



## J Dee Chastain

September 3, 1932 - September 30, 2022

J. Dee Chastain of Siloam Springs, Arkansas passed away Wednesday, September 28, 2022, at the age of 90. J.D. passed peacefully with his beloved wife, Carrie, and daughter, Lila, by his side.

J.D. was born in Gentry, Arkansas on September 3, 1932 to mother, Elsie Butler, and father, Howard Chastain. J.D. was the only brother to four sisters, Lila, Onita, Mazelle, and Kaye. He was valedictorian of Gentry High School Class of 1950. J.D. married Carrie Mae Luther on January 14th, 1951 in the local community building. He entered the active duty Air Force in October of 1952 where he served as a Special Weapons Technician at Keesler AFB and Sandia/Kirtland AFB. He was honorably discharged June of 1956 to attend the University of Arkansas Engineering program.

J.D. graduated from the University of Arkansas in the Spring of 1959 with High Honors. Before graduating, he was already employed by D.H. Baldwin and Company where he worked 36 years and retired as Divisional Vice President, though he would never refer to himself as management. He later served on the Mississippi board of manufacturers as Chairman of the 13th District.

In 1964, J.D. was ordained a deacon at Central Baptist Church of Fayetteville, Arkansas. In 1975, Eastgate Baptist Church in Greenwood, Mississippi began in their home. He later helped to build the church a building.

In 1995, J.D. retired from D.H. Baldwin and Company and the family moved back to Northwest Arkansas. He joined the Arkansas Mission Builders which helped build Baptist churches in Arkansas, one of which is Pathway Baptist church where he became a Charter member.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Howard and Elsie Chastain, and his sister, Onita Joyce Copeland who passed in May of this year. He is survived by his wife Carrie Mae Chastain and sisters Lila Oliphant, Mazelle Johnston, and Kaye Lair, his children Doug Chastain (Tammy), Bryan Chastain (Theresa), and Lila Muchow (Walter), his grandchildren Ryle (Paige), Ashley (Ricardo), Rachel (Wesley), Anthony (Bailie), Tucker (Brittany), Kayley, Alyssa, Crystal, Jessica, and ten great grandchildren.

A visitation for J.D. is planned for Sunday, October 2 from 5 pm until 7 pm . The visitation will be at Wasson Funeral Home on 441 US-412, Siloam Springs, AR 72761. All are invited to attend. The funeral will follow Monday, October 3 at Landmark Missionary Baptist Church, 1705 South Mount Olive in Siloam Springs, at 10 am.

Anyone wishing to honor J.D.'s lifelong commitment to family and community can make donations to The Central Project at Pathway Baptist Church, PO Box 9117, Fayetteville, AR 72703, or to Circle of Life Hospice, 901 Jones Rd, Springdale, AR 72762.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 2. 5:00 PM - 7:00 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

OCT 3. 10:00 AM (CT)

Landmark Missionary Baptist Church  
1705 1/2 S. Mt. Olive  
Siloam Springs, AR 72761

## Burial

OCT 3. 11:00 AM (CT)

Fairmount Cemetery  
Fairmount Cemetery  
Gentry, AR

# Tribute Wall

GM

“ Known to me as “Mr. Chastain” he gave me the opportunity to be a manager at D. H. Baldwin which was the beginning of a 28 year career at Baldwin. Remembered as an excellent mentor and leader with Christian values. Rest In Peace, Mr Chastain!

Glenda Mims - October 29, 2022 at 05:56 PM

BS

“ I worked at Baldwin Piano with J.D. for over 20 years. He was a friend and mentor. ...Bob Sowell, Trumann, AR.

Bob Sowell - October 14, 2022 at 10:34 AM



“ Classic Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of J Dee Chastain.



October 02, 2022 at 04:00 PM



“ J.D. was such a blessing as a cousin and a friend. He was always there to lend a helping hand and was a very a good listener should you just need to talk. His whole family is a blessing and my thoughts and prayers go out to all of them. Thank you J.D. for your legacy. Carrie, on behalf of my family our hearts and sincere prayers for comfort during this most difficult time.



Mike Freels - October 01, 2022 at 06:12 PM



“ *Healing Tears - Blue and White* was purchased for the family of J Dee Chastain.



September 30, 2022 at 02:46 PM



“ *Classic Sympathy Dish Garden* was purchased for the family of J Dee Chastain.



September 30, 2022 at 02:42 PM



“ *and Family Care Wellness* purchased the *Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket* for the family of J Dee Chastain.



**and Family Care Wellness** - September 30, 2022 at 02:14 PM



“ *Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket* was purchased for the family of J Dee Chastain.



September 29, 2022 at 09:49 PM

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“ *Siloam Post 29, The American Legion purchased the Floor Plant for Sympathy for the family of J Dee Chastain.*



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**Siloam Post 29, The American Legion** - September 29, 2022 at 04:16 PM

JC

“ *J W & Carol purchased the Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White for the family of J Dee Chastain.*



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**J W & Carol** - September 29, 2022 at 04:04 PM