



Joan Foster

October 4, 1934 - April 20, 2017

Joan Foster was welcomed into the world on October 4, 1934 by proud parents, Geneva and Otis Durham, in the city of Buffalo, New York. She was the second of 3 children. After the death of her mother she was raised by her grandmother, Bessie Knox.

Joan attended School #17 and Girls Vocational High School of Buffalo, New York. She also attended Oakwood College, in Huntsville, Alabama for 3 years in the early 1950's. Upon returning to Buffalo, New York, she pursued a nursing degree at Millard Fillmore Hospital School of Nursing. She also started her career at Millard Fillmore Hospital.

Joan was married to the love of her life, Chester Foster, Sr. and they welcomed two beautiful children into their union, Chester, Jr. and Rebecca (Becky). Joan was a baptized member of the Emmanuel Temple Seventh-Day Adventist Church in Buffalo, New York under the leadership of Pastor Theddeous Wilson. She was a member of the Sabbath school department, teaching in the cradle roll and kindergarten department. She also volunteered her time as a secretary in the church. She sang in Emmanuel Temple's first choir and also participated in the church Gospel Choir.

In 1969 Joan moved her family to the suburban town of Cheshire, Connecticut, the town in which her husband, Chester Foster, Sr. grew up. Joan continued her nursing career at Yale New Haven Hospital and at Connecticut Mental Health Center in New Haven, Connecticut. She worked at Yale New Haven Hospital which housed the world's first New Born Special

Care Unit, caring for premature and critically ill newborn infants. She loved caring for and nurturing the babies to good health and worked in the newborn special care unit until she retired.

Upon moving to Connecticut, Joan and her family attended the Mount Zion Seventh Day Adventist Church. Joan was a dedicated member of Mount Zion where her mother-in-law and father-in-law, Ida and Ebenezer Foster, were two stepping stones of Mount Zion. She loved fellowshiping with her Mount Zion family and listening to music.

Full of life and good spirit, Joan was a hard working woman. She enjoyed cooking, reading, and spending time with her family and friends. She was a devoted mother and grandmother and a kind friend. She was preceded in death by her husband, Chester Foster, Sr. and her son, Chester Foster, Jr. She leaves to cherish, one daughter Rebecca (Becky) L. Williams of Naugatuck, Connecticut; two granddaughters, Rachel C .Williams and Breana B. Williams; one sister, Elizabeth (Marc) Holmon of Hamburg, New York, a son in law, Lasander Williams of Connecticut; and a host of relatives and friends. Joan's smile and love for life will be missed by all who knew her.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAY 7. 2:00 PM (ET)

Mt. Zion Seventh Day Adventist Church
64 Marlboro Street
Hamden, CT 06514

Tribute Wall



“ *Joan Foster*

October 09, 2023 at 06:14 AM



“ *Even though she left buffalo years ago seems as though she never left luv you Nolley*

nolley price - May 06, 2017 at 10:44 PM



“ *Rebecca Foster Williams sent a virtual gift in memory of Joan Foster*



Rebecca Foster Williams - May 06, 2017 at 05:46 PM



“ *Rebecca Foster Williams lit a candle in memory of Joan Foster*



Rebecca Foster Williams - May 06, 2017 at 05:39 PM



“ *RIP - No more pain - LOVE YOU ALWAYS - Your Sister Elizabeth.*

Elizabeth Holmon - May 06, 2017 at 02:52 PM



“ *My mother, she was forever there for me and I for her.
I will love you for all eternity.
You are the wind beneath my wings 🌸❤️
Becky 🌸❤️*

Rebecca Foster Williams - May 06, 2017 at 02:02 PM