



William E. Foster

December 14, 1934 - January 10, 2025

William E. Foster of Germantown passed away peacefully on January 10th at the FASNY Firefighters Home in Hudson, where he resided over the last two years. Born in Brewster N.Y. on December 14, 1934 to the late Catherine (Kenney) & Clarence Foster. After his father's death he moved to Columbia County where he attended and played basketball at both Hudson and Germantown Schools. After graduating from Germantown Central he joined the US Air Force and was stationed at Griffiss Air Base in Rome, N.Y. where he continued to play basketball for the Airbase Team.

Upon returning to Germantown, he found his career in Insurance and Real Estate and owned Lawrence-Boice Inc. and Wm. Foster Realty until his retirement. After his retirement he worked part time for the Columbia County Sherriff's Office as a Court Officer.

He was a 70 Year Life Member of the Germantown Hose Co. # 1, a former Member of Southern Columbia Ambulance Squad, a former Germantown Town Board Member, a Babe Ruth and Little League coach, a member of the Kinderhook Elks and a Director for Off Track Betting.

He enjoyed bowling, was a diehard Yankee fan and loved to play golf. He was a member of the Winding Brook Country Club. Bill spent his winters in warmer weather, eventually buying a home in Florida where he continued to play golf, and enjoyed watching spring training baseball games. He played golf most Fridays with a group called the P.O.E.T.S. (if you know you know) where he met many new good friends. He occasionally passed the time by working at various golf courses and PGA Golf tournaments where he enjoyed meeting people, professional golfers and baseball players. One of his fondest memories was when he chauffeured Yankee legend Yogi Berra on several occasions.

He is survived by his wife of 60 years Carol (Christie) Foster, three children Kimberly (Jerry) Groom, William B. Foster and Laura Foster.

Five Grandchildren, Samantha McCarthy, Jerry Groom III, Patrick Groom, Lucas Foster and Leah Foster. A brother in-law and sister in-law Bruce and Roslyn Christie, and two nephews Kurt and Erik Gardiner.

The family would like to thank his many care givers and staff at the Firefighters Home. Friends may call at 11:00 AM Saturday, January 18, 2024 at the FASNY Firefighters Home

in Hudson N.Y., with a memorial service at 11:30 AM

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to the Jennings Willets American Legion Post 346; PO BOX 418, Germantown, NY 12526

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 18. 11:00 AM (ET)

Firemen's Home Chapel
125 Harry Howard Avenue
Hudson, NY 12534