



Howard Crawford Chastain

September 6, 1945 - April 3, 2021

Howard Crawford Chastain, 75, of Remlap, AL (formerly Cairo, GA) passed away at his home and welcomed to his new healed body on Saturday, April 3, 2021. The family will receive friends at Deerfoot Memorial Funeral Home from 5:00PM to 7:30PM Thursday, April 8, 2021. The Funeral Service will be Friday, April 9, 2021 at 11:00AM in the Chapel. The Graveside will follow at Oak Hill Cemetery in Oneonta, AL.

He was born on September 6, 1945, Cairo, GA to his late father and mother, Mack Crawford Chastain and Madge LeGette Chastain. He also shared the same birthday with his father.

Howard was a character and a one of a kind person. He loved Jesus. He knew the Bible extensively. He never met a stranger and could talk to anyone about any subject. He gave his opinion freely (whether you wanted to hear it or not). He loved his family and extended family fiercely. He graduated from Cairo High School, Cairo, GA, and was proud to be part of the Syrupmakers football team, playing along beside many greats such as Bill Stanfield, Frank Richter and others. As we jokingly said many times, he attended most colleges in the South. He loved his Georgia Bulldogs, win or lose. Although he preferred the win! He served his country as a US Marine during the Vietnam War. On November 25, 1981, he married his wife of 39-1/2 years, Vicky Elkins Chastain. Howard retired as a Locomotive Engineer from Norfolk Southern Railroad after 30+ years of service. He loved driving his tractor and planting a garden on the land they moved to 10 years ago.

He leaves behind to mourn his loss: wife, Vicky Chastain; son, James Howard Chastain (Sheri), Warrior, AL; daughter, Heather D. Chastain Minniece (Thomas), Fultondale, AL; daughter, Victoria Chastain, Moody, AL and soon to be son-in-law, James Matthew Hobby, Moody, AL. Grandchildren who were the greatest blessing and dearest to his heart: Kennedy Elizabeth Chastain, Hayden, AL; Ava Rose Chastain, Moody, AL; Thomas James Minniece, Fultondale, AL; Alexander Chastain Minniece, Fultondale, AL; and greatly anticipated arrival of Lilah Grace Chastain, due in 2 weeks. Step grandchildren: Magen Hollingsworth, Warrior, AL; Haley Hollingsworth, Warrior, AL. Step great grandchildren: Jaxson Layne Houser and Emma Weslynn Houser, Warrior, AL; a sister, Madge Chastain Hester (Dennis), Albany, GA and niece, Kennedy Hester, Los Angeles, CA, and numerous other relatives in Cairo and Thomasville, GA. Best friends: Joe and Ann Knight, Cairo, GA; Alan and Diane Kain, Edgewood, WA, Ray Norton, Louisiana. Best friends and "adopted" family: Tim and Sandie Harris, Timothy and Nicole Harris, Warrior, AL and his faithful 4-legged companions Hattie Mae, Hamish Gunn and Maggie.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, James Stewart Chastain; father-in-law and mother-in-law, Hubert and Dot Elkins all of Cairo, GA.

The family would like to extend our sincerest appreciation to his primary hospice nurse, Tabitha Forster, for her dedicated care. He did not want to see anyone other than Tabitha.

Cemetery Details

Oak Hill Cemetery

20 1st Ave E
Oneonta, AL 35121

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 8. 5:00 PM - 7:30 PM (CT)

Deerfoot Memorial Funeral Home
5360 Deerfoot Parkway
Mailing Address PO Box 118
Trussville, AL 35173
(205) 655-3444
<https://www.deerfootmemorialfuneralhome.com/>

Funeral Service

APR 9. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

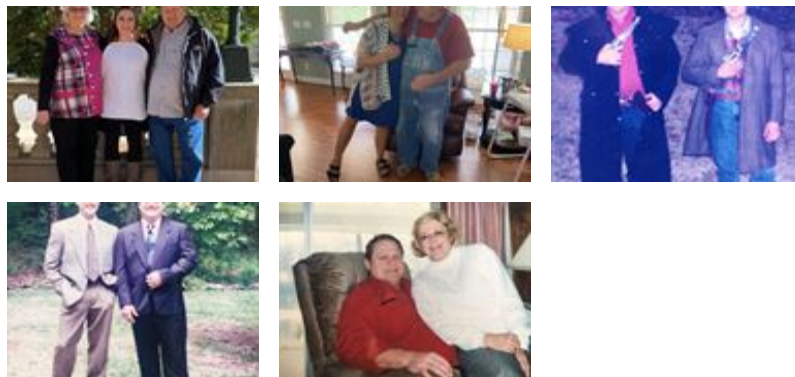


“ *He was a stud in high school. I loved him as the tough guy and a sweetheart. Hugs to you Howard, Harriette Bearden Reed*

Harriette Reed - April 08, 2021 at 09:54 PM



“ *160 files added to the album LifeTributes*



Deerfoot Memorial Funeral Home - April 07, 2021 at 06:33 PM

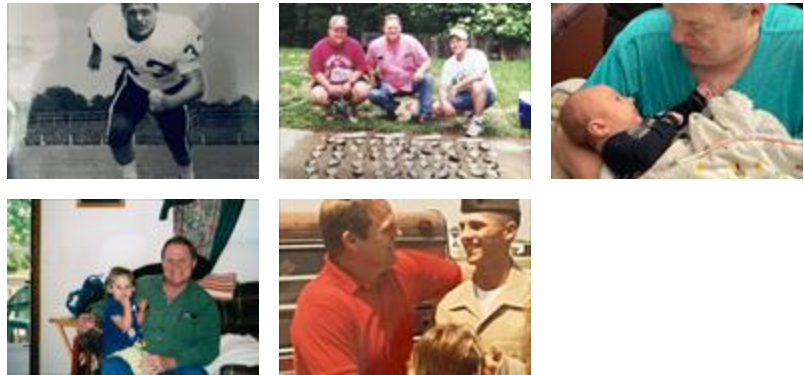


“ *REST IN PEACE. "SEMPER FI".*

Wes Rumbley - April 06, 2021 at 09:46 PM

VC

“ 20 files added to the album Howard Chastain



Vicky Chastain - April 06, 2021 at 03:50 PM

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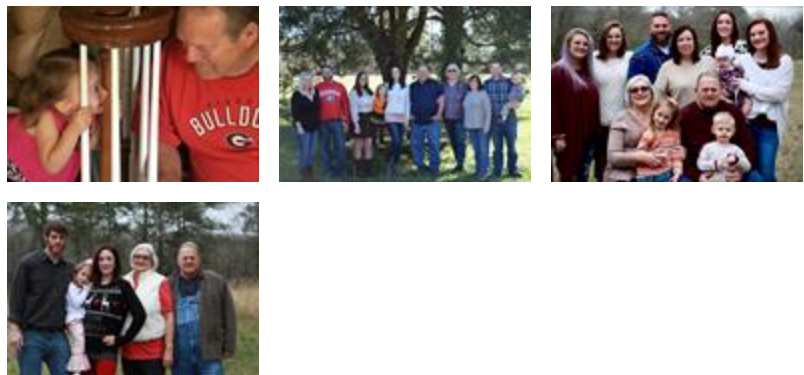
“ Sandra Rodgers lit a candle in memory of Howard Crawford Chastain



Sandra Rodgers - April 06, 2021 at 03:43 PM

VC

“ 4 files added to the tribute wall



Victoria Chastain - April 06, 2021 at 11:19 AM

EL

“ Howard was a man with great knowledge and wasn't afraid to share it. You all will be in my prayers. Elvira.

Elvira - April 05, 2021 at 08:40 PM

PB

“ Paulette P Boston lit a candle in memory of Howard Crawford Chastain



Paulette P Boston - April 05, 2021 at 08:34 PM

 Cheryl
Ellis

“ Vicky and family I am so sorry for your loss I know there will be a huge hole in your heart. I wish I could be there for his service. Know that my thoughts and prayers are with you all. I love you dear friend and am sending you a virtual hug!

Cheryl Ellis - April 05, 2021 at 08:16 PM



“ Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Howard Crawford Chastain.



April 05, 2021 at 07:53 PM