



James Edward Foster Sr.

July 3, 1927 - July 14, 2014

James Edward Foster Sr., 87, of Carlinville, died at 2:13 PM Monday, July 14, 2014 at his home.

He was born on July 3, 1927 in Miller City to Herron Cecil Foster and Georgeanna (Dain) Foster. He married Helen Faye Foster on February 10, 1951. She preceded him in death on April 22, 2013.

After James graduated high school he served in the United States Navy during World War II aboard the U.S.S. Marquette. After serving his country he went to work as a manager for Tri-City Grocery stores for more than 30 years and also was a manager for Harmon's IGA stores. He enjoyed flying and was a private pilot, flight instructor and commercial pilot. He was a member of the Mount Nebo Masonic Lodge in Carlinville and a member of Trinity Assembly of God Church in Olive Branch, IL.

James is survived by 3 sons, James (Rita) Foster, Jr., Gary (Robin) Foster and Michael (Margie) Foster; 3 daughter, Sheila Foster, Deborah (Mike) Wilson and Amy (Jerry) Wilson; grandchildren, Stephanie (Brian) Eldred, Jamie Foster, Kara Wilson (Mike Kaskey), Rachel Wilson, Jessica (Robert) Ford, Steven (Anne) Foster and Marissa Foster; great-grandchildren, Robert "Tripp" Ford III, Austin Kaskey, Matthew and Elyse Eldred, Gwen, Kendall and Kathleen Foster; 2 sisters, Evelyn Williams and JoAnn Brubaker both of Joliet;

several nieces, nephews and many other relatives.

He is preceded in death by his parents, wife, brother, Raymond and sister, Helen.

Graveside Inurnment service will be at 3:00 pm Tuesday, July 22, 2014 at Olive Branch Cemetery.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Olive Branch Cemetery Association, P.O. Box 162, Olive Branch, IL 62969

Tribute Wall



“ *James Edward Foster Sr.*

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ *I will miss my grandpa he was so nice when I was a little baby I remember the time I was in the back seat and I was standing up and I got him a ticket for not having me in a baby seat I will always have him in my heart I loved him so much he was a good grandpa to me this is the pome grandpa taught me it was midnight on the ocean not a street car was in sight ,half way don the stairs two dead brothers began to fight ,back to back they faced each other , pulled out there knife and shot each other , he taught all his grandkids and all of his kids that pome he was loved a lot know he is with grandma in a better place and he is not suffering anymore they are up in haven having a glass of coffee see you someday in haven grandma and grandpa I love you so much don't you for get that you will always be in my heart love **MARISSA WILSON***

MARISSA WILSON - July 23, 2014 at 10:09 AM



Wonderful, and yes he loved his kids one and all ! Great tribute!

Deborah Wilson - July 29, 2014 at 03:32 PM

JW

“ One of the most wonderful experiences of my life was my naval experience, when my ship sailed around the world. Jim Foster was also on the ship and he became my best friend, after 60 years we reconnected..

The next highlight of my life was when Jim and two of his sons arrived at my house, in South Carolina, on their motorcycles

Our prayers are with all of you.

John Wilkerson

John Wilkerson - July 21, 2014 at 02:24 PM

JF

We have a great picture of you all together. I'm sure that was a highlight in his life too. Thanks John.

Jamie Foster - July 22, 2014 at 11:40 PM

DW

He loved the time he had with you and I know he loved the time he had at the picnic with you and the other fellow, sorry, forgot his name! don't know if he know dad has died???

Deborah Wilson - July 29, 2014 at 03:28 PM

KE

“ He was a super person and a good friend; like a 2nd father to me growing up. He piloted the first plane ride I ever took. He will be greatly missed!

Ken - July 19, 2014 at 11:31 PM

SB

“ Jim & Helen Foster will always hold a special spot in my heart- many hours of my life as a teenager through my early 20's were spent at their kitchen table eating, laughing & sharing life- the ups & downs of youth?! My dear friend, Deb, their 3rd child out of 6 is who gained me a seat at their table & I got a first hand view of growing up Foster style. Both Jim & Helen were part of the "Greatest Generation" & they were the perfect example of what that meant- The Great Depression, World WarII survivors & what was most important to them both was - FAMILY & WORK ETHIC. What made them HAPPY- FAMILY! Jim was a handsome man & when he flashed that smile of his you just had to smile too! We smiled a lot- we also got in trouble some - found out our boundaries pretty darn quick- couldn't get to much by Jim- he'd seen a lot in his life & knew a CYA move if you tried to pull one!? Raising 6 kids had to have its trials! My sympathies to the whole family. Was happy to get to spend some time with Jim at the hospital, week before he passed- shared great memories of his War days & meeting Helen! He could still make me smile when he smiled. Deb- know this because he knew how close we were- we of course spoke of you & Mike that day. He loved you 2 & was so thankful you had found each other & said- I just don't know what I would do without them & just shook his head & smiled. He was anxious to see you the next morning so you could get him home to die - he told me that - he was counting on that! You did not let him down when he needed it most! Jim & Helen - hope you are flying high together in heaven- hope we meet again - I'll fix us a 7&7- 4 finger one with a lemon- the way you like um!!
Gone but never to be forgotten !

Sherry Brianza - July 19, 2014 at 09:27 PM

DW

Ya, Sherry we all climbed in my dad's car after I got my drivers permit and the last thing he said when he gave me the care to take the test, was, "don't fill that car up with friends, take the test and bring the car back to me." The was the last thing we did, and I wondered how in the world he found out I had all you girls in the car! Small town!!!!

Deborah Wilson - July 29, 2014 at 03:31 PM

CD

“ Sorry for your loss. I have great memories of your Dad and the entire family. Our prayers are with you all.

Cindy Walker DeJarnette - July 19, 2014 at 10:19 AM

DW

Thanks Cindy for all of your families prayers!

Deborah Wilson - July 29, 2014 at 03:34 PM

PW

“ Sorry to here about your loss. I have found memories of your dad especially the plane rides. He will be missed.

phillip walker - July 18, 2014 at 07:45 PM

ME

“ So sorry to hear about Jim's passing! So many special memories of this family! I know he will be missed greatly. I will be praying for your peace & comfort during this time!

Mindy Walker Eddy - July 18, 2014 at 07:03 PM

KE

“ I am so sorry to hear about Jim's passing. He was such a great guy. Prayers go out to all of you family members. Karen Etter

Karen Etter - July 18, 2014 at 04:28 PM

NS

“ We extend our sympathies to Jim's family and many friends. I knew him as Carlinville's Tri-City Grocery manager. My mom always shopped there when I was young, and I remember him as a fine gentleman, always friendly and ever helpful.

Nancy & Jim Schien
Carlinville

nancy Schien - July 18, 2014 at 01:19 PM

 Linda
Bilbruck

“ I have different memories. As a young girl went with my mom to Tri-city it was "the" grocery store. Jim was always up in his office right above the hostess cupcakes-my treat and he always was friendly. Then I went to school with Jim jr. . I then married Dennis Bilbruck who was the son of Jim's mother twin sister so got to know the family from a different perspective. I well remember Sheila and others and their kindness at the time of the last days of mom Malham's life. My thoughts and prayers are with all of the family at this time. Linda Harp Bilbruck

Linda Bilbruck - July 18, 2014 at 10:48 AM

RS

“ Rena And Robert Steele lit a candle in memory of James Edward Foster Sr.



Rena and Robert Steele - July 17, 2014 at 12:37 PM

Jamie Foster

“ 6 files added to the tribute wall



Jamie Foster - July 17, 2014 at 11:15 AM

TN

“ *Tricia & Bruce Nejmanowski lit a candle in memory of James Edward Foster Sr.*



Tricia & Bruce Nejmanowski - July 16, 2014 at 09:58 PM