



Nancy Ann Ford Foster

June 12, 1936 - April 13, 2022

Nancy Foster died peacefully at her home on Wednesday, April 13, 2022 in Tallahassee, FL. Nancy was born in Texas to Robert Darby and Helen Alberta Symons Ford on June 12, 1936. She met the love of her life, Garrett Richard Foster, at Austin High School. They attended Texas Technical College where Nancy graduated in three years, later earning a Masters Degree from Florida State University. The couple married at St. Pius Catholic Church. They then traveled to Berkeley, California where Gary received his Bachelor's Degree at the University of California, Berkeley and Nancy began an illustrious career in elementary education. When Gary graduated, they moved to Austin where he obtained his Ph. D. at the University of Texas.

The young couple then moved to Plantation, FL, where Gary evaluated Nova Schools with a Ford Foundation Grant. Nancy continued teaching through the Title I Program, helping hundreds of children learn the joy of reading.

Family: First born was Brant, followed by Bruce, Tim and, the caboose, Matt. A natural mother (and later grandmother), Nancy nurtured her boys - providing a variety of experiences to expand their wonderful world. Weekends were spent at swim meets with all the family. She continued to teach until her retirement from Florida State University School in 1998. After retirement Nancy and Gary traveled the world but especially loved Franklin Roosevelt State Park. She loved spending time with her beloved grand-children and spent many happy hours reading in their classrooms (known there as "Fancy Nancy").

Nancy was a friend to all - loving all creatures and her beautiful flowers. She was always the first at a friend's door, basket of food in hand, when any need arose. She saw the best in people and made a special point to compliment everyone. Nancy truly loved giving and had a servant's heart.

Survivors include Brant Foster, Bruce (Lisa) Foster, Tim Foster and Matt (Linzy) Foster and grandchildren Daniel, Alexa and Morgan Foster, Kayla (Caleb) Johnson and Zach Foster, Hayden and Banks Foster and great-granddaughter Hadley Johnson. The family is grateful to the loving and dedicated team of caregivers and Big Bend Hospice who were with Nancy during the last few months.

The family will hold a private burial at Roselawn Cemetery. A celebration of Nancy's life will be Friday, April 22, from 4 to 6 p.m., in the parlor at Trinity United Methodist Church, Tallahassee, FL. In lieu of flowers the family requests donation to Big Bend Hospice. Todd Wahlquist with Bevis Funeral Home (850-385-2193, www.bevisfh.com) is assisting the Foster family with their arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Roselawn Cemetery

815 West Piedmont Drive
Tallahassee, FL 32308

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

APR 22. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Trinity United Methodist Church
120 W Park Ave
Tallahassee, FL 32301
(850) 222-1120

Tribute Wall

HE

“ I will miss Nancy’s smiling face and stories on my walk through the neighborhood. She was very proud of her children and grandchildren and would always tell me the most delightful stories, even the story of the dog she adopted. I regret not meeting her many years earlier when she was really able to tend to her garden and we could have sat and drank afternoon tea together. I don’t need to tell you what a warm and generous woman she was. Her kindness showed n her every breath. She will be missed. Harriet Epstein

harriet epstein - June 09, 2022 at 08:44 AM

JH

“ My dad worked with Gary for many years in the Department of Research and Educational Testing at FSU. I recall many dinners at our home that included faculty and their spouses. As a result friendships grew and I know mom and dad enjoyed spending time with Gary and Nancy. They often shared stories about the elaborate meals Nancy prepared and and how much fun everyone had. They also appreciated Nancys generous spirit every year when she brought homemade tamales that she had locally sourced and shared with all her friends. In later years there was a standing game of Bridge every week. Nancy took the time to come see my mom before she died and offered us all words of encouragement and love. That was who she was. I will remember her kind spirit and generous heart. Joni Beard Hall

Joni Beard Hall - April 19, 2022 at 07:40 PM

LL

“ Love and prayers, Dean & Carolyn LeBoeuf purchased the Deepest Faith for the family of Nancy Ann Ford Foster.



Love and prayers, Dean & Carolyn LeBoeuf - April 19, 2022 at 12:24 PM

CL

“ To all of Nancy's "boys", their families and the beloved grandchildren,

I simply adored your mom! She was so much fun, so full of life and had a multitude of stories to tell about raising four rambunctious boys. Never a dull moment in the Foster household. I especially enjoyed all the tales about Matt. Nancy will be forever remembered for her love of family, her love and commitment to all the children who passed through her classroom and your home, her zeal for life, her bubbly personality and her story telling! She will be missed by all who knew her. Praying God's peace over all of you in this time of sorrow. May you hold all of your memories close to comfort you and always remember that gorgeous smile!

*With love,
Carolyn LeBoeuf*

Carolyn LeBoeuf - April 19, 2022 at 11:58 AM

NF

“ Dear Brant, Bruce, Tim, Matt, and families,
I will always think of Aunt Nancy with a smile on her face,
encouraging everyone to have as much fun as she was having. She
and Uncle Gary had an amazing relationship. I always admired their
connection and the way they enjoyed their life and their family. I
have fond memories of visiting that big house in Tallahassee when
we were kids. It was filled with love and laughter. I know you will all
find comfort in wonderful memories of your mom and grandmother,
and I am thinking of you all with love and sympathy.
Cousin Naissa

Naissa Foster - April 18, 2022 at 03:38 PM

TF

“ The California Fosters and Fragers purchased
the Summer's Light Bouquet for the family of
Nancy Ann Ford Foster.



The California Fosters and Fragers - April 18, 2022 at 03:22 PM

KF

“ *My Dear Foster Cousins,*

I am sending my deepest sympathies to all of you as you cope with the passing of your mother. Her great enthusiasm for life and its joys, large and small, was a wonder to witness and learn from. All children should be so lucky as to have a "Fancy Nancy" in their lives. May her memory be a blessing to all of you and your children, as it is for me.

With love,

Your cousin, Kira

Kira Foster - April 16, 2022 at 07:37 PM

VB

“ *We have lost a dear, caring, generous friend. She gave much to this world. Jenny Bryant*

Virginia Bryant - April 14, 2022 at 11:30 PM