



## William Jewel Chastain

May 8, 1928 - May 18, 2017

William Jewel Chastain was born May 08, 1928 in Lincoln, Lancaster Co., NE to Jewel Chastain and the former Nina Bernice Peters. Most of his school years were spent in Lincoln with the exception of a short time when the family moved to Richmond, CA to help with the war effort. At age 16, he was classified as an engineer at the Kiser Shipyards.

Bill graduated from Lincoln High School in May 1946 and immediately signed up in the U. S. Army where he served in Adak, AK. On June 7, 1953, he married the former Virginia Doudney.

Upon graduating from Nebraska State Trade School in Milford, where he studied refrigeration, the couple moved to Houston, TX in 1957. His work career included American Bakeries and Carnation Creameries, and then The Coca-Cola Company from which he retired.

They were blessed with two children: Philip born in 1957 and Lesli in 1963. Both children have made their parents proud. Philip and his wife Janice have two daughters. Lesli is married to Troy, a career member of the U. S. Coast Guard.

Bill's interests included the safety and security of his Houston neighborhood, where he acted as the coordinator for the Garden Oaks COP (Citizens on Patrol) sponsored by the Garden Oaks Civic Club; his home serving as a base station for patrollers. In addition, he was the 1995 co-chair for the North Shepherd PIP (Positive Interaction Program) which sought to promote better relations between law enforcement and the public. He readily volunteered on

many occasions to work in the Houston Police Department training program for Citizen's Police Academy graduating from that organization. His favorite part of the latter was the "shoot, don't shoot" training as well as the police ride-alongs, hostage negotiations, bomb squad, pursuit, plus other activities that allowed him many hours to work directly with the officers to make Houston a better and safer place to live and work. Upon retirement and relocation to Huntsville, he also graduated from the Citizen's Police Academy.

Another active interest was genealogy and he traced his family to their arrival in the "New World" in 1600. Bill was a past president of the Pierre Chastain Family Organization and sponsored the group's reunion in Houston in 1996. During their nearly 64 years of marriage, Bill and Jinny enjoyed traveling and took many fun trips ... twice to Alaska, Hawaii, Eastern Europe besides many areas of the U. S. In fact, they were in Scotland when the Twin Towers were hit on September 11, 2001.

Bill lived a full and happy life as a loving husband, father, grandfather and friend.

Full obituary may be viewed and memorial condolences made to the family at [www.shmfh.com](http://www.shmfh.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY **22**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home - Huntsville  
1700 Normal Park Dr.  
Huntsville, TX 77340  
(936) 291-7300  
belinda@shmfh.com

## Service

MAY **23**. 10:30 AM (CT)

First Assembly of God  
3122 Montgomery Road  
Huntsville, TX 77340

## Graveside

MAY **23**. 2:30 PM (CT)

Houston National Cemetery  
10410 Veterans Memorial Dr  
Houston, TX 77038  
<http://www.cem.va.gov/cems/nchp/houston.asp>

# Tribute Wall



“ *William Jewel Chastain*

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November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *So sorry to hear of Bill's passing. We only got to know you as distant cousins a few years back but so enjoyed our visits to Huntsville around Labor Day weekend while living in LR, AR.*

*Joe & I will always remember our wonderful dinners around the table enjoying Bill's quick wit during our conversations and beyond. Another favorite memory, I think he even learned to like asparagus.*

*Our prayers are with you, your children and grandchildren. God bless all of you!*

*Cousins,  
Cindy & Joe Bures*

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**Cindy Bures** - June 20, 2017 at 10:17 AM



“ *I count it as a honor to call him and his wife friend while I served at the staff of First Assembly of God. They both made me feel loved and always a good laugh with Bill! I have not seen him in a while, but will miss him.*

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**Charles Thompson** - May 22, 2017 at 09:13 AM

HP

“ While riding with the family in Houston, Bill and daughter Lesli were "discussing" Lesli's driving. The family, including myself, told Bill to be quiet or he would get a "Wop" on the head. From that time forward, Bill has always been "WOP-WOP" to us. I will miss talking Nebraska Football with Bill which we did many times over the year. I too, will miss you very much Bill.

*Hank Porter Brother-In-Law*

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**Hank Porter** - May 21, 2017 at 07:29 PM

HP

“ One year at Christmas, I sent Bill a hunk of coal which was to tell him he had been a "bad boy" that year. Bill kept that hunk of coal on his coffee table for years and we always laughed with him about it. I will miss you very much Brother Bill. I will love you always.

*Sister-in-law Shirley Porter*

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**Henry Porter** - May 21, 2017 at 07:23 PM

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“ Kyle Jennings and The Consumer Compliance Team purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of William Jewel Chastain.



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**Kyle Jennings and The Consumer Compliance Team** - May 19, 2017 at 01:30 PM

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“ *The BACC Family purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of William Jewel Chastain.*



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**The BACC Family** - May 19, 2017 at 11:53 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of William Jewel Chastain.*



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May 19, 2017 at 10:34 AM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of William Jewel Chastain.*



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May 19, 2017 at 10:27 AM

SB

“ *Bill was a fantastic friend and neighbor. In fact I could overlook the fact that he was a die in the wool Nebraska cornhusker and wasn't shy about letting you know it especially if they just beat a Texas team. He was a true friend and he will be greatly missed. God bless him and his family. S. Buentello*

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**s. buentello** - May 18, 2017 at 11:03 PM