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Jon T. Chapin, 81, formerly of Cheyenne, Wyoming, passed away at home in Seaford, DE from metastatic lung cancer on July 29, 2025. He was born in Callaway, Nebraska on June 18, 1944. Jon married Maida L. Hardin on March 4, 1966 at The Methodist Church in Oshkosh, Nebraska.

Jon served as an aircraft mechanic in the United States Army during the Vietnam war from 1962-1965 and was honorably discharged. Although he didn't talk about his time in Vietnam, he was always proud to have served his country.

Jon had a long career with the Union Pacific Railroad and retired as an engineer running trains between Cheyenne and Rawlins, Wyoming. He had a second family among his friends on the tracks and they made many great memories and shared life's tears and laughter.

For many years Jon and Maida had a little piece of heaven on earth in Table Mountain Ranches, west of Cheyenne, Wyoming where they raised and trained horses, shared time with many friends and neighbors, and put up many seasons of hay; bales both big and small, depending on the tension.

Jon and his wife Maida regularly opened their heart and home to those in need. They taught others the value of a good day's work and how to show up to do the hard things in life through their love of raising and training horses. These friends are scattered far and wide today but they each had a piece of his heart.

Ultimately, Jon and Maida moved to Seaford, Delaware to be closer to their children and grandchildren. Jon spent many of his days golfing at the local golf course and calling to keep up with extended family and friends all over the country.

Jon is survived by his wife Maida L. Chapin, two daughters Marita L. Luby and her husband, Mike of Edgewater, Maryland and Tara L. Bombardier and her husband, David of Sheldon, Vermont



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and one son, Philip Beaufeaux of Loveland, Colorado, eleven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his eldest brother Warren Rea Chapin of Gering, Nebraska and his wife Wauneta, his youngest sister Sherry Beaufeaux of Phoenix, Arizona, sister-in-law Judy Chapin of Kearney, Missouri, brother-in-law Dale Nelson of Lander, Wyoming, as well as many nieces, nephews, and cousins. He will be greatly missed by all. 381

Jon was preceded in death by his parents, Earl R. Chapin and Olive M. (Crawford) Chapin, siblings: Errol D. Chapin and his wife Dorothy, Frederick H. Chapin, and Olive Gay Nelson: and grandson, Joshua Wayne Cook.

A celebration of life will be held at 5:00 PM, on August 13, 2025, at The Golf Club at South River, 3451 Solomons Island Road, Edgewater, MD 21037.

A second celebration of life will be scheduled at 3:00 PM, on October 26, at 1509 Horsecreek Road, Cheyenne, Wyoming, in addition to an inurnment in Arlington Cemetery; details to follow. Watch Jon's Facebook page for more information.

Please sign Jon's tribute wall at this site.



Tribute Wall

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Karen Burian posted:

When cousin Jon got out of the service, he and cousin Robert Chittenden came to stay at our house for several days while trying to decide the next step to take. It was very strange to have young men in the house as I never had a brother. Jon was always considerate and polite. See you in Heaven, cousin Jon. Karen Fochtman Burian

October 9 at 5:22 PM



Kathleen Lee posted:

My dear, dear family: So sorry to hear of Jon's passing. He and Maida always had me in stitches whenever I came to visit them (by way of Marita.) Prayers that each of you will be sustained of happy memories. Much love...Kathleen Leeaka Kass

October 7 at 8:24 PM



Warren Chapin shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.



August 17 at 11:42 PM



Lori Ellsworth lit a candle in honor of Jon.

I remember so well the hours and days I spent at the ranch with the entire beautiful family. Jon consistently beat me in cribbage! I still have a cribbage board that he hand made that I will always treasure.



August 9 at 9:00 AM



Phillip Tidwell lit a candle in honor of Jon.

One time we were out in the field helping Jon cut down a lot of hay. It was a good time being together.



August 8 at 11:50 PM



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August 8 at 11:46 PM



Anthony Goble posted:

I remember playing cribbage all night with Jon and Maida in their kitchen. Always a good time. Awesome man and tough but fair.

August 7 at 7:50 PM



Ashley Johnson lit a candle in honor of Jon.

I'll never forget my visits to the ranch during the summers, I love you Uncle John



August 7 at 6:35 PM



Anonymous posted:

Jon also played card games. He was a great guy who i was so fond of. Jon you truly will be missed.

August 7 at 7:50 AM



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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Jon by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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