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With fair winds and following seas, Craig Stephen Kidd Sr. transferred to his final duty station from the Green Houses at Traceway Retirement Community in Tupelo to Marine Barracks Heaven for guard duty on 10 July 2014. Born in Holly Springs, MS on 24 July 1946 to Jesse L. Kidd and Helen O. Benton, Craig graduated Holly Springs High School in 1964. After attending the University of Mississippi on basketball and tennis scholarships for two years he chose to enlist into the line of family Marines in 1966. Having served in Vietnam and Cuba he returned to Holly Springs to begin his career in law enforcement. As a sports fanatic, when the opportunity arose in 1970 for him to join the police department in the city of his favorite football team he moved to Dallas, TX. He earned numerous city, state, and national awards for his duty as a Dallas Police Officer while completing his degree from Stephen F. Austin State University in criminal justice. Craig worked for several companies, Skagg's, American Food Stores, and General Nutrition Center enacting and enforcing loss prevention. He returned to Mississippi in 2004 for service to the public again as police chief in Ashland, MS. He ended his long career in law enforcement in 2007 where it began, as a detective in Holly Springs. Craig found great happiness when he moved to Traceway Retirement Community. It was during this time that he came closer to God in the fellowship of Harrisburg Baptist Church.

Craig is preceded in death by his Marine father Jesse, mother Helen, Marine

brother Jesse "Jerry" Jr. and Marine brother-in-law Drue Birmingham. His new duties are to include keeping watch over his sister Annice Birmingham, son Craig Jr., Marine son Billy (Heather), Marine granddaughter Hailey, sister-in-law Cindy, nieces Debra Cloud (Steve) and Melissa Reed (Darren), nephews Brian Birmingham and Barry Birmingham (Beverly).

Craig took pride in the devotion of duty, calling, and love he received from his friends and staff of Traceway Retirement Community and Sanctuary Hospice House. He would be honored in any memorial donated to either Traceway or Sanctuary Hospice House so they may continue their service and love.

Arrangements are with Coleman Funeral Home in Oxford, MS. An announcement will be made at a later date for a service in Holly Springs.

"...Ever look on Heaven's scenes, they will find the streets are guarded by United States Marines." –Marines' Hymn

Tribute Wall

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“ My prayer goes out to the Kidd family, I would like to express my condolence at this time to your family. The Bible is a great source of encouragement at times like this, a comforting thought is at Revelation 21:4 "And he will wipe out every tear from their eyes, and death will be no more, neither will mourning nor outcry nor pain be anymore. The former things have passed away"

Nikki Davis - July 23, 2014 at 09:06 AM

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“ I want to send my condolences to the Kidd Family. Craig and I were Dallas Police Officers who worked together back in the 1970's. In fact, Craig was my trainer when I was a Rookie in 1975, a very good one I might say. I appreciate his service, both Military and Law Enforcement. My thoughts and prayers are for you during this difficult time.

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