



Carrie Mae Chastain

October 29, 1932 - February 8, 2026

Carrie Mae Luther Chastain, 93, of Siloam Springs, Arkansas, departed this life on February 8, 2026, at Katherine's Place in Fayetteville, Arkansas. She was born on October 29, 1932, in Siloam Springs, Arkansas, the daughter of Herbert W. and Mae Eva Luther.

Carrie graduated from Gentry High School in 1950. In January of 1951 she married J.D. Chastain. That union would last 71 years until his passing in 2022. Throughout that marriage they lived in Biloxi, Albuquerque, Bossier City, Fayetteville, De Queen, Greenwood, and Siloam Springs.

Carrie found joy in many things, from plucking chickens to serving as a nursing home activities director and administrator in Greenwood, Mississippi. She was a past president of the Siloam Springs Republican Women, and a political junkie, prone to speaking her mind whenever the mood struck her, which was quite often.

She was a rabid Arkansas Razorback fan, and folks who were ever near her when the Hogs scored a touchdown can still vividly remember the sound of her whooping and hollering.

But she was more than that. She has been described as "a spirited force of nature" (Larry Foley), and "loud in love, bold in truth, fierce in her faith and unmatched in how she loved." (Rachel Rivera) She never met a stranger, and left an enduring and memorable impression on nearly every person she ever encountered. She will be sorely missed.

Her last few days were difficult, but she is now at peace. And, in the words of

a popular local pastor, "Talking Brother J.D.'s ear off to make up for lost time."
(Jeremy Flanigan)

She was preceded in death by her parents, Herbert W. and Mae Eva Luther, two brothers, William Glenn Luther and John Herbert Luther, and her lifelong love, J.D. Chastain.

She is survived by her children Doug Chastain (Tammy) of Siloam Springs, Arkansas, Bryan Chastain (Theresa) of McMinnville, Tennessee, and Lila Muchow (Walter) of Fayetteville, Arkansas; nine grandchildren, and thirteen great-grandchildren.

A visitation for Carrie is planned for Saturday, February 14th from 4-6 pm at Wasson Funeral Home, 441 Highway 412 West in Siloam Springs, Arkansas.

A memorial service will be on Sunday, February 15th at 2 pm at Pathway Baptist Church, 3395 West Mount Comfort Road in Fayetteville, Arkansas.

Internment will be at Fairmount Cemetery, at the intersection of Fairmount Road and Shady Grove Road in Benton County. To sign the online guestbook, please visit: www.wassonfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

Fairmount Cemetery

Fairmount Cemetery
Gentry, AR

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 14. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Wasson Funeral Home
441 U.S. 412
Siloam Springs, AR 72761
(479) 524-5131
wasson@wassonfuneralhome.com
<https://www.wassonfuneralhome.com>

Funeral Service

FEB 15. 2:00 PM (CT)

Pathway Baptist Church
3395 W. Mt. Comfort Rd
Fayetteville, AR 72704
<https://pathwaybaptist.com>

Burial

FEB 15 (CT)

Fairmount Cemetery
Fairmount Cemetery
Gentry, AR

Tribute Wall

PN

“ Paulette N. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carrie Mae Chastain.

Paulette N. - February 21 at 06:09 PM

LN

“ Carrie & JD were first a customer for us, but it did not take very much time before they became good friends. Wherever one would see Carrie, she always had kind words and a big smile to share with you. Occasionally, she would share a joke that she had heard. Now Carrie is at peace and all her pain is forgotten. NW AR will surely miss you and so will our family. RIP

Larry & Paulette Niemann - February 20 at 05:20 PM



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

February 14 at 11:26 AM



“ Classic Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Carrie Mae Chastain.



February 14 at 11:26 AM



“ *Plants-A-Plenty was purchased for the family of Carrie Mae Chastain.*



February 13 at 04:32 PM



“ *Our family extends our deepest condolences to the family. Carrie and JD were very special to us as friends and family. We will miss Carrie very much as she was the light that was always shining no matter where she was.*



Mike Freels - February 13 at 10:49 AM



“ *Camp Siloam Family purchased the Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White for the family of Carrie Mae Chastain.*



Camp Siloam Family - February 12 at 06:24 PM



“ *I have wonderful memories of Carrie from my early childhood living in Rogers. She and J.D. remained dear friends to Mom and Dad through the years. Praying for the family.*

Holly Hartung - February 12 at 02:01 PM

BL

“ Bill & Barbie Luther planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carrie Mae Chastain.

Bill & Barbie Luther - February 12 at 12:51 PM

BL

“ Bill & Barbie Luther purchased the Multicolor Bright Sympathy Floor Basket for the family of Carrie Mae Chastain.



Bill & Barbie Luther - February 12 at 12:51 PM

AC

“ Carrie and I lived in the same neighborhood as kids, and when I moved back to Arkansas five years ago, she shared a photo that was taken of the neighbors attending a surprise birthday party for my Grandma Gracia Bader. Carrie told me she had claimed Grandma Bader as her own, and told me other events she had with her. I love this connection with Carrie.

Arlene (Bader) Clifton - February 12 at 09:54 AM



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

February 11 at 09:05 PM



“ *Classic Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Carrie Mae Chastain.*



February 11 at 09:05 PM



“ *When we moved to Siloam Springs in 1998 and visited church, Mrs Carrie was the first person to say hello, shake our hand, and invite us back. Before we knew it we were adopted into the Carried and JD show. Her laugh always lifted my spirit. There will only ever be one Mama Carrie. I regret not getting to visit with her the past couple of years but I bet she will be at the gate waiting to give me a hug when I get to heaven. Prayers of comfort for your family.*

Lanette Hayes - February 11 at 07:59 PM



“ *What a sweet lady and what a great sense of humor. We talked a lot while JD was ill. by messenger, a little by email and some by phone. I had worked with dementia patients so we had a lot to talk about. JFD and Carrie were friend of my sister and bro-in-law Ruth and Dwight Curtis, for many years. God bless you Kids, Grandkids and Great Grandkids!!!*

Wayne Elkins - February 11 at 06:43 PM

TA

“ *Carrie will be greatly missed. She was a special person that made you feel like you were the only one in the world when she met you. This photo was taken at Christmas 2024. Sweet, sweet lady.*

Praying for the family.



tabby - February 11 at 06:15 PM

TA

“ *Ms. Carrie always made everyone she met feel special. Like you were the only person in the world. This photo is from Christmas 2024.*

She will truly be missed. Praying for all of you.



Tabby - February 11 at 05:52 PM

TF

“ *The Henry & Engdahl Family purchased the Lavender & White Standing Spray for the family of Carrie Mae Chastain.*



The Henry & Engdahl Family - February 11 at 04:50 PM

LF

“ Larry and Susan Foley planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carrie Mae Chastain.

Larry and Susan Foley - February 11 at 03:54 PM

LF

“ Larry and Susan Foley purchased the Classic Sympathy Dish Garden for the family of Carrie Mae Chastain.



Larry and Susan Foley - February 11 at 03:54 PM



“ Yellow & White Sympathy Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Carrie Mae Chastain.



February 11 at 02:42 PM