



## Billy M. Foster

September 13, 1934 - September 24, 2019

Our beloved Billy Foster, 85 years young, resident of Mesquite, Texas passed away September 24, 2019. He was preceded in death by his wife and love of his life, Paula Wilson Foster and Octavia Gough Foster, his brother Franklin E. "Buzz" Foster, and his sisters Melva Jean Green and Nelda Grant. He is survived by his daughter, Deborah Foster Patterson and son, Wilson Foster and his beloved dog Topsy. He is also survived by numerous nieces, nephews and extended families. Bill grew up in the country and had a love for horses, cattle and farm crops. Bill was a cowboy and rode horses in rodeo parades. He actually turned down the opportunity to travel with a group that performed the "Square Dance on Horseback" at major rodeos all over the country. In school he was an honor student. His career as an accountant was served in the oil industry, He had the opportunity to retire at age 50. This gave him the opportunity to spend quality time with his dear wife, Paula and their shared passion of African Violets and wood working. In 1990, Bill was appointed to Chairman of the African Violets Society of America (AVSA) Shows and Judges Committee. Bill served as president of AVSA from 1999 to 2001. He was awarded with the Honorary Life Certificate. However, he was most proud of his Distinguished Service Award which was presented to him as an Admiral of the Great Navy of Nebraska signed and sealed by Governor Mike Johnson. Also, in 2010 he was inducted into the AVSA Hall of Fame. He continued to attend as many AVSA conventions as possible throughout his life. In addition to his family, he was surrounded and blessed by so many dear friends that he cherished. He was loved by many and will be missed by all. Now he will be reunited with his bride and childhood sweetheart, Paula of 48 years, that he missed immensely. Visitations will be held on Saturday, September 28, 2019 from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm at Restland Funeral Home. Services will be held on Sunday, September 29, 2019 at Restland at 11:00 am, address: 13005 Greenville Ave., at the intersection of Restland Road, Dallas, Texas 75243. In lieu of flowers you may donate to AVSA @ [avsa.org](http://avsa.org) and donate to the Tinari Endowment Fund.

# Comments

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“ I am so happy that I had the privilege of knowing Bill. He was such a sweet, caring and interesting man. I always enjoyed his stories that he shared about growing up on a farm and all the things that happened and the changes that occurred throughout his life. He loved his wife and soulmate, Paula and his children Debbie and Wilson so very much. He had a great memory, whether telling a story or reciting a poem. I will always remember him reciting my favorite poem “Annabelle Lee”. His son, Wilson and I loved going out to our favorite restaurants with Bill. He especially loved Mexican food. We have had so many fun times with him whether going out for dinner and drinks or playing dominoes back at his house. He gave me my first African Violet. He truly loved growing, showing and judging these flowers. He had a beautiful green house behind his house where he took such care of these beautiful flowers. Wilson and I would share our New Year’s Eve’s with Bill. It was always a fun time. On the way home we would drive through the neighborhoods and look at all the Christmas lights and decorations. He would tell us great stories about the family or the history of Dallas. He was an amazing man. I loved him like he was my very own family. He was always so kind and thoughtful. We will miss “Big Bill” so very much! But, we all know that he is filled with joy being reunited with his loving wife and our Lord and Savior. You will always be Forever 23! Love, Tina

**Tina Wilson** - November 04, 2019 at 02:28 PM

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“ bill will be missed by many people—he was an outstanding man,so caring and understanding—i rented a house from bill in olney—lived there 20 years and bill took care of any problem that arose—he never raised the rent even one time in the twenty years that i was there-that tells you what kind of a person bill was—bill and paula were two sweet amazing people.

**marilyn jones** - September 27, 2019 at 07:55 PM

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“ Deborah and family, It came as a shock to me when I saw the sad news of Bill's passing. He was one of the sweetest men I ever knew. Bill's family & my dad's family were neighbors out at California Creek west of Newcastle. I always enjoyed seeing Bill at the Newcastle Homecomings every three years. He told me some wonderful stories about my grandfather, and I was so glad we got to visit a few minutes this past summer at the reunion. Even though I was several years younger and didn't really go to school with him, I recognized his wonderful leadership qualities & how loved he was by his classmates. My heart goes out to you as you grieve for your dear father & granddad. God bless you. Love & prayers, Cookie

**Donna "Cookie" Bullock Haile** - September 27, 2019 at 10:57 AM