



Larry Chastain

June 11, 1941 - October 31, 2020

Larry Chastain, 79, lived life to the fullest. He passed away peacefully on October 31, 2020, following a brief illness.

Larry was born June 11, 1941 in Atlanta, where he attended Atlanta city schools and graduated from O'Keefe High School. Throughout his 38-year career at John H. Harland Printing Company, he created detailed graphic design "layup" preparation for printing press production of personal and business checks.

Larry loved nature and outdoor exploration. In his younger years, Larry and his identical twin brother, Harry, were members of the "Dogwood City Grotto" caving and exploration club, as well as the "Descenders Scuba Diving Club" both based in Atlanta. He was an avid scuba diver, spelunker, and cave diver, as well as a mountain climber. He was one of the first group to rappel off the steep side of Stone Mountain, near the carving. Lifelong close friend, Don Cornwell, often accompanied them on their extreme outdoor exploration challenges. For decades, Larry, his son Don, and brother Harry all traveled together exploring the outdoors in locations such as the Rocky Mountains in Colorado and Wyoming, the Cascade Mountains in Oregon and Washington State, as well as the Appalachian Trail and The Great Smoky Mountains. In addition to backpacking trips, this trio also enjoyed boating and fishing on Lakes Hartwell, Lanier, and Wylie. More recently, they enjoyed off-roading, (with UTV's) on mountain roads and trails in West Virginia and Tennessee.

Larry had a kind heart and a generous nature, always ready to help those in need. In addition, he was a skillful handyman and never afraid to tackle a difficult repair or build project for friends and family. His passion for finely crafted wood working is evident, in the many bowls and vases he handcrafted the last few years.

Larry was a faithful member of Mountain Park First Baptist Church, Stone Mountain, Georgia. He was preceded in death by his father and mother, Herbert and Myra Chastain; and his wife of 42 years, Margaret Cecilia Grizzard (known as Peggy). Larry is survived by

his son, Donald Chastain (Don) and (wife Martha); grandsons, Jackson and Garrison of Rock Hill, SC. Also surviving is his brother, Harry (wife Sally), of Decatur, GA; along with numerous cousins.

A socially distanced visitation (masks are required) is scheduled at Tom M. Wages Funeral Home on Highway 78, in Snellville, GA on Thursday, November 5th, from 11:00 am – 1:00 pm, with a graveside service to follow immediately at the adjacent Eternal Hills Cemetery, in Snellville, GA.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be considered either for Mountain Park First Baptist Church, in Stone Mountain, a local Food Bank, or a charity of your choice.

Due to the current COVID-19 regulations, our staff is committed to taking care of our guests and families that we serve. Please understand that we will be limiting the amount of people at our chapel for visitations and services. We also ask all guests and family members attending visitations and services to please bring and wear a mask.

Condolences may be sent or viewed at www.wagesfuneralhome.com. Tom M. Wages Funeral Service, a family company, 3705 Highway 78 West, Snellville, GA 30039 (770-979-3200) has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Events

NOV **Visitation** 11:00AM - 01:00PM

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Tom M. Wages Funeral Service - Snellville
3705 Highway 78 West, Snellville, GA, US, 30039

NOV **Graveside Service** 01:00PM

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Eternal Hills Memory Gardens
3700 Highway 78 West, Snellville, GA, US

Comments



“ A tribute video has been added.



Tom M. Wages Funeral Service - November 04, 2020 at 10:33 AM



“ Wonderful memories to cherish. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Love you, Chastain Family.

-Karen

Karen - November 04, 2020 at 06:05 PM



“ Don- what a beautiful tribute to your dad. He truly did live life to the fullest! Beautiful memories and experiences you've shared with him. I know you will miss him deeply. He will always be watching over you. Peace my friend. Kim Cooper.

Kim Cooper - November 04, 2020 at 06:05 PM



“ Don, We never got to know your dad very well and sure wish we could have but he lives in you and we are proud to have you for a friend.

Danny & Judy

Dan & Judy Lefebvre - November 05, 2020 at 07:30 PM



“ 8 files added to the tribute wall



donald chastain - November 04, 2020 at 11:27 PM



“ 5 files added to the album Larry's Wood-Working



Don Chastain - November 04, 2020 at 08:32 PM



“ To Harry, Sally, and Don,

I won't be at the service tomorrow, but wanted you to know that I will be with you in spirit.

I am so sad that Larry can't be with us any more, but you had many good years together, which you can remember with amazement at all you did and all that you accomplished.

Hugs and best wishes from Janet, Sally's sister.

J. Reed - November 04, 2020 at 07:23 PM



“ 6 files added to the tribute wall



donald chastain - November 04, 2020 at 04:10 PM



“ 4 files added to the tribute wall



donald chastain - November 04, 2020 at 03:40 PM



“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



donald chastain - November 04, 2020 at 03:18 PM



“ Exciting adventures! Thanks for sharing. Thinking of you all.

Kim Cooper - November 04, 2020 at 06:08 PM



“ 6 files added to the tribute wall



donald chastain - November 04, 2020 at 03:09 PM



“ 74 files added to the album LifeTributes



Tom M. Wages Funeral Service - November 04, 2020 at 10:33 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Larry Chastain.



November 04, 2020 at 09:55 AM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Larry Hammock - November 04, 2020 at 08:29 AM



“ 1 file added to the album Larry's Wood-Working



Don Chastain - November 03, 2020 at 10:37 PM



“ Larry and Harry, true identical twins. I am so happy to see that you were such good friends through life. You are loved.
Donald, you had a wonderful dad. I know he is proud of you. Love to your family.
I am grateful you and Harry have each other to lean on.
Larry reminds me to live life fully. He did it!
Generous hugs, from Sally's sister, Lu Ann Slay.

Lu Ann Slay - November 03, 2020 at 06:15 PM



“ Cheryl Dervan lit a candle in memory of Larry Chastain



Cheryl Dervan - November 03, 2020 at 04:47 PM



“ To Harry Chastain
Harry, please accept my condolences for your loss. I won't be able to attend in person but will be with you in thought and prayers

Larry Cooper - November 03, 2020 at 10:02 AM



“ God bless Larry Chastain. He was a good man. Rest in Peace cousin.



Raleigh Chastine - November 03, 2020 at 09:54 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Larry Chastain.



November 03, 2020 at 09:53 AM



“ So shocked to hear of Larry's passing. I know Harry is heartbroken. They were a great set of twins and our get togethers will not be the same. Truly a blessing to have known them both. God Bless and take care.

Newt and Sandra Walden - November 02, 2020 at 09:15 PM



“ So sad to hear of another O'Keefe family member passing. Each year we all grow closer to our maker.

Larry will be missed.

Always loved both of the boys.. They were super nice to everyone. I never saw anything but smiles and contentment on their faces.

John Metcalf
Class of 1959

John Metcalf - November 02, 2020 at 06:35 PM



“ I'm sorry to hear of the loss of Larry who was one of our O'Keefe High School 1959 classmates. He and Harry came to our 55th class reunion in 2014. One or both of them said if they had known they would enjoy it so much, they would have been coming all along to our reunions. Both of them came last November to our 60th reunion, and I got to sit down and get to know them a little better. But, I had no idea they had such adventurous lives! It was so good to see what good times they enjoyed.

Faye Kingsland - November 02, 2020 at 03:36 PM



“ How saddened I am to hear about Larry's passing this weekend. He was a wonderful man and kind to everyone. He will be missed. My prayers to the family.
Warm Regards,
Karen Grizzard

Karen Grizzard - November 02, 2020 at 12:42 PM