



John Henry Foster

December 7, 2023

John Henry Foster, of Salisbury, NC, passed away at the age of 81 in his home on Thursday, December 7, 2023, of complications from Parkinson's disease with his beloved wife, Francesca Foster, and daughter-in-law Erin Nowokunski, at his side.

John was born in Mocksville to Henry Pinkston Foster and Ruth Mae Harris, both of whom preceded him in death. Raised in Greensboro, John graduated from Grimsley Senior High School (Greensboro Senior High School at the time) in 1960 and shortly thereafter entered the United States Postal Service as a postal clerk, working his way up to supervisor at the Bulk Mail Center in Greensboro, to finish his career as a Postmaster in Badin and China Grove, NC.

Along his life journey, he loved learning about history, especially concerning the U.S. Presidents (whom he could name in order), the Civil War and World War II. A locomotion expert who preferred to travel by train, he could recite every Amtrak route and schedule in the U.S. and even had a train whistle as his doorbell!

He also obtained the highest level as Master Mason in the Associated Free & Accepted Masons.

His lifelong love of country music also led to his long-time passion of playing the steel guitar in regional country bands, most notably with Melvin Koontz and the New Country Sounds. He enjoyed many years living on High Rock Lake, where his Party Room above the lake was a gathering spot for all those

who wanted to play a tune and socialize. Known affectionately to his friends as “Bubba,” he was always quick with a joke or smart remark to make everyone laugh.

In addition to his wife Francesca, he is survived by his children John Henry “Andy” Foster, Jr., James Richard Foster, Peggy Ann Beswick (Tom) and her children, Brandon, Trey, and Brianna; stepchildren Daniel Nowokunski (Erin) and their children, Miya and Hayden, and Joanna Harrison and her child Maia; and his beloved toy poodle, Molly.

John was very much loved by everyone, and this last train stop will leave everyone waiting to meet him at the next destination.

The family will receive friends 10 – 11 a.m. Monday, December 11, 2023 at Summersett Funeral Home. The funeral service will be conducted at 11 a.m. in Summersett Memorial Chapel with Rev. Wayne Cobb officiating. Burial will follow in the Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Cemetery.

If desired, as an alternative to flowers, donations may be made to Trellis Supportive Care by calling (336) 768-3972 or directly online at <https://www.trellissupport.org/content/ways-give>.

Summersett Funeral Home is serving the Foster family. Online condolences may be made at www.summersettfuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

Sacred Heart Catholic Church Cemetery

Salisbury, NC

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 11. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Summersett Funeral Home
1315 W. Innes St.
Salisbury, NC 28144
(704) 633-2111
<https://www.summersettfuneralhome.com>

Funeral Service

DEC 11. 11:00 AM (ET)

Summersett Memorial Chapel
1315 W. Innes St.
Salisbury, NC 28144

Tribute Wall

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“ Oh my dear friend, I know you probably thought I had forgotten you. But I thought of you often. Our talks when I would come to clean your house, LOL , we would talk about everything you always made me smile
Then you meet your wonderful wife, how I love her, she was perfect for you. I was so happy when you married her. I knew you would never be lonely or unhappy with Francesca, you and her was good for each other. Then my life move on to it's 2nd stage. You was such a good person. And alot of people will miss you. I love you dear friend, RIP until we me again. Jennie who clean up for you for many years.

Jennie Phillips - March 11, 2024 at 06:44 PM

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“ John, you will be missed by many. Time to be at peace and watch over all of your loved ones.

John Novy - December 11, 2023 at 07:19 AM

SG

“ Enjoyed knowing John for last few years and playing music with him. Sorry for the loss for friends and family.

Steve Grant - December 09, 2023 at 04:08 PM

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“ Words can Not describe the way a fell right now about "Bubba". He was a beloved friend for over 40 years. I will always cherish the many great and fun-filled times we had in his "Party Room" on High Rock Lake. He was certainly a "one-of-a-kind" individual. He certainly made my life much happier and I will NEVER forget that. I know he will be playing that Golden steel guitar in Heaven. Like in that Tom T. Hall song, "Maybe the Good Lord Likes a Little Pickin' too". I'm sure Bubba is Pickin' for the good Lord in Heaven and I know my brother is beside him laughing as usual. Rest in Peace My Friend.

Van Elrod

Van Elrod - December 08, 2023 at 02:58 PM