



## Charles Robert Babst

May 6, 1938 - May 8, 2023

Charles Robert Babst was born on a ranch about a mile and a half southwest of Fairland, Oklahoma, on May 6, 1938. His father was Theodore Otto Babst and his mother was Charlotte "Lottie" (Schnarre) Babst. He graduated from Fairland Public Schools, where he was active in the marching band, in 1956. Charles was also a member of Future Farmers of America, and played in the FFA National Band in Kansas City.

He proudly served in a United States Army Reserve artillery unit. Charles was employed in many interesting endeavors: hauling and barning hay, the Buffalo Ranch photo booth, Burlington garment factory, Gibson's department store, B. F. Goodrich, auctioneering, and real estate. At the same time, he was a lifelong rancher with his brother Don, and a second-generation Farmers Union insurance agent. He was a lifelong member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Fairland, serving as an Elder for almost 60 years.

In March 1960, he met his future wife JoNell Chamberlain at a Fairland basketball game shortly after she was hired to teach Home Economics at Fairland High School. They married on December 30, 1960. Two children were born of this marriage: Charles R. "Chuck" Babst, Jr. and LaDonna Lea Babst. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, and collecting early 20th Century Americana.

Charles was preceded in death by JoNell on September 6, 2021. On May 8, 2023, he passed away peacefully at home, still on the ranch where he was born, about a mile and a half southwest of Fairland, Oklahoma. His son and daughter were with him. In addition to his two children, he is survived by two grandchildren: Annika Hunter "Cory" Babst and Logan Charles Babst.

Visitation will be 5:00 PM until 7:00 PM on Thursday, May 11, 2023 at Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service in Fairland.

Services will be 3:00 PM on Saturday, May 13, 2023 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Fairland with Reverend Leo Schroeder officiating. Interment will follow at the Fairland Lutheran Cemetery under the care of Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service in Fairland.

The family has asked that in lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Ottawa County 4-H in memory of Charles and JoNell Babst.

Friends and family may send the family notes of encouragement by viewing Mr. Babst's Tribute Page at [www.brown-winters.com](http://www.brown-winters.com).

# Cemetery Details

**Fairland Lutheran Cemetery**

## Previous Events

### Visitation

**MAY 11.** 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service  
101 West Conner  
Fairland, OK 74343  
<http://www.brown-winters.com>

### Service

**MAY 13.** 3:00 PM (CT)

Saint Paul's Lutheran Church  
Washington & Pine  
Fairland, OK 74343

# Tribute Wall



“ *Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service created a Tribute Video in memory of Charles Robert Babst*



**Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service** - May 09, 2023 at 05:54 PM

WG

*Charles was a good friend I met him in 1973 at BFG. And brother Don. Prayers for family, he will be missed.*

**Willard Gilman** - May 10, 2023 at 11:33 AM

RF

*What a wonderful tribute to a man who lived a good life. My sympathies to his family.*

**Rachel Fleming** - May 10, 2023 at 12:48 PM

TM

“ *Our sincere condolences to the Babst and Chamberlain families, Talbot Library and Museum, Colcord, Oklahoma*

**Talbot Library & Museum** - May 12, 2023 at 03:19 PM

CJ

*Thank you. Dad loved reading your publication.*

**Charles R. Babst, Jr.** - May 13, 2023 at 02:11 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Charles Robert Babst.*



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May 12, 2023 at 12:03 PM



“ *Chuck and LaDonna,  
It was such an honor to be able to take care of Charles while he was at Windridge. I am so glad he was able to spend his final days on the farm*

*Ruth Clark*

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**Ruth Clark** - May 11, 2023 at 03:53 PM



*Thank you!*

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**Charles R. Babst, Jr.** - May 13, 2023 at 02:13 PM



“ *Always enjoyed Uncle Charles. Fondest memories. He was a great care taker for Aunt JoNell and the hands and feet of Christ with his dedication at St. Pauls. Sympathy extended to family and friends.*

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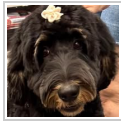
**Marcia Chamberlain Werner** - May 11, 2023 at 01:03 PM

CJ

“ Thank you to everyone who comments. In lieu of flowers, LaDonna and I suggest a donation to Ottawa County 4-H in memory of Charles and JoNell Babst.

- Charles R. Babst, Jr.

Charles R. Babst, Jr. - May 09, 2023 at 07:04 PM



What a wonderful idea. I'm so sorry for your loss of your father. When I think of your parents I think of 4H and helping with events at school. Prayers with you and LaDonna.

Rayla Gorman - May 12, 2023 at 03:21 AM

CJ

Thank you!

Charles R. Babst, Jr. - May 13, 2023 at 02:13 PM

SL

“ Charles and my Dad, Sonny Bowen, sure had some good times when they were younger. He was a couple years older but they hung out and played pinball. Later they were both in the Army and then worked together at Burlington and B.F. Goodrich. My Mom and Dad were married in 1958 and a couple years later Charles and JoNell were married. They both had sons that are good friends to this day. Can just imagine Dad and Charles catching up.

Shelly Bowen Ligon - May 09, 2023 at 06:29 PM

LB

Daddy thought so highly of both Sonny and Georgie. In the last few months he shared some very entertaining stories of their time at summer camp days. Thank you so much Shelley! 🧡

LaDonna Babst - May 10, 2023 at 09:55 AM

HB

“ Condolences to the family of this Honorable Veteran of the U.S. Armed Services who was a devoted father and outstanding example to his children and grandchildren.

Harvey Blank - May 09, 2023 at 06:17 PM



“ 10 files added to the album Life Tributes



Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service - May 09, 2023 at 05:54 PM



“ 67 files added to the album Life Tributes



Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service - May 09, 2023 at 04:01 PM