



James "Jim" Lee Chastain

December 4, 1939 - December 11, 2024

James "Jim" Lee Chastain, 85, of Bartlesville, died Wednesday, December 11, 2024, in Bartlesville.

James was born the son of John Foreman and Ethel Mae (Jarvis) Chastain on December 4, 1939, in Ontario, CA. His mother died when he was an infant and he was raised by his uncle and aunt Lee and Ethel Jarvis, uniquely his aunt and mother did share the same name. Jim as he was known, was raised in Tahlequah. He played school sports and excelled at tennis, winning 48 straight matches, and has since been inducted into the Tahlequah High School Hall of Fame. After graduating in 1958, Jim joined the National Guard and did his Basic training before returning home.

Jim and Sharon, high school sweethearts, married on May 15, 1959, and were blessed with 65 years of loving marriage.

Jim furthered his education at NSU in Tahlequah, studying Math and Science, and graduated with his Bachelor's degree. Phillips Petroleum Company came to the school to interview students. They were impressed with his academic ability and offered him a job in the computing department. The family moved to Bartlesville in 1965 and he retired after 27 years of service as a Senior Systems Analyst.

Jim had a passion for traveling and he planned every aspect of every trip down to the last details. Together the couple visited every state, Europe, Australia and took cruises to various ports of call. The family benefited from his passion to travel and they took many memorable trips together, including Panama city, Disneyworld and he even rented a houseboat that he captained and cooked all of the meals for an exploration of Lake Powell.

Together with Sharon, Jim enjoyed walks, attending the theater for plays and musicals, and most recently daily trips to the duck pond just to sit and quietly watch the many birds go about their day. In his free time, he would play golf or just sit outside in the sun. The kids remember his dedication to keeping a perfect yard. He came up with a unique way of controlling the dandelions that appeared even moments after mowing. Employing the labor of his family's children, Jim would offer them one buck for a bag full of dug up dandelions, starting this tradition first with his children and then his grandchildren.

He loved the Lord and was a Deacon at Highland Park Baptist Church. He was active in the ministries of the church. Jim was loved and will be missed dearly.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents; his brother; three sisters; his daughter, Karyn Rene' Chastain Carder; and son, James Lee Chastain II.

Jim is survived by his wife, Sharon Kay Chastain; daughters, Lori Lynn Bigby (Terry) and Cindy Lang (Jason); grandchildren, Brandon Bigby, Daniel Bigby (Stephanie), Luke Bigby (Chenea), Steven Bigby, Madison Chastain, Ford Chastain (Jasmine), Jordan Jefferson (Collin), Logan Crosslin (Sarika), Kenzie Hendricks (Dawson) Tanner Lang, Kristina Dodson and Kayla Perry; great-grandchildren, Grace, Olivia, Emilie, Audrey, Ayrwen, Edmond, Briella, Elizabeth, Mila, Solomon, Royal, Noah, Oliver, Lilian and Amara; along with numerous friends and relatives.

Visitation will be held on Monday, December 16th from 10-8 p.m. and the family will receive friends from 6-8 p.m. at Davis Family Funeral Home and Crematory – Walker Brown Chapel, 4201 Nowata Rd., Bartlesville, OK 74006, 918-333-7665.

Services will be Tuesday, December 17th at 2:00 p.m. at Highland Park Baptist Church with Pastor Mike Scrivani officiating. Interment will follow at Memorial Park Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Carter Davis and the Davis Family Funeral Home and Crematory Walker-Brown Chapel. Online condolences and remembrances may be shared at www.DavisFamilyFuneralHome.com.

Cemetery Details

Memorial Park Cemetery Bartlesville

4200 Nowata Road
Bartlesville, OK 74006

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 16. 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Davis Family Funeral Home & Crematory - Walker Brown Chapel
4201 Nowata Rd
Bartlesville, OK 74006
(918) 333-7665
davisfamilyfuneralhome@gmail.com

Family and Friends Gathering

DEC 16. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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Funeral Service

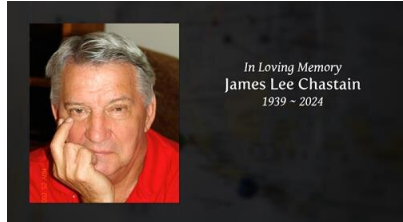
DEC 17. 2:00 PM (CT)

Highland Park Baptist Church
300 SE Washington Blvd.
Bartlesville, OK 74006
<https://highlandparkbaptist.net/>

Tribute Wall



“ *Davis Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of James "Jim" Lee Chastain*



Davis Family Funeral Home - December 14, 2024 at 01:30 PM

TS

*Sharon and family, We are so sorry to hear about your loss. Sending prayers and love to you all.
Terry and Kathy Sims*

terry and Kathy Sims - December 17, 2024 at 11:56 AM

PK

Our condolences to Sharon and Jim's family. David and I have many special memories of Jim. Memories of wonderful trips he planned and times we spent with Jim and Sharon. Our prayers and thoughts are for healing and help during the family's time of mourning for the loss of their loved one. May God grant you peace knowing he is well taken care of now and no longer suffers from Alzheimers.

Patti Kerr - December 19, 2024 at 09:14 AM

SW

“ *Good man and friend to many. Prayers for peace and comfort.*

Stan Walton - January 11, 2025 at 12:27 PM

RM

“ First off to uncle Jim’s immediate family I’m so sorry for your loss but I know that he is now in heaven back reunited with my grandma his sister Juanita, and my mom and all his past loved ones that have went on before him waiting one day for each of us who are his remaining living family that are fellow believers to reunite and what a glorious reunion that will be. I’m sorry that my wife Beverly and I will not be able to attend the service. I have so many fun memories of uncle Jim Many Christmases and family reunions and & his famous garlic cheesy scrambled eggs on the day after Christmas mornings when they would stay over Christmas night and many stories talking about our Sooners football team & many of our huge family stories over the years. We love you uncle Jim. Love Robbie & Beverly Mann

Robbie Mann - December 16, 2024 at 11:17 PM

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“ Stacy Mayeaux Fontenot and family purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of James "Jim" Lee Chastain.



Stacy Mayeaux Fontenot and family - December 14, 2024 at 01:56 PM

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“ Stacy Mayeaux Fontenot and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James "Jim" Lee Chastain.

Stacy Mayeaux Fontenot and family - December 14, 2024 at 01:56 PM

TM

“ Tom Metzner lit a candle in memory of James "Jim" Lee Chastain



Tom Metzner - December 13, 2024 at 05:45 PM

JS

“ Jeanne Foreman Shepherd lit a candle in memory of James "Jim" Lee Chastain



Jeanne Foreman Shepherd - December 13, 2024 at 12:33 PM