



## Obituary

**Born:** Wednesday, July 27, 1938

**Died:** Friday, September 13, 2019

On Friday, September 13, Ben Craigen passed away at home in the company of family in Athena.

He and his twin brother Burt, were born in Weston, Oregon, to James and Iva Craigen.

Ben lived and worked his entire life in Oregon. He lived in Weston, Baker City, Pendleton and Athena. His entire career was spent in the automotive, trucking, and farm equipment industries selling parts.

Ben was a proud 50 plus year volunteer of the Pendleton Roundup. He gladly spent the second week in September, manning the arena's North gate with lifelong friends. Ben also loved spending time in the outdoors; hunting, fishing, camping and gathering huckleberries with family. In his free time, he would help his neighbors and work in his garden. He was an avid collector and enjoyed learning about US history.

He was preceded in death by his twin brother, his parents, and sister, Rose Mary Tucker.

Ben is survived by sons Steve (Abigail) and Mark (Kristen); grandsons Mackinley, Corbin, and Spencer; and granddaughter Naomi.

His memorial service will be held at Pendleton Pioneer Chapel, Folsom-Bishop, on Saturday, September 28th at 2 p.m. A celebration of life will be held in the Helpers Room at the Pendleton Roundup grounds, following the service.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a memorial contribution to the Pendleton Round-Up Foundation – Scholarships (PO Box 609, Pendleton, Oregon 97801) or a charity of your choice.

## Service Summary

### Memorial Gathering

2:00 PM Sat Sep 28, 2019

### Pendleton Pioneer Chapel, Folsom-Bishop

131 SE Byers Avenue  
Pendleton, OR 97801