



Craig Nienhueser

July 29, 1956 - June 13, 2025

Craig Willard Nienhueser, 68 of Higginsville, Missouri, passed away on Friday, June 13, 2025, at Lafayette Regional Health Center in Lexington, Missouri. He was born Sunday, July 29, 1956 in Lexington and was the son of the late Willard Nienhueser and the late Doris (Hackett) Hinkle. Craig was a graduate of Truman High School in Independence, Missouri. He married Debbie (Boylan) Nienhueser on July 11, 1980, they spent almost 45 years together. Craig worked as a plant supervisor in the chemical manufacturing industry. When his brother Mark passed away, he inherited his brother's bar in Independence. With his love for people and socializing, owning a bar was a perfect fit. Together with his wife Debbie, they sold his brother's bar and successfully opened and managed Niener's Bar and Grill for over 17 years, creating a vibrant and welcoming atmosphere. The bar became a hub for food, darts, pool leagues, heavy metal bands, and even playing a part in the early days of the internationally known band, Puddle of Mudd. Notable radio host Johnny Dare with staff from 98.9 The Rock, were also frequent guests at Niener's.

Craig lived his life to the fullest, always cherishing time spent with his family and friends. He enjoyed sports and coaching his children's teams. He was a huge sports fan and couldn't wait for Chiefs season to start so he could cheer on the Chiefs. He was always a bright smile in any crowd, a great friend to socialize with, and a loving husband, father, and grandfather. He will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him.

Surviving are his wife, Debbie of the home; three sons, Rolley Nienhueser of Bowling Green, MO, Keenan Nienhueser of Higginsville, Max Nienhueser of Higginsville; five daughters, Janet Nienhueser of Higginsville, Kayla (Rene) Feliciano Garcia of Lexington, Tori (Jorge) Zuniga of Higginsville, Hannah Nienhueser of Higginsville, and Glo Nienhueser of Higginsville; one sister, Dawn (Donald) Brooks of North Kansas City, MO; fourteen grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one brother, Mark Nienhueser; and one grandchild.

The family will receive friends on Friday, June 20, 2025 from 10:00 AM-12:00 PM at Stewart-Hoefer Funeral Home, located at 1600 Main St. Higginsville, Missouri 64037. A funeral service will directly follow at 12:00 PM with Rev. Terry Cook officiating. Burial will be in the Calvary Cemetery, Corder, MO. Casket Bearers: Rene Feliciano-Garcia, Kevin Hungerford, Keenan Nienhueser, Max Nienhueser, Jorge Zuniga, Tori Zuniga.

Memorials may be made to the American Lung Foundation.

Cemetery Details

Calvary Cemetery

20 Highway
Corder, MO 64021

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **20**. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Stewart-Hoefer Funeral Home, Inc.
1600 Main St.
Higginsville, MO 64037
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Funeral Service

JUN **20**. 12:00 PM - 12:45 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Craig Nienhueser.* ”



June 18, 2025 at 11:56 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Craig Nienhueser. ”

June 18, 2025 at 11:56 PM



“ *Tony & Kari Gulotta purchased the Enduring Grace for the family of Craig Nienhueser.* ”



Tony & Kari Gulotta - June 16, 2025 at 05:10 PM



“ *Dawn R. purchased the Strength and Wisdom Casket Spray for the family of Craig Nienhueser.* ”



Dawn R. - June 16, 2025 at 10:59 AM

US

“ Univar Solutions purchased the Serenity Wreath for the family of Craig Nienhueser.



Univar Solutions - June 16, 2025 at 10:38 AM

US

“ Univar Solutions planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Craig Nienhueser.

Univar Solutions - June 16, 2025 at 10:38 AM



“ Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Craig Nienhueser.



June 15, 2025 at 03:34 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Craig Nienhueser.

June 15, 2025 at 03:34 PM

KD

“ I was blessed with going through Grade School Messiah Lutheran, JR. High Palmer and HighSchool Truman with Craig. We were close friends until I moved to San Diego. He was one of the most generous, humble, loving, caring men I’ve ever known. Growing up with Craig and our Messiah/St Paul family was truly a treasure. We played all sports as kids and ran the discos together as young adults!!
I know he’s in Heaven playing one on one basketball with Mark and shooting his unbelievable shots.
Cheers my brother till I see you again!
Karl Danielson

Karl Danielson - June 15, 2025 at 12:24 PM

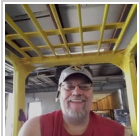
RR

“ Worked with Craig when Univar bought ChemCentral and from day one he was the kindest and always had a can do attitude for our customers. I always made it a point to stop out and say hi and catch up him when I would come into the office. Such a nice man and truly one of the great guys I had the pleasure to work with.

My condolences to his family and may Craig RIP.

*Regards,
Rick Ratliff -*

Rick Ratliff - June 15, 2025 at 09:04 AM



“ Enjoyed spending time at his Bar. Played baseball together. Always had a smile on his face.

Roy Hackett - June 14, 2025 at 05:57 PM

RH

“ Roy & Jennifer Hackett purchased the Beautiful i
n Blue for the family of Craig Nienhueser.



Roy & Jennifer Hackett - June 14, 2025 at 05:55 PM

RH

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