



Eva Foster

September 5, 1912 - August 23, 2013

Obituary of Eva Foster

Eva W. Foster, days short of 101 well lived years, was called home by the Father on August 23, 2013 in Sumterville, FL. She was born on September 5, 1912 in Mercer County, Kentucky, the daughter of Thomas Benton and Almedia Carter Watts and sister of Ina B. Watts Bradley. She attended White Cloud School, Harrodsburg High, Campbellsville College, and the University of Kentucky, receiving her degrees from Eastern Kentucky State Teachers' College, now Eastern Kentucky University. By vocation and with great passion, she was a public school educator. In her 40 year career prior to her 1973 retirement from the Mercer County, Kentucky, School System, she served as principal of Shakertown Elementary School for 27 years with the remaining years spent in various school assignments including her last in the science department of Mercer County High School. She received numerous professional awards during her career including membership on a state select commission for curriculum revision. She ended her career doing what she loved most, teaching science to junior high aged students. Upon nomination by her former students, she was named a member of the Order of Kentucky Colonels, the state's highest honor, presented at one of the Shakertown School Reunions, an event she never missed. She loved seeing "her kids" and maintained contact with many former students for decades.

Upon retirement in 1973, Mrs. Foster moved to Florida where she continued to aid schools and students as a volunteer while pursuing new interests, as well. She served as church organist for the Bushnell First United Methodist Church for nearly 20 years and was actively involved in United Methodist Women and continued to serve the church as its Membership Secretary until the time of her death. And, she became endearingly know as "Ecie" to those who knew her best in her Florida years.

She is survived by one daughter, Hannah M. Foster of Bushnell; niece, Margie Eva (Richard) Wynn of Portsmouth, OH; and nephews, Loyd Bradley and Arthur (Scarlett) Bradley of Danville, KY. She also leaves behind loved ones, Evelyn & Gary Christy, Jim & Charlene Allen, and Joyce McLeod of Bushnell, and Julie & Gerald Lister of Harrodsburg, KY. Their families brought joy and laughter to her days. She was competently and compassionately cared for by her much loved physician of over 40 years, Dr. Robert T. Meade, Leesburg, FL. With his help, she lived a long life, but more importantly, many healthy years lived fully and richly.

Visitation

A Visitation will be held at the Purcell Funeral Home Chapel on Wednesday, August 28, 2013 from 5 " 7 PM.

Services

Services will be at the Bushnell First United Methodist Church on Thursday, August 29, 2013 at 10:00 AM with Rev. Dennis Redstone and Rev. Jeffery Thomas officiating. Active pallbearers are: Bo Sharp, Tommy Bryan, Felix Adams, Jim Henderson, Terry Gideons, Myron Gulley, Preston Morgan, and Rick Shirley. Honorary bearers are: John Dixon, Larry Ross, Billy Weldon, Tom Peterson, and Bert Park.

Interment

Interment will follow at Evergreen Cemetery, Bushnell, FL.

Donations

The family asks that those who wish to honor her with a memorial gift consider donations to her favorite causes in lieu of flowers: the Bushnell First United Methodist Church, the Sumter Schools Enhancement Foundation, and Cornerstone Hospice Lane Purcell House.

Tribute Wall



“ *Eva Foster*

October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *Ecie, Missing you terribly, I love you so much.*

joyce McLeod - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *I was a student of Mrs. Foster at MCJHS in the early 1970's....she was the best of the best. So sorry to hear of her passing. My prayers will be with the family.*

Lisa Gritton Klingenfus - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *Mrs Foster was such a special person to me and everyone I know. She was the principal and teacher to all 6 of us kids. And a very good friend to my mother, Mrs. Goforth. It was always Foster and Goforth. No Mrs. I am so glad I got to see her a few years ago and take our picture with her. My daughter went to a reunion with me and she sure did enjoy meeting and talking to Mrs. Foster. Hannah, you are in my thoughts and prayers. Edna*

Edna Goforth Smith - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

AB

“ Miss Hannah Foster, I am so sorry for your loss. Your Mother lived a very long life, and what a legacy, as told in her obituary. May memories of her give you peace, and may your heart be healed by the love of family, friends and most importantly, our Lord, who has called your mother home to rest. Antoinette "Annie" Martin

Annie Martin Bonnett - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

KM

“ May your mother Rest in Peace, and may the Lord comfort you through this difficult time.

Kathleen Martin - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ Dear Hannah: You will be in our thoughts and prayers. The first time that I met your mother was during my first year of teaching at SSHS in 1973. I was in Shands Hospital for two weeks, and she was my sub. When I got back my classes were better than when I left them. I asked her for advice, and she gave me some basic principles that she said had worked for her for 40 years, and which I used the remainder of my educational career. Meeting her made me a better teacher. Please call if we can be of any assistance to you. Sincerely, Mike and Peggy Wood

Mike and Peggy Wood - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ Hannah, at times like these words just can't fill the void. I will be praying for you and your family

Jessie Woodard Jr - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

ME

“ Aunt Eva always makes me think of Abraham Lincoln's quote: ...it's not the years in your life that count. It's the life in your years. She lived her nearly 101 years to their fullest! I'll miss all the stories of her travels. We will be praying for you. Love, Craig and Melinda

Melinda - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ Hannah I am so sorry for your loss. My deepest sympathies and prayers. Mrs. Foster was such a pleasure to take care of. May you have comfort knowing she is watching over you every day as she has now become an angel in Heaven.

Marguerite Baxter (RN) - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

KM

“ Oh, Hannah, I'm so sorry! I loved your mother and am so sorry for your loss. The world is poorer for her passing. I have so many fond memories of her at Shakertown. I look forward to seeing her again in Heaven.

Kim Munsterman - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM