



## Bobby Wayne Foster

November 11, 1947 - December 29, 2018

Bobby Wayne Foster, 71, passed away peacefully on December 29, 2018 at MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, TX after a 14-year battle with cancer.

Bobby is survived by his wife, Carol; daughter, Ashlee Simmons and her husband Dan; daughter, Sonya Warner and her husband Scott; son, Alan Boney and his wife Kristy; sister, Billie Patterson; brother, Bill "Dennis" Foster; seven grandchildren: Daniel, Amelia, Alyssa, Elizabeth, Kayla, Olivia, and Isabella; nieces: Jessica, Kelly, and Lindsay; and greatest companion and loyal sidekick, Max. He's preceded in death by parents Venita and Bill Foster. Bobby was born to Venita Moore and Bill Foster on November 11, 1947 in Overton, TX. Always an outdoorsman, his early years consisted of hunting and trapping in the woods around Arp, TX. After graduating from Kilgore High School, he attended Kilgore College before being drafted at twenty years old to the US Army in 1968. He went on to serve in the Vietnam War from 1969 through 1970 as part of the US Army First Infantry Division "Big Red One". He was a decorated soldier and received numerous awards for his time in war including a Bronze Star and an Army Commendation Medal with a combat V for Valor. The war truly defined his remaining life as a proud veteran and patriot.

After the war, Bobby found an outlet for his perfectionist nature in the iron working trade. He spent almost a decade building steel structures across the Midwestern US. Leaning on that work experience, he co-founded a steel

erection company in Houston, TX called Steel Masters Incorporated in 1981. He was very proud of his contributions of growth to the Houston area through the construction of many buildings. His retirement came early at the age of 57 due to an unexpected diagnosis of cancer.

Bobby and Carol were married for 32 years. In their early years, they enjoyed many trips to Galveston, spending time with family, and sightseeing all over the United States. One of Bobby's favorite adventures was peacock bass fishing down the Amazon River in Brazil and met many lifelong friends during these trips. Post-diagnosis, Bobby found great enjoyment in having his family over while he cooked. He was very family oriented. He loved watching his grandkids compete in their various sport activities and watching them excel academically. Additionally, he loved spending time with his dog, Max. The two were truly inseparable.

He will be dearly missed by his friends, family and all who knew him.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in memory of Bobby Foster to MD Anderson Cancer Center. The Foster family is especially grateful to Dr. Donna Weber and the entire staff at MD Anderson.

The family of Bobby Foster requests that anyone attending the service please dress more "casual" (no suits). This was Bobby's request and will be a more appropriate way to honor him as this was how he lived his life.

Thank you

# Previous Events

## Viewing/Visitation

JAN 3. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Magnolia Funeral Home  
811 South Magnolia Blvd.  
Magnolia, TX 77355  
(281) 356-3363  
magnoliafh@yahoo.com  
<https://magnoliafunerals.com>

## Funeral Service

JAN 4. 10:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

DN

“ *RIP Bobby Foster , You were a good man ! My deepest condolences to all family and friends. Dave Newman*

**dave newman** - January 04, 2019 at 01:21 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Bobby Wayne Foster.*



January 03, 2019 at 04:05 PM

MT

“ *We will always remember the times we spend camping at Thousand Trails campground at Galveston with Bobby and Carol. We all use to walk the beach in search of sand dollars and Bobby always found the most. He had a sharp eye and was VERY competitive. We would cook out together each night and that is where our friendship really bloomed and has continued to grow thru the years. We will miss him!!*

**Melanie Talley** - January 03, 2019 at 03:33 PM

Jl

“ *Jay/Patty Isonhood purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Bobby Wayne Foster.*



**Jay/Patty Isonhood** - January 03, 2019 at 03:15 PM

RS

“ I worked out of the same fire support base in Vietnam that Bobby was on in 1969. ( Gela)  
I never met Bobby during the war. I met Bobby thru Facebook a few years ago. I know he was loved by everyone. I sent him some turkey feathers a couple of years ago and he made me an arrow with those feathers along with a genuine arrow head. It's one of my prized possessions. Bobby may be gone but he won't be forgotten. God bless Bobby and god bless his family. 🙏



Ronald Sites - January 03, 2019 at 03:04 PM

GS

“ Gregory Simmons purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Bobby Wayne Foster.



Gregory Simmons - January 03, 2019 at 12:48 PM

MM

“ Maria Hiney and Howie Mcglone purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of Bobby Wayne Foster.



Maria Hiney and Howie Mcglone - January 03, 2019 at 10:13 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Bobby Wayne Foster.*



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January 02, 2019 at 11:05 PM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Bobby Wayne Foster.*



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January 02, 2019 at 07:32 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Bobby Wayne Foster.*



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January 02, 2019 at 06:21 PM



“ *Paul & Janice Buller purchased the Rose Tribute for the family of Bobby Wayne Foster.*



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**Paul & Janice Buller** - January 02, 2019 at 05:10 PM

BI

“ Betty and Bob Irvine purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Bobby Wayne Foster.



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**Betty and Bob Irvine** - January 02, 2019 at 04:36 PM



“ Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Bobby Wayne Foster.



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January 02, 2019 at 02:17 PM

RC

“ Ron and Thelma Carpenter purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Bobby Wayne Foster.



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**Ron and Thelma Carpenter** - January 02, 2019 at 01:24 PM

RC

“ It has been our privilege to know Bobby. He has been a good friend, neighbor and fellow veteran.

*Ron and Thelma Carpenter*

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**Ron and Thelma Carpenter** - January 02, 2019 at 01:17 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Bobby Wayne Foster.* ”



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January 02, 2019 at 12:54 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Bobby Wayne Foster.* ”



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January 02, 2019 at 11:47 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Bobby Wayne Foster.* ”



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January 01, 2019 at 06:33 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Bobby Wayne Foster.* ”



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January 01, 2019 at 04:51 PM

CA

“ I have known and admired Bobby Wayne all my life. Since before First grade at Eastview Elementary on Luder St. Our Mothers were best friends. No matter where we lived as we grew up, we all stayed in touch and NEVER forgot where we came from. As the little kids in the pack, Bobby Wayne always had to look after all of us raggedy brats and even take us places in his jalopy car when our Mothers were working. He was my HERO. Heaven now has a big strong Angel. RIP DEAR CHILDHOOD FRIEND, Carolyn Wuench Anderson

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**Carolyn Wuench Anderson** - January 01, 2019 at 04:45 PM

DH

“ I first met Bobby in Vietnam in 1969. He was a gun section chief in a battery of 155 mm howitzers, I was part of the Fire Direction Center of a battery of 105 mm howitzers. We were both at this small Fire Support Base called Gela. You would see him taking his lizard for a walk. Later my section acquired a python that we kept in a cage. It made great pictures to send home. I have a picture of Bobby helping drape the snake around my neck. We reconnected in 2004 at the BRO reunion in Chicago. I have always wished we had lived closer. I know we would have shared many adventures together. Bobby was a great man and Paw Paw. A good friend and a brave and faithful soldier.  
Goodbye my friend.

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**Del Hiesterman** - January 01, 2019 at 03:22 PM

SC

“ I have known Bobby since our time serving together with A/8/6 in Vietnam 1969. My wife Deb has known him since meeting at the BRO reunion in Chicago 2004. Since then, both Deb and I have corresponded via social media, phone calls and "snail mail". My time with Bobby in Vietnam allowed me to know him as a soldier, a true American, an awesome artillery gun chief and a brother-in-arms. One who would do anything for his fellow soldier. Post Vietnam allowed me, and my wife, to know him as a family man and as a friend. We are so sad that he has left his earthly surroundings, but so happy that he has entered his heavenly realm. He can rest in peace and no longer suffer from his human ailments. We will miss him, but never forget him. Rest my brother. Rest well.

*I'd like to share a memory of Bobby that took place at the BRO Reunion back in 2004. Deb and I still talk about this and share it with our friends:*

*Ok, so here's a memory that is not military related. Well, at least we weren't active Army when this event occurred. It was military related in that it happened during the 1ID reunion at Chicago in 2004. As one of the activities at the reunion, a visit to the 1ID museum at Cantigny located in Wheaton, IL, was offered as a side trip. Bobby, myself, and my wife Deb decided that this would be something we all could enjoy, so we signed up for the tour. The museum and the grounds (which were once owned by the Chicago Tribune's founder and owner, Robert McCormick, and who was also an artillery officer with the 1ID during WW1), were absolutely beautiful. The three of us so enjoyed the history, the estate building, the flowers and trees and the lunch that was provided to us. Well, at least I think Bobby enjoyed his! You see, the lunch was pretty much a BBQ event, however, not like a Texas BBQ that Bobby is used to. I mean, it had salads, desserts, beans, hamburgers, and hot dogs. Probably not what Mr. Foster usually considers a BBQ (no brisket). Plus there was one grilled item that I don't believe he had ever seen before. It was in the shape of a large hot dog, actually like a Polish sausage, BUT, it was white in color. Bobby queried us on what it was, and*

*Deb and I explained that it was what we northerners called a bratwurst, and they were really good and he should try one! Well, Bobby looked us both square in the eyes, and in a very convincing tone of voice declared: "I ain't eatin' no white wienie"!!! Deb and I still laugh to this day about the look on his face and the seriousness of Bobby's response to the situation. So, Sgt. Foster—have you tried any "white wienies" yet? Happy B-day my friend.*

*Steve Clasen*

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**Steve Clasen** - January 01, 2019 at 01:01 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Bobby Wayne Foster.*



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January 01, 2019 at 12:09 PM



“ *Rose Tribute was purchased for the family of Bobby Wayne Foster.*



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January 01, 2019 at 08:54 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Bobby Wayne Foster.*



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December 31, 2018 at 10:14 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Bobby Wayne Foster.*



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December 31, 2018 at 06:57 PM



“ *Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Bobby Wayne Foster.*



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December 31, 2018 at 06:31 PM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Bobby Wayne Foster.*



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December 31, 2018 at 04:52 PM

JB

“ Jessica, Kelly and Lindsay, your favorite triplets, Jessica and Austin, Kelly and Danny, Lindsay and Brandon purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Bobby Wayne Foster.



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**Jessica, Kelly and Lindsay, your favorite triplets, Jessica and Austin, Kelly and Danny, Lindsay and Brandon -**  
December 31, 2018 at 04:43 PM

JP

“ One Canadian Thanksgiving Bobby walked through my door and I said "Hi Bobby - so nice to see you." His response "It's nice to be seen!" He had such a good attitude. We've lost another good man and it's heartbreaking...

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**Janet Petrak -** December 31, 2018 at 12:38 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Bobby Wayne Foster.



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December 31, 2018 at 12:04 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Bobby Wayne Foster.



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December 31, 2018 at 10:21 AM

LC

“Darlene and I extend our sincere condolences to Carol and the rest of Bobby's family members. I had the privilege of serving with Bobby in 1969 in Fire Support Base Gela, north of Saigon, Vietnam. Bobby and his Artillery Brothers supported the missions and patrols of my Infantry Platoon and several other units, protecting us and saving many lives by firing artillery rounds near our positions when we needed their support. Bobby and I did not have contact with each other for decades after returning home from Vietnam. However, in recent years we have reconnected via Facebook and my respect for and admiration of Bobby has continued to grow as I've learned more about his love for his family and friends through the pictures and comments he has posted, and the loving comments made by others about Bobby and followed his valiant battle with cancer with the same bravery he displayed while serving in the Army. I treasure the recent opportunity I had to visit with Bobby and Carol in their home. Carol described how tired Bobby became near the end, so while I'm sad that Bobby is no longer present here on earth, I know he is now resting peacefully, free of pain in the presence of his Creator and will someday welcome each of us when we make our transition from our human journey to our spiritual home. May God Bless Bobby Foster's soul and comfort the hearts of his loving family and friends. Rest in Peace, Brother. Lynn Clark

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**Lynn Clark** - December 31, 2018 at 01:32 AM

JD

“Judy Lewis Dukes lit a candle in memory of Bobby Wayne Foster



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**Judy Lewis Dukes** - December 31, 2018 at 01:16 AM

ST

“ *Suzann Turner lit a candle in memory of Bobby Wayne Foster*



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**Suzann Turner** - December 30, 2018 at 10:22 PM

LJ

“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



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**Larry Johns** - December 30, 2018 at 05:34 PM