



## Gregory "Greg" Nelson Crafton

September 19, 1957 - January 5, 2023

Gregory "Greg" Nelson Crafton, 65, of Hampton, VA; passed on to his eternal home on Thursday, January 5, 2023 at Sentara Careplex in Hampton, VA.

Greg was born the son of Charles Eugene and Patsy Ruth (O'Connor) Crafton in Marceline, MO; on September 19, 1957. He graduated from Brookfield R-3 High School, Brookfield, MO. in 1977.

In November 1977 he enlisted in the United States Navy and then in January 1978 he reported to basic training in San Diego, CA. Greg enjoyed traveling the world with his service onboard the USS Nimitz, the USS Iwo Jima, and the USS John F. Kennedy. Much of his career was served at NAS Norfolk and NAS Oceana areas of Virginia. That is where he met and married his wife Tracey M. (Tillman) Crafton on December 17, 1988. He retired from the service in 1998.

Greg then worked for Walworth Publishing in Brookfield, MO; the Missouri Department of Corrections at both the correctional centers in Chillicothe, MO; and Western Correctional Center in Cameron, MO.

Greg was an active member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #4557 of Brookfield, MO; and Post #6002 of Hampton, VA. Greg was an avid hunter and fisherman spending much of his free time in the woods or on a local lake.

Greg is survived by his wife Tracey of the home; two sisters, Lisa (Ed) Heckman of Kansas City, MO; and Alice Kirtley of Salisbury, MO; nieces, Mikal (Gary) Monnig of Kansas City, MO; and Emily Kirtley of Hale, MO; nephew, Jacob (Amber) Heckman of Kansas City, MO; mother-in-law,

Meredith Ramsay-Lester of Hampton, VA; several great nieces, and other relatives around the U.S.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Memorial services will be held at 1:00 pm. Friday, April 7, 2023 at the Missouri State Veterans Cemetery in Jacksonville, MO; with the VFW Post #4557 Honor Guard of Brookfield, MO; the United States Patriot Guard, and the Missouri Department of Corrections Honor Guard.

Memorials may be made to the Brookfield, MO; VFW Post #4557, the Hampton, VA; VFW #3219, or any Patriot Guard unit.

# Cemetery Details

## **Jacksonville Veterans Cemetery**

1479 County Road 1675  
Jacksonville, MO 65260

# Previous Events

## **Memorial Service with Full Military Honors**

APR 7. 1:00 PM (CT)

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