



William E. Foster

May 14, 1933 - January 8, 2020

William Foster, 86
Gibbon resident

William E. Foster, 86 of Gibbon passed away Wednesday, January 8, 2020 at CHI Good Samaritan Hospital in Kearney. Funeral services will be 2:00 p.m. Saturday, January 11, 2020 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Wood River. Father Jorge Canela will officiate. Interment will follow at St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Wood River. Visitation will be 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Friday, January 10, 2020 at the church with a vigil prayer service starting at 7:00 p.m.

Memorials are suggested to Gibbon Public Schools Science Department. Condolences may be shared online at www.osrfh.com. Services are entrusted to O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral and Cremation Services.

William Edmond Foster was born on May 14, 1933 in Milburn, NE to William and Maude (Wymore) Foster. He grew up in Merna and graduated from Merna High School. He received his bachelor's degree from Kearney State College and then received his master's degree from Michigan State University.

He married Deloris Mannel in 1952 in Anselmo, NE. They had six children: Pamela, William Jr., Penelope, Daniel, Robert and Stephen.

William taught in Custer County for a few years and then went to teach at

Gibbon Public Schools for over 40 years. During his years of teaching, he started the wrestling program at Gibbon Public Schools.

William was an outdoors man and liked to fish. He also enjoyed building and flying model airplanes and was a member of the Model Airplane Aeronautics. He attended the Shelton Catholic Church and Wood River Catholic Church.

William was a former Knights of Columbus member and former Elks member.

Left to cherish his memory are his wife of 67 years, Deloris Foster; children, Pamela Foster of Topeka, KS, William Foster, Jr. and his wife, Denise of Lincoln, Penny Kenney of Manhattan, KS, Dan Foster and wife, Trish of Circle Spring, TX, Robert Foster and his wife, Terri of Sioux Falls, SD, and Stephen Foster of Wood River; 17 grandchildren; 22 great grandchildren; and several nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents; two sisters; and son-in-law, Jay Kenney.

Cemetery Details

St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery

Wood River, NE

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 10. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

St. Mary's Catholic Church
Wood River, NE

Vigil / Prayer Service

JAN 10. 7:00 PM (CT)

St. Mary's Catholic Church
Wood River, NE

Mass of Christian Burial

JAN 11. 2:00 PM (CT)

St. Mary's Catholic Church
Wood River, NE

Tribute Wall



“ *Marla Hartmann lit a candle in memory of William E. Foster*



Marla Hartmann - June 27, 2025 at 08:13 PM



“ *William E. Foster*

January 28, 2023 at 08:01 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of William E. Foster.*



January 13, 2020 at 10:37 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of William E. Foster.*



January 10, 2020 at 04:38 PM

DS

“ Our thoughts & prayers are with all of you! Your dad and grandpa was a loving, caring man. His family was so important to him. Remembering the Thanksgiving celebrations we shared with your family!

Dean & Jolene Schwaninger - January 10, 2020 at 03:35 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of William E. Foster.



January 10, 2020 at 02:53 PM



“ Mr. Foster was a outstanding science teacher. He inspired me to major in biology and I became a physical therapist. Prayers for the family.

Kay Horst - January 10, 2020 at 07:27 AM



“ M

Kay Horst - January 10, 2020 at 07:24 AM

BJ

“ Brenda Johnson Judd lit a candle in memory of William E. Foster



Brenda Johnson Judd - January 10, 2020 at 01:15 AM

MR

“ *Rest In Peace, Mr. Foster. You made this world a better place and influenced students more than you could know.*

Michael Radke - January 09, 2020 at 09:55 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of William E. Foster.*



January 09, 2020 at 08:19 PM

GF

“ *Bill was a great teacher, a very good friend and a wonderful neighbor.
Prayers to you and your family, Delores.
Gwen Reiter and families.*

Gwen Reiter and family - January 09, 2020 at 06:48 PM

GF

“ *Gwen Reiter And Family lit a candle in memory of William E. Foster*



Gwen Reiter and family - January 09, 2020 at 06:39 PM

BH

“ *Bill H. purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of William E. Foster.*



Bill H. - January 09, 2020 at 05:28 PM

MS

“ *Mike & Tina Slater lit a candle in memory of William E. Foster*



Mike & Tina Slater - January 09, 2020 at 05:07 PM



“ *Dan Bolin lit a candle in memory of William E. Foster*



Dan Bolin - January 09, 2020 at 04:36 PM



“ *Gina Valdez Johnikins lit a candle in memory of William E. Foster*



Gina Valdez Johnikins - January 09, 2020 at 03:12 PM

SH

“ *Sandy Hubbard lit a candle in memory of William E. Foster*



Sandy Hubbard - January 09, 2020 at 02:59 PM

JH

“ *My condolences. He will be missed.*

John Honeywell - January 09, 2020 at 02:56 PM

LC

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you Delores and family. Bill was an incredible teacher, mentor and family man. He made a huge impact in so many lives. May he Rest In Peace.*
Linda Catlin-Johnson. Omaha, Ne



Linda Catlin-Johnson - January 09, 2020 at 01:52 PM

JM

“ *Jeri Mckeon lit a candle in memory of William E. Foster*



Jeri Mckeon - January 08, 2020 at 08:26 PM

DR

A wonderful man! He was the best neighbor and the kindest. Bill was so good and nice to my family and will never be forgotten. Jesse and Deb Rivera and family. 🙏🙏✝️🕯️

Deb Rivera - January 09, 2020 at 02:07 PM

DS

Our thoughts and prayers have been with your family! Bill was a kind and loving man who loved having his family around. Remembering the great Thanksgiving's we shared with the family! Love to all of you!

Dean & Jolene Schwaninger - January 10, 2020 at 12:10 PM



Sincere sympathy to Delores and family. Bill was an amazing man, who influenced many young lives during his long and respected career. His pride and joy was of course his wife and family. Condolences.

Judy Cartmill - January 11, 2020 at 02:04 PM