



Stephen David Foster

December 13, 2021

Stephen David Foster, 81, of Lakewood Ranch, FL died at Doctors Hospital in Sarasota on Monday, Dec. 13 after a short illness. He was born March 31, 1940, in Philadelphia, PA to Clarence Biddle Foster and Elizabeth M. (Burger) Foster.

Stephen grew up in Philadelphia where he attended Haverford High School graduating in 1958. The summer after he graduated from Haverford High he attended Villanova College, then enrolled in Eastern Baptist College in Philadelphia graduating in 1963 with a Bachelor's in History.

He enlisted to make his commitment to the United States Marine Corps in 1961 while still in college. He served until his honorable discharge in February of 1967.

Stephen returned home and accepted a position in marketing and sales with Sun Oil Company (Sunoco). His first job with the company took him to live in Providence, Rhode Island where he met his circle of lifelong friends. While living there he enjoyed time in Newport, where he visited the rest of his life. He traveled extensively across the United States and overseas to the Far East representing the company during his career. Stephen retired from Sun Oil Company after 30 years of dedicated service in the late 1990's.

In the 1980's Stephen owned and operated the Kitty Knight House, a historic inn and restaurant that Stephen was proud to restore, located on the Sassafras River in Georgetown on the Eastern Shore of Maryland. He sold the restaurant and inn after 15 years of ownership and entrepreneurship.

Stephen purchased a home and gentleman's farm on the shores of the Sassafras River in Maryland. There he enjoyed many years while raising his two daughters.

Stephen was an avid sailor and yachtsman his entire life. He enjoyed his Burger Yachts the Mountbatten and the Kitty Knight, his lifelong seamanship a source of great pride. After moving to Fort Lauderdale, he brokered yachts for many years. Stephen moved to Lakewood Ranch in 2019 and has enjoyed living there since.

He prized his 1988 Mercedes-Benz convertible that he bought new. He still enjoyed his rides in his beloved Mercedes with the top down! He was a proud Scot, celebrating his heritage at any given chance! He founded the Admirals Club (which was made up of those lifelong friends) and was the first official "Sea Lord"!

Stephen's family was most important to him, and he enjoyed becoming "Pop-Pop" to his grandchildren. It was a role he filled with great skill, enthusiasm, and wisdom.

Surviving are his daughters Felicia Foster and her husband Daniel Manichello, and Stephanie (Ben) Ziskal; and his son Stephen D. Foster Jr.; his 3 grandsons Zachary and Cameron Ziskal and Domenico Manichello; and his former wife Shirley Foster.

He was preceded in death by his parents and 3 brothers, Wayne, David, and

Biddle Foster.

A visitation will be held from 11AM to 1PM at Toale Brothers Colonial Chapel, 40 N. Orange Avenue, Sarasota on Monday Dec. 20.

A funeral service celebrating his life will be held at the Colonial Chapel immediately following visitation at 1PM with Rev. Caleb Free of Risen Savior Lutheran Church in Lakewood Ranch officiating.

A graveside ceremony will be held in early January in Galena, Maryland at Still Pond Cemetery with military honors conducted at that time. He will be laid to rest next to his mother.

The family suggests you remember Stephen with a memorial contribution to a favorite charity of his, the Tunnels to Towers Foundation, 2361 Hylan Boulevard, Staten Island, NY 10306. You can donate online by going to <http://t2t.org/> and clicking on "Donate."

Previous Events

Funeral Service

DEC **20**. 1:00 PM (ET)

Toale Brothers Funeral Home & Crematory - Colonial Chapel

40 N. Orange Avenue

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Tribute Wall

MW

“ Stephen was a dear friend who is sadly gone but will never be forgotten. He impacted my life as few others could. His love for his children, loyalty to his friends, and humorous approach to life were simple yet inspirational.

He fancied himself a British Sea Lord and devoted Commander of the Queens Navy. I'm not sure about the details of his navel commission but I can tell you first hand that he was a brave and able seaman. He was fearless, funny, and wise. I called him Admiral and we experienced many sea adventures together. On one such occasion, he saved our lives in a storm in the dark of night, 30 miles off the coast of Georgia.

Whenever the Admiral himself was under the weather, he would communicate to some of us by writing through Fletcher, his aide-de-camp and alter ego. In those communiques, Fletcher relayed the inner thoughts of the Admiral and assured us that he was well. I miss the Admiral and can only hope to hear again from Fletcher.

Long live the Admiral. Safe travels my friend.

*Forever in our hearts,
Kathy and Woody*

Michael Woodward - January 09, 2022 at 04:19 PM

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Michael Woodward - January 09, 2022 at 04:16 PM

LF

“ Love, The Woodward Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Stephen David Foster.



Love, The Woodward Family - December 16, 2021 at 03:54 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Stephen David Foster.



December 16, 2021 at 11:15 AM

FM

“ Frank and Ilene Morgan purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Stephen David Foster.



Frank and Ilene Morgan - December 16, 2021 at 10:53 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Stephen David Foster.



December 16, 2021 at 09:38 AM

WH

“ With love, Dina & Hugh purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Stephen David Foster.



With love, Dina & Hugh - December 16, 2021 at 08:35 AM

PF

“ So many great memories in Georgetown Maryland.



Patty Forsythe - December 15, 2021 at 10:57 PM

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Shirley Foster - December 15, 2021 at 08:16 PM



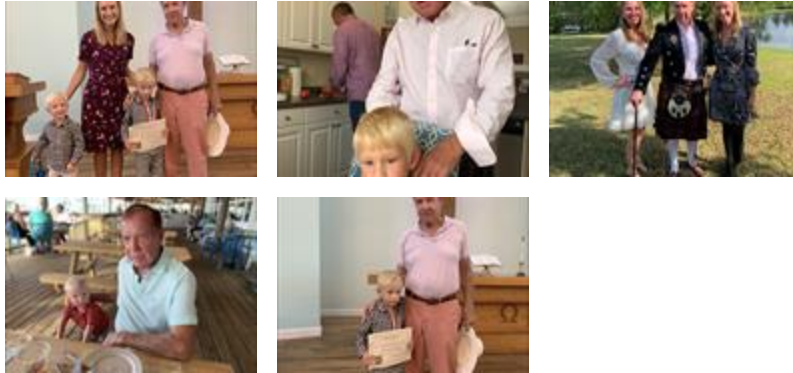
“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Stephen David Foster.



December 15, 2021 at 05:34 PM

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Stephanie Ziskal - December 15, 2021 at 03:02 PM

RH

“ *Richard Manichello & Margo Halle purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Stephen David Foster.*



Richard Manichello & Margo Halle - December 15, 2021 at 12:09 PM

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Erika - December 14, 2021 at 11:25 PM

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Felicia Foster - December 14, 2021 at 08:48 PM

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Felicia Foster - December 14, 2021 at 08:39 PM

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“ ray cordeiro purchased the Simply Elegant Spathi phyllum for the family of Stephen David Foster.



ray cordeiro - December 14, 2021 at 06:26 PM

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Felicia Foster - December 14, 2021 at 04:35 PM

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I didn't know his initials were FP!!!

Frank Prete - December 20, 2021 at 11:39 AM

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I will attend my dear friends burial in Maryland.

Frank Prete - December 20, 2021 at 11:42 AM