



## Mr. William Ray Foster

May 9, 1932 - April 6, 2017

Funeral services for Mr. William Ray Foster, 84, of Old Center will be at 3:00 p.m. Saturday, April 8, 2017 in the Hawthorn Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Jim Granberry officiating. Masonic rites and burial will follow in the Old Center Cemetery under the direction of Hawthorn Funeral Home. Visitation will be 6-8:00 p.m. Friday night at Hawthorn's. Mr. Foster died April 6, 2017 in Carthage, Texas.

Mr. William Ray Foster was born May 9, 1932 in Joaquin, Texas. He was the oldest of five children born to the marriage of William E. and Essie M. Lilly Foster. He was raised and schooled in Joaquin later completing his education at Panola Junior College. Ray married Vonabel Kyle December 3, 1956 and they celebrated 61 years together.

Mr. Foster spent his career in gas and oil production through Texas Eastern Gas Pipeline Co. retiring after 35 years of service. He was a longtime member of the Old Center Missionary Baptist Church where he served as a deacon. He was a mason and Past Master of the Tenaha Masonic Lodge. Ray loved the outdoors, hunting, fishing, gardening and spending time with family. He is preceded in death by his parents, brother, Guy Williard Foster, and a sister, Jimmie Frances Bowlin.

Mr. Foster is survived by his loving wife, Vonabel Foster of Old Center Community, children, Charles Ray Foster and wife Tonya of Clayton, Ronald Dwain Foster and wife Judy of Antioch, Donna Lynn Higginbotham of Longview, sisters, Anita Singleton and husband Herbert of Conroe, Eva Joy Meaux and husband Jerry of Carthage, grandchildren, William Darcy Foster and wife Mindy of San Marcos, Kristin Gardner and husband Andy of Garrison, Yvonne Foster of Pflugerville, Jeannie Whatley and husband Ryan of Austin, Kerry Ann Vana and husband Paul of Dallas, James William Foster and wife Krista of Waco, Jon Eric Higginbotham and Crystal Pruitt of Longview, thirteen great grandchildren, numerous nieces, nephews and a host of friends.

Pallbearers will be; Jeff Kyle, Mike Whiddon, Craig Gibbs, Wayne Wimberly, Herbert Singleton and Steve Allen, honorary pallbearers will be the Tenaha Masonic Lodge. The family suggests memorials to the Tenaha Masonic Lodge or Old Center Cemetery Assoc. An online guestbook may be signed at [www.hawthornfuneralhome.com](http://www.hawthornfuneralhome.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 7. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Hawthorn Funeral Home  
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P.O. Box 188  
Carthage, TX 75633  
(903) 693-3816  
[info@hawthornfuneralhome.com](mailto:info@hawthornfuneralhome.com)  
<https://www.hawthornfuneralhome.com>

## Service

APR 8. 3:00 PM (CT)

Hawthorn Funeral Home Chapel  
307 W Wellington St.  
Carthage, Tx

# Tribute Wall



“ *Hawthorn Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. William Ray Foster*



Hawthorn Funeral Home - April 07, 2017 at 08:40 AM

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“ *So many good memories of knowing you and the family. Going to church at Old Center and te church socials (eating meetings) You did so much work on and for the church. You will be greatly missed. They don't make them like you, Royce and Selwyn anymore.*



Brenda Hudson - April 08, 2017 at 02:57 PM

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Brenda Hudson - April 08, 2017 at 03:00 PM

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“ *You are in our thoughts and prayers. Joe Knight Family*

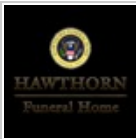
Joe Knight - April 08, 2017 at 01:04 PM

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“ *"We have fond memories of Ray when we lived there 27 years ago. He welcomed us as his neighbor and friend. He was so willing to share. He provided us a place to have a garden. He also provided our son with a place to raise a show steer. I know he will be missed by so many friends and family. May God bring comfort to you all in the days ahead." Shelby & Sarah McMillan*



Sarah McMillan - April 08, 2017 at 12:51 PM



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Hawthorn Funeral Home - April 07, 2017 at 04:39 PM



“ Love Kathy, Phyllis, and Ken purchased the *Basket Full of Wishes* for the family of Mr. William Ray Foster.



Love Kathy, Phyllis, and Ken - April 07, 2017 at 09:35 AM



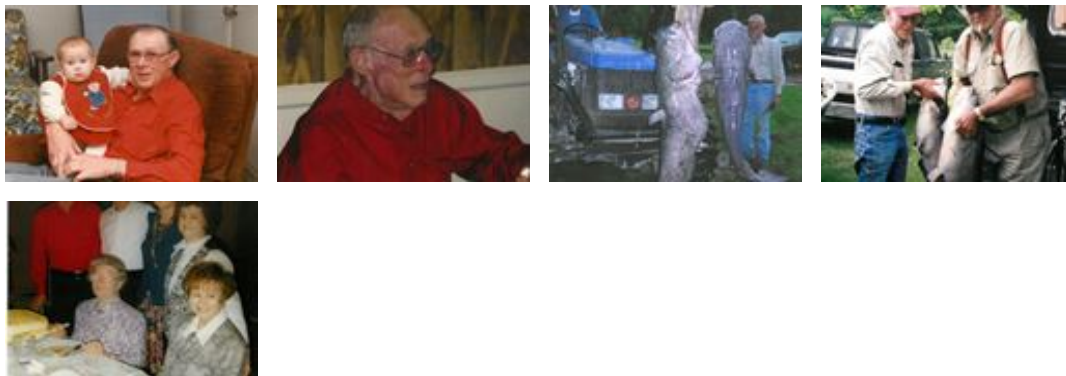
“ PAM WORKS lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Ray Foster



PAM WORKS - April 07, 2017 at 08:05 AM



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Hawthorn Funeral Home - April 07, 2017 at 07:57 AM

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“ *The family is in our thoughts and prayers. May God give you all comfort, peace and strength for the days ahead. We will be thinking of you.* ”



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**Phillip and Glenda Grimes** - April 06, 2017 at 02:03 PM