



William Joseph Foster

July 18, 1931 - January 14, 2021

William Joseph Foster, 89, of Russellville, passed away Thursday, January 14, 2021, at Russellville Hospital.

He was a longtime resident of Russellville and a member of North Highlands Church of Christ where he served as a deacon, treasurer and song leader. He was a member, past treasurer and president of the Russellville Jaycees and the Russellville Rotary Club. He also served as president of the Russellville Chamber of Commerce and was a member and past president of the Alabama Association of Public Accountants and Tax Preparers.

Mr. Foster was born in Hackleburg, Alabama, on July 18, 1931. His parents were Joseph Henry Foster and Mamie Dillard Foster.

After graduating high school in 1949, Mr. Foster started college at what was then Florence State Teachers College. He started working while attending college and soon decided it would be best to join the U.S. Air Force until he decided what direction he should go. He attended Air Force Mechanic School in Amarillo, TX. He was retained at the school as an instructor until his four years in the Air Force were completed. After being discharged from the Air Force, he returned home to finish his college education

While at Florence State College, now the University of North Alabama, he was

president of the Accounting Fraternity and as a senior he received the Outstanding Student Award given by the Alabama Society of Certified Public Accountants. After a year working for a CPA in Florence, he returned to Russellville and started working at the Russellville Post Office and opened his own accounting office. During the next nine years, he worked two jobs as a rural letter carrier and building his accounting practice.

As a member of the Russellville Jaycees he was instrumental in the development of the Twin Pines Golf Course and Country Club.

Mr. Foster is survived by his children, Joseph Alexander Foster and wife, Nancy, Ann Scharnagel Foster Burgess and husband, Terry; grandchildren, William Jennings Burgess (Candace), Allen Foster Burgess (Emily), Elizabeth Foster Lawson (Corey), John Alexander Foster, Anna Claire Burgess Merck (Mike) and Christian Earl Foster; great-grandchildren, Jude Thomas Burgess and Clara Annalise Burgess.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Judith Ann Scharnagel Foster; sisters, Louise Foster Whitten, Virginia Foster McLendon; great-grandson, Beckham Foster Burgess.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, January 16, 2021 at 3:00 P.M. at North Highlands Church of Christ with Philip Goad officiating.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to North Highlands Church of Christ Lads to Leaders or North Highlands Church of Christ Food Bank.

Cemetery Details

Franklin Memory Mausoleum

2710 Waterloo Road
Russellville, AL 35653

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JAN 16. 3:00 PM (CT)

North Highlands Church Of Christ
2101 North Jackson Ave.
Russellville, Al

Tribute Wall

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“ He was our accountant for many years and always provided an extra ordinary sense of professionalism.He and Judy were a wonderful team.Our prayers rest with the family.🙏 Gary and Sherron Powell

Sherron Powell - January 16, 2021 at 11:55 AM

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“ Mr. Foster was my employer when I was 17 years old. I enjoyed working for him during the summer prior to attending college. We had many laughs together. My thoughts and prayers are with Joe and Ann and their families.



Carla Berry Beavers

Carla Beavers - January 16, 2021 at 11:27 AM

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“ So sorry to hear of Mr. Foster's passing, we have known him for several years, he was more than just our tax preparer, he was a friend. Will miss him deeply. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family during this sad time.

Travis & Joanie Wright - January 16, 2021 at 12:19 AM

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“ *Mary Flippen lit a candle in memory of William Joseph Foster*



mary flippen - January 15, 2021 at 10:46 PM