Mr. Craig was born in Cowley County, Kansas. He was the son of an oilfield pumper. While serving in the U. S. Air Force in the 1950s, he began putting oil deals together. Later, Mr. Craig attended Southwestern College and studied geology at Wichita State University. His long career included drilling oil and gas wells in Kansas and Northern Oklahoma. He challenged conventional wisdom in the 1970s by drilling deeper into the Arbuckle formation and finding oil production in the second and third breaks in the zone. Mr. Craig continued to explore for oil and gas until the time of his death at the age of 76.