



Craig Hill

July 19, 1956 - August 3, 2010

On Sunday, July 25, 2010 Craig Hill suffered a heart attack while in Monterey attending a motorcycle race with his closest friend and business partner, Tom Deany. He later succumbed to complications in Stanford University Hospital on Tuesday, Aug. 3, with Tom at his side. Craig will be sorely missed by his father, family, friends and employees.

Craig was born on July 19, 1956 to Ted and Loraine Hill of Yreka. After graduating from Yreka High School in 1975, Craig studied business management at Southern Oregon State College.

After a short time working in Los Angeles, Craig returned to Yreka to work with his father Ted, founder of Nor-Cal Products. Later, Craig was made president and then CEO of Nor-Cal Products. Under Craig's leadership, Nor-Cal grew into a world-renowned manufacturer of high-tech products and Siskiyou County's largest private employer. Before Craig's untimely death, he entrusted the continued leadership of the company to Tom Deany, Nor-Cal's president.

In addition to being a businessman, Craig was an avid sportsman. He loved motorcycles, from Harleys to motocross. Cars, from Hummers to Lamborghinis, were one of Craig's passions and his trademark. He loved anything to do with the water, including swimming, skiing and boating. Craig was reserved in public, but to people who knew him well, he was genuine, generous, fun loving and a loyal friend.

Although Craig did not have children of his own, he gladly took his role as a

second father or as “Uncle Craig” seriously. He also gave much of his time and finances to supporting local youth activities. Recently, he made a personal donation of \$60,000 to the YMCA’s Youth Fitness Program.

Craig was preceded in death by his mother Loraine.

He is survived by his father Ted Hill and his wife Pat, and his sister Hollis Chambers and her husband Dave.

A memorial service will be held Thursday, August 12, 2010 at 10:00 AM at the Yreka Community Theatre. A private interment will follow at a later time.