



## Branch Craige III, MD

November 21, 1950 – August 9, 2024

Branch Craige III was born November 21, 1950, in El Paso, Texas, to Branch Craige Jr., MD and Jean McCracken Craige and died peacefully at his home in El Paso on August 9, 2024, surrounded by his family.

Dr. Craige attended Austin High School in El Paso and graduated from the College of Arts and Sciences of Tulane University in New Orleans. He attended Tulane University Medical

School and graduated first in his class. He completed his internship and residency in Internal Medicine at the University of Colorado in Denver and was chosen as Chief Resident. He practiced Internal Medicine in El Paso for 35 years and served as the President of the El Paso County Medical Society.

He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Helen Lill Craige, son Branch Craige IV, PhD, of Christiansburg, VA (wife Siobhan Craige, PhD), daughter Halliday “Hallie” Craige McDonald, MD, of Austin, TX (husband John McDonald, MD), and grandchildren Keelin Craige and Greer, Weston, and Lyle McDonald. He is also survived by his sisters Betty Jean Craige, PhD, and Mary Jo Johnson. He was preceded in death by his daughter Dorothy McCutcheon Craige.

Branch was an avid outdoorsman and passionate about nature, travel, and a myriad of other things including camping, scuba diving, fly fishing, birdwatching, the Atlanta Braves, his beloved pets, and spending time on the South Fork River in Swan Valley, Idaho.

The family expresses their deepest gratitude to Dr. Muneer Assi and Dr. Jesus Gomez, as well as the professional staff at Envision Hospice. Services will be held on Saturday, August 24, 2024, at 2:00 p.m. at the Church of St. Clement, 810 N. Campbell St., El Paso, TX. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in his memory to the Animal Rescue League of El Paso or St. Clement’s School.