



Craig Michael Strube

January 15, 1957 - June 9, 2026

Craig Michael Strube, age 69, passed away suddenly on June 9, 2026, after a courageous battle with glioblastoma.

Born on January 15, 1957, Craig grew up in Shelby Township, Michigan, where he graduated from Eisenhower High School. A proud wrestler, he loved sharing stories from his wrestling days and the lifelong friendships and memories that came from them. He later attended Northern Michigan University in Marquette before building a successful career as a Master Scheduler and Warehouse Manager in the automotive industry.

Craig was preceded in death by his parents, Eugene and Nora Strube.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 37 years, Sara (Grobbe) Strube; his loving children, Nicole (Matthew) Bristow and Jared Strube; and his cherished granddaughter, Piper, whom he adored beyond measure. Craig and Sara becoming grandparents and welcoming Piper into their lives was one of their greatest joys. Piper was just two months old when Craig was diagnosed, and she quickly became a bright light throughout his journey. He often referred to her as "his medicine" and she gave him countless reasons to keep fighting. He embraced every moment he could with her and loved being her grandpa.

Craig is also survived by his siblings, Paul (Bonnie) Strube, Larry (Lori)

Strube, Karen (Dave) Sitko, Kathy Strube, and Curt (Michelle) Strube, as well as countless nieces, nephews, extended family members, and dear friends whom he loved deeply.

Family and friendships were the center of Craig's world. He shared 37 wonderful years of marriage with Sara, his partner in every sense of the word. Together they built a life filled with love, laughter, friendship, travel, and family. Through every season of life, they stood by one another, creating a home that welcomed family and friends alike. In Craig's final months, Sara cared for him with extraordinary strength, devotion, and love, remaining by his side throughout his battle.

Those who knew Craig will remember his outgoing personality, quick wit, and sense of humor. He loved golfing, traveling, being out in the sunshine, and spending time with his friends and family. He was an avid fan of U of M football and the Lions, and enjoyed rooting for his kids and family from the stands. Chances are you heard Craig expressing his displeasure at the TV a time or two, and chances even better you'd agree with his excited assessment.

The relationships Craig built throughout his life were incredibly important to him, and he took great pride in staying connected to the people he loved. Whether through laughter, a phone call, a visit, or simply being there when someone needed him, Craig had a way of making people feel valued and cared for.

Craig was a devoted husband, a proud father, a loving grandfather, a caring brother, an incredible uncle, and a loyal friend. He was the kind of person who always showed up when you needed him, celebrated the people he loved, and made everyone around him feel welcome.

When Craig was diagnosed in September 2025 he faced the challenge with remarkable courage and determination. He fought tirelessly and with incredible strength, giving everything he had, and giving even more when he was spent. While his passing came much sooner than anyone expected, his resilience, optimism, and love for his family never wavered.

Visitation Sunday, June 14th, from 3-8pm at Wujek - Calcaterra & Sons Inc., (Shelby Township) 54880 Van Dyke Ave (25 Mile Rd.). Funeral Monday, June 15th, Instate from 10:30am until time of 11am Mass at St. John Vianney Catholic Church, 54045 Schoenherr Rd., Shelby Township, 48315 (Btw. 24 & 25 Mile Rd).

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Glioblastoma Research Organization, in honor of Craig.

Our hearts are broken by his loss, but we are forever grateful for the years, memories, laughter, and unconditional love he gave us. The hole left by his passing is immeasurable, but his legacy lives on in the family he cherished, the friends he considered family, and the countless lives he touched. He will be deeply missed, forever remembered, and always loved.

Please share memories with the family at their online guestbook at WujekCalcaterra.com

Upcoming Events

Visitation

JUN **14.** 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wujek-Calcaterra & Sons - Shelby Township
54880 VanDyke Ave
Shelby Township, MI 48316

Instate / Funeral Mass

JUN **15.** 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. John Vianney Church
54045 Schoenherr Rd.
Shelby Twp., MI 48315-1403

Tribute Wall

TH

“ *Theresa Hendren purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Craig Michael Strube.* ”



Theresa Hendren - 4 hours ago

BB

“ *May Craig find eternal peace. Craig was such a nice man. Always a kind word and smile. May God bless Craig and his family.* ”

Bud Burcar - 9 hours ago

MC

“ To Sara & Family,

I am so sorry to hear of Craig's passing. I met Craig 45 years ago when we both worked at Mayco Plastics. Then more recently we worked side by side in the Logistics Department at Mollertech. Craig was the definition of a good guy. Everybody thought the world of him and we spent a lot of time talking sports and our dreams for retirement. In recent years after our time at Mollertech, 4 of us colleagues would get together every December at Goldie's to reminisce and enjoy a few beers and laugh the night away. When I visited him last week I left thinking how lucky he was to have such a wonderful and caring wife in Sara. She was remarkable the way she cared for him and tried to make him comfortable, while always speaking softly and reassuring Craig. I am so sad for all of his family whom he adored.

Oh Lord, please welcome our brother, husband, father, grandfather and dear friend into your loving arms and grant him eternal life for a job well done. May your love and blessings continue for Sara and family and walk with her and comfort her for the week rest of her life until she is reunited with Craig. We ask for Your grace and blessing in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

You will be missed my friend. Until we meet again....love to you and your lovely wife, Sara.

Mark Conant

Mark Conant - 11 hours ago

MZ

“ I have so many memories of my cousin Craig I really don't know where to start. Well let's start with when we were kids just about every Sunday after we went to church dad would take us to the Strube home. We usually would get there around 1:00. As soon as we get there you know where us kids went. Right outside to play baseball in the field across the street. We were out there most of the day until Aunt Nora and Uncle Gene would call us in for dinner. The food was always the best. Those Polish people sure know how to cook. After dinner the family would play games together and enjoy each other's company. I'm sure we also played more baseball. In the winter we played hockey on the lake not far from the house. I always looked forward to going to the Strube home with my dad and brothers. Of course Aunts Jean and Helen were there enjoying the family also. As a kid those were probably the most things we looked forward to. Fast forward to LaGrange St. in Sterling Heights which was not far from Craig's house. Just about every Wednesday Craig and my cousin Nick and whoever would come over my house to play pool. We had such a wonderful time enjoying each other's company. Oh by the way when Craig was a realtor he sold my house in Madison Hgts. and got me the house on LaGrange. In between all that Craig and Sara and Nicole and Jared would come up to Oscoda and enjoy boating beers and what do you think!! More shooting pool. We really enjoyed playing pool together. With Craig the competition was tough. He had a pretty good knack when he was playing pool. I have so many memories of my cousin Craig I could probably write a book lol but I'm not in the book writing business. When I found out about his mild stroke and brain tumor I was totally in shock. A part of me was with him right there and then. I know that these last ten months or so were very painful and difficult for him and his family. Every time I came downstate my first visit was to go and visit my cousin Craig. It was very hard to see him go through what he was going through. And Sara took care of him so well and the love I felt when I went to visit him and her will live with me forever. Your family is and always will be in my heart forever and my prayers will not stop and I hope you guys will find comfort and peace through all of this. Eternal Rest Grant onto him

Oh Lord and Let Perpetual Light Shine Upon him and may he Rest In Peace Amen. 🙏❤️

Mark Joseph Zywot - 12 hours ago

DG

“*Craig and Sara are our life long friends. There are so many many memories. I remember making their wedding cake and celebrating their love and marriage. I remember how he coached my kids in baseball. I remember when he was so excited about the chimney sweep business adventure that my husband and him got into. Their equipment trailer was a chimney piece of art on wheels. I will remember the many Shelby Lions football memories with our kids. I will remember the simple card nights we spent together. I will remember the kids' graduation parties and Nicole's wedding. I will remember his proud smile and excited laugh at his granddaughter's announcement at the baby shower. I will miss his laughter and his voice. He fought so hard against an ugly disease that took him too soon and I will remember his fight and will to be here. I will miss him.*

Dawn Gietzen - 12 hours ago