



## Sammy Chance

July 21, 1937 - January 23, 2012

Services for Sammy Paul Chance, 74, of Bullard, will be held on Thursday, January 26, 2012 at 11:00 AM at Stewart Family Funeral Home Chapel with Dr. Paul Powell officiating. Burial will follow at Rosewood Cemetery in Upshur County at 3:00 PM under the direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home. Mr. Chance passed away January 23, 2012 at Mother Frances Hospital in Tyler. He was born July 21, 1937 in Detroit to G.W. and Pauline Louise Toney Chance. Paul was a graduate of Sulphur Springs High School. He worked in men's clothing stores in Gilmer, Pittsburg and Richardson. In 1966, Paul opened Penick & Chance and operated it for the next 46 years as well as Paul's Big & Tall. Paul was a member of First Baptist Church Tyler. He also served as past President of the Rose City Kiwanis Club and past Kiwanis Lt. Governor. Paul served on the Bullard Community Library Board and was a charter member of Crime Stoppers.

Paul was a loving husband, father, brother, grandfather, uncle and friend. He had a love for life and people which was reflected in his smile and genuine kindness. He was preceded in death by his parents; brother C.W. Chance; sister, Virginia Shaw; nephews, Martin Chance, Paul Ray Rice and niece D'Anna Chance. Paul is survived by his loving family including his wife of 51 years, Judy Kay Chance of Bullard; daughter, Julie Simms (Gary) of Tyler; son John Chance (Jennifer Cook) of Tyler; brothers, Tony Chance (Patti), Gene Chance (Carol), Bill Chance (Crista), and Bobby Chance (Dot); sisters, Sue Chance (Richard), Melba Hopkins, and Christine

Smith; grandchildren, Katie and Alex Simms of Tyler; aunt Evelyn Smith; and by numerous nieces and nephews. Honorary pallbearers will be Tommy Young, Jerry Smith, Dale Hamblett, Tom Lyles, Robert Rouse, Jerry Parker, Stuart Chesley and J. Mike Rowan. Visitation is scheduled from 5:00 –6:30 PM on Wednesday, January 25, 2012 at Stewart Family Funeral Home, 7525 Old Jacksonville Highway, in Tyler. If desired, memorials in honor of Paul Chance may be made to the Bullard Community Library Capital Campaign, PO Box 368, Bullard, 75757.

# Tribute Wall

RM

“ *Cousin Paul, It is not the number of times you will be remembered, but the quality of the great and wonderful impact you made on so many people who needed you. You truly gave your all for your fellow man. You will be deeply missed.*

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**Randall McMillan** - January 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

NT

“ *Such a gentlemen, he will be missed by all that knew him.ec6rqx*

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**Nancy Terry** - January 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

ST

“ *It was my pleasure to know Paul. He was a great man and genuine gentleman. We will all miss him at our class reunions. I don't think he ever missed one.*

*My sincere thoughts and prayers to the family. May God wrap his loving arms around you all and give you peace for we know Paul is certainly rejoicing in God's prescence today.*

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**Sue Tomlinson** - January 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JN

“ Man I don't know what to say-I do love you and can't believe you are gone-but you know you really are just waiting around the corner -it won't be long-life is very short. You know I always wanted a \$1500 suit-can you find one and maybe sell it to me cheaper when I arrive?

*I think you believe like I do this should be a happy time for you and all your friends and family,because you are preparing things for all of us.*

*Thank you for being my friend.*

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**Jack Nance** - January 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CJ

“ Paul Chance was a genuine Christian. His manner of life constantly issued evidence of being a child of the King. Our prayers are with Judy and her family.

*Prayerfully,*

*Charles & Charlotte*

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**Charles & Charlotte Johnson** - January 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ I have nothing but the most pleasant memories of Paul from our growing up years. He was one of the nicest members of our class. I regret not keeping in better contact with him over the years; however, I am extremely grateful now to have renewed our acquaintance last fall at the class picnic.

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**Joe Moore** - January 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DR

“ i went to high school with paul--he truly was one of the good guys

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**dave (bubba) rippy** - January 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DR

“ So glad I saw Paul a few months ago at our class of 1956 reunion. He was a truly warm person and we will all miss him.

Dolores Rhodes - January 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LL

“ I am so completely shocked. But I can honestly say Paul was one of the most upstanding wonderful men I have ever known. My mother Sadie and he were 1st cousins and my mother adored him. Mom passed in February, 2011 and I know they are catching up now in heaven. May the peace of the Lord that Paul, without a doubt knows, be with you in this time of mourning. For we know, someday soon we will all be reunited again in the Lord. Blessings to you.

Lorrie Lemme - January 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TG

“ John, I am so sorry to hear about your dad. Wish I was closer so that I could make it to the service.

Ted Graf - January 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ Paul always greeted you with a smile and a handshake. I know he will be missed by his family and many friends. May God be your strength during the coming days.

Jeff Jones - January 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TH

“ I knew Paul as "Class of 56" classmate and bought clothes from him many times over the years. He was a friend and a gentleman.

Tony Hughes - January 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PC

“ Dear Judy Kay and family,  
Daddy and I send our heartfelt condolences. I have so many fond memories of Paul from all those family gatherings over the years. He had such a sparkling personality, always with a glint his eye and a smile on his face. He will always be remembered.

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**Pam Cates** - January 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ *Sammy Chance*

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**Mary Ann Anglin** - January 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RL

“ *To all you cousins: I was glad to spend a little time with Paul at Dennis' funeral. we say good-by to so many these days and our prayers go out to all of you. Our daughter lives at Eagles Bluff and sent word about Paul today.*

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**ridjell lee** - January 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PH

“ *It was my privilege to work with Paul at Stewart Family Funeral Home where he assisted our staff in serving grieving families. Paul was a true gentlemen. He was kind, friendly, and respectful toward the families we served and the staff with whom he worked. He will be greatly missed as a co-worker and a friend. We will continue to remember Judy and the Chance family in our prayers.*

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**Patti Harvey** - January 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

GH

“ Judy, I remember Paul as laughing and joking as if he really enjoyed his work!

*Mother and Dad (Tiny & A.J.) were quite fond of you and Paul, who kept them gainfully employed and out of trouble for years. You even gave me the opportunity to work on occasion, and I have fond memories of both of you.*

*With sympathy, Gretchen Harris*

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**Gretchen Harris** - January 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ We are so saddened to hear of Paul's passing. He was a great guy with a keen sense of humor and a gracious spirit. He was our limo driver at my mother's funeral and we got to talk about old times. We hold you close to our hearts at this time.

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**Susie House** - January 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ Judy & "JP"..

*I am so sorry to hear about Paul. I did not know until a couple of days ago. My sister passed away about two weeks after Paul so I have been some what distracted. I will miss him.*

*David Dildy*

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**David Dildy** - January 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM