

# Dr. R. A. Craig, 75 Kokomo Physician, Dies at Home

Dr. Reuben Arthur Craig, 75, Kokomo pediatrician and one of the prominent figures in the community's medical profession, died at 2:30 a.m. Tuesday at his home, 4105 W. Sycamore Road.

He had been afflicted with a heart ailment for several years, but had continued practicing on a limited scale until two months ago. He had attended a dinner Monday night at the St. Joseph Memorial Hospital.

Dr. Craig was Kokomo's first pediatrician and one of the first in Indiana.

He was born Jan. 7, 1892, in Carroll County, the son of Eli and Della Ferguson Craig. After graduating from Franklin College and the University of Louisville Medical School, he began practicing in 1923.

During World War I he was an artillery officer and in World War II he held a commission in the medical corps of the Indiana National Guard.

He was an avid fisherman and hunter and a breeder of Guernsey cattle. His interest in livestock led him to be a member of numerous cattle breeders organizations. He was the founder of the Kokomo chapter of the Izaak Walton League.

Sports were another of his hobbies. After playing baseball and football in college, he played semi-pro baseball with a Kokomo team.

The Boy Scout movement was another of his chief interests. He was one of a group of citizens which helped establish Camp Crossland, the Boy Scout summer camp



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In his own profession, he served several times as president of the Howard County Medical Society, was the first president of the Howard Community Hospital staff and a past president of the medical staff at St. Joseph Memorial Hospital.

His memberships included the American Academy of Pediatrics, the American Medical Association, the Indiana State Medical Association, and Phi Beta Pi, medical fraternity.

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He also was a member of the Main Street Methodist Church, the Kokomo Rotary Club, the Masonic Lodge, Scottish Rite, American Legion and Sigma Alpha Epsilon, social fraternity.

Surviving are the widow, India; a son, Dr. Reuben A. Craig Jr., who was associated with his father here in the practice of pediatrics; four grandchildren, and two brothers, Leo and Russell of Delphi.

The body is at the Fenn Funeral Home, where friends may call Wednesday from 3 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m.

Funeral services will be held Thursday at 2 p.m. at the Main Street Methodist Church, with the Rev. Charles Elson officiating. Burial will be in Sunset Memory Gardens.

The family has suggested that memorial tributes be made to the Heart Fund.