

Alfred Clayton "Clay" Craichy, 87, died Thursday, April 3, after an extended illness in LaBelle, Florida.

Mr. Craichy was born in Burwell, Nebraska July 25, 1926. He traveled and worked all over the continental United States and Central and South America. A veteran of the U.S. Army Airborne, he worked in the local area as a crop duster and pilot.

He reared his family in Venezuela for 7 years and then LaBelle, Florida for over 10 ten years. He was active with many community organizations, as well as, his own crop dusting business and also founded A. Clay Craichy Real Estate in the 1970's.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Alfred and Gladys Craichy, and his sisters, Fran Chase and Josephine (Roy) Stevens.

Surviving are his children Julie (Wayne) Wilkins, KC (Monica) Craichy, and John (Karen) Craichy; sister, Alice (Linville) Helton; brother, Roger (Sharon) Craichy; grandchildren Charlie, Michael, Johnathan, Kyle, Austin, Sarah, Grace, Joshua, Chassey (Ken), Kristopher, Matthew (Jenna)), Coby, Montana, and Jacqueline; and many nieces and nephews.

Mr. Craichy spent his final year at Oakbrook of LaBelle, where he died. Memorial service were held in his honor where his children and friends celebrated his life and mourned his passing.

Memorial Services will be held in Burwell at the First Congregation United Church Of Christ on Saturday, June 28, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. Graveside service to follow at Cottonwood Cemetery. Funeral services by Hitchcock Funeral Home.