Robert "Bob" Foster

September 30, 1941 - April 8, 2023

Robert “Bob” Foster passed away peacefully with his family at his side on April 8, 2023. Bob was born in Columbus on September 30, 1941 to the late Gordon Foster and Eleanor (Hayes) Foster. He was preceded in death by sisters Marjorie and Rita.

He will be missed by his wife of 56 years, Linda (Lash) Foster, sons William and Allan, daughter-in-law Jessica, (Allan), beloved triplet grandsons, Cameron, Crew, and Miles. He will also be missed by his sister Mary Wollam, brother Allan (Linda) and his sister-in-law Gail (Terry) Requardt and numerous nieces and nephews.

Bob was a graduate of Grandview Heights High School, Class of 1959, The Ohio State University, class of 1967, and Franklin Law School of Capital University, class of 1973.

Bob began his working career at age 10 selling newspapers and programs on the OSU oval before football games. He also caddied at Brookside Country Club.

After hitch hiking to San Francisco, he joined the U.S. Army at 17 and was a paratrooper in the 82nd Airborne.

Later, while a police officer for the City Of Columbus, he worked nights and attended OSU in the day. Upon graduation in accounting he worked for Ernst and Ernst and Arthur Anderson accounting firms.

During his law career he worked for the Franklin County Court of Appeals, the City Prosecutor, and spent twenty –five years as a Franklin County Public

Defender.

Bob enjoyed hiking and the out of doors, playing bridge at the Westerville Senior Center, photography, and drinking coffee with his buddies while telling stories about the adventures of his triplet grandsons.

As a tribute to Bob, spend some time in the out-of-doors with your family followed by a visit to your favorite doughnut shop.

Family will receive friends on Friday, April 21st from 2:30-4:30 at St. Andrew Presbyterian Church,1450 E Dublin Granville Rd, Columbus, OH 43229 with a memorial service to honor Bobs life at 4:30.

Memorial gifts may be made to the MSA Coalition to help fund research for this rare disease,

7918 Jones Branch Drive, Suite 300 McLean, VA 22102

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **21**. 2:30 AM - 4:30 AM (ET)

St. Andrew Presbyterian Church
1450 E. Dublin Granville Rd
Columbus, OH 43229

Memorial Service

APR **21**. 4:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

SC

Sincerely, Rich & Mandy Cefalo purchased the S weet Tranquility Basket for the family of Robert "Bob" Foster.

Sincerely, Rich & Mandy Cefalo - April 15, 2023 at 01:17 PM

MR

Bob was a good man to know. After meeting him at Tee Jay's on 161 he always has a smile and something to say. He will be missed by many people.

Mike Rhett - April 14, 2023 at 10:57 PM

Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Robert "Bob" Foster.

April 14, 2023 at 10:02 AM

JO

Bob was one of a kind. Such a special man. What an addition to our Breakfast Club and always willing to give advice with his wealth of knowledge of MANY topics. He will be missed by MANY.

jane and Tom O'Neil - April 12, 2023 at 06:36 AM

DA

Knew Bob when our sons were in Scouts many years ago. He will be missed.

Damon Asbury - April 12, 2023 at 11:18 AM

BS

In his third career I was lucky enough to watch him appear in Court with a difficult case and see him politely respond to the Judge with a smooth unoffensive style that was impressive,(and difficult to copy, even though he gave greant advice from his extensive personal experience.) He was always polite and considerate, and will not be forgotten. He will be missed..

Brent Stobbs - April 14, 2023 at 06:42 PM

DP

I was a public defender with Bob in the 70s, and went on at least one canoe vacation with him. He was a brilliant dude with knowledge on virtually every subject. The world is a little dimmer without him in it. Love to his family.

Dennis Pusateri

Dennis Pusateri - April 16, 2023 at 07:44 AM

DS

I remember Bob as fellow local hike leader for the Sierra Club, when he worked for the Franklin County Public Defender office. I loved talking with him

Dave Scott - April 16, 2023 at 11:30 AM

JK

I worked with Bob during his entire career with the public defender's office. He was a dedicated defense attorney. He kept up with the recent case law and was an effective legal advocate. He set legal precedent that benefited people throughout the entire state. He was a good friend at work and socially as well. He was always so proud of his sons. We will miss him.

John Keeling - April 16, 2023 at 12:12 PM

DH

Bob was someone I was honored to have known. RIP my friend.
Dennis Hogan

Dennis A Hogan - April 16, 2023 at 03:10 PM

BS

I always enjoyed playing bridge with Bob at the Westerville Community Center. We also enjoyed conversations about church life. He will be missed. Be at peace as he is.

Grace and peace,

Betty Lou Stull

Betty Lou Stull - April 16, 2023 at 09:55 PM