

**Chester Mayfield & The Casuals / Highpoint, North Carolina**

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<b>Brief Description</b>	The group was fronted by veteran performer, Chester Mayfield, who at one time performed with Do Wop groups at the Apollo Theater. Group mainstays were Randy Flint, Mike Stephenson, and a number of strong players which ended up in many other Carolina Beach Groups, as well as in the music business throughout the USA. Hard work and dedication to their fine performance each and every night allow this group to enjoy a presence in Beach Music for a 10-year period.			
<b>Year Established</b>	1960-1969			
<b>Favorite Venues</b>	Castaways			
<b>Music Genre/Recordings</b>	R&B <b>singles:</b> <i>Throw It Out of My Mind, Your Naggin'</i> (1966 Game 392). Both songs written by Chester Mayfield.			
<b>Performer</b>	<b>Now Resides</b>	<b>Instrument</b>	<b>Years In The Band</b>	<b>Notes</b>
Millis, Jimmy	Outerbanks, NC	Drums	1960-1961	He is alive and well despite earlier posting. Also furnishes this update on Chester Mayield: "Perhaps you are aware, but Chester Mayfield is very, very ill with lung cancer, confined to a bed with oxygen support. I visited him yesterday in High Point and was honored to see this wonderful, now frail, singer. In a recent article in the <i>High Point Enterprise</i> 10/31, he was described as a man with a "golden voice". You may know it, but Chester was lead singer in the Casanovas back in the 50's. Apollo Records recorded the group and they were promoted by Alan Freed. Unfortunately the group was never promoted properly like so many lesser known groups of this era, however, some of his songs were recorded by "better known" groups. During the visit I realized Chester was getting tired so I told him I was going to leave. He smiled and without apparent regret spoke in a soft voice saying, 'Jimmy, it's been beautiful!' Thanks for your support of this special part of music and cultural history."
Flint, Randy	Highpoint, NC	Bass	1960-1969	
Stephenson, Mike	Highpoint, NC	Guitar	1960-1969	
Bowman, Lee	Highpoint, NC	Drums	1961-1962	Hysterics
Bodenhamer, Steve	Highpoint, NC	Guitar	1961-1965	Ish Brady & Charms, Hysterics

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<b>Mayfield, Chester</b>	<b>Deceased</b>	<b>Vocals</b>	<b>1962-1969</b>	<b>Chester Mayfield died on November 16th at his residence in High Point, NC. Neighbor Alicia Caldwell: "I did not even know he was in a group until the recent article in the the newspaper. He has lived next door to us for my entire life, and all I knew was that he was one of the nicest people I have ever met. I didn't even know he could sing, he used to whistle and I kind of figured but never knew. Thanks for your diligence."</b>
<b>Priddy, Wesley</b>	<b>Deceased</b>	<b>Drums</b>	<b>1963-1964</b>	<b>Hysterics</b>
Brewer, Alan	Highpoint, NC	Bass	1963-1964	Impacts, Bob Collins & Fab 5
Moore, Alan	Chicago	Saxophone	1963-1965	
Coleman, Tommy		Drums	1963-1965	Impacts, Kallabash
Jones, Bill		Saxophone	1964-1966	Hysterics
Overman, Mike	Liberty, NC	Drums	1965-1966	Major Lance Tour Band
				<b>Bob Collins &amp; Fab 5</b>
<b>East, Chuck</b>	<b>Deceased</b>	<b>Keyboard,Trumpet, Vocals</b>	<b>1964-1965</b>	
<b>Lashley, Johnny</b>	<b>Deceased</b>	<b>Saxophone</b>	<b>1966-1968</b>	
<b>Fields, Curtis</b>	<b>Deceased</b>	<b>Saxophone</b>	<b>1966-1968</b>	
Collins, Danny	New Jersey	Saxophone	1966-1969	
Pridgen, Bobby		Drums	1965-1966	
Dickie, Harold		Vocals	1969-1970	
York, Terry	High Point, NC	Drums	1966-1969	1969 joined Collegiate Men, recorded Candy; last Casuals drummer to play with Chester Mayfield; in Tams road band in 1973.
Lanier, Reggie		Drums	1969-1970	
Rowe, Mike	Greensboro	Keyboards	1968-1970	
Richardson, Billy		Guitar	1969-1970	
Hanes, Larry		Guitar	1969-1970	
Caudle, Leo		Saxophone	1968-1969	To Kallabash Corp