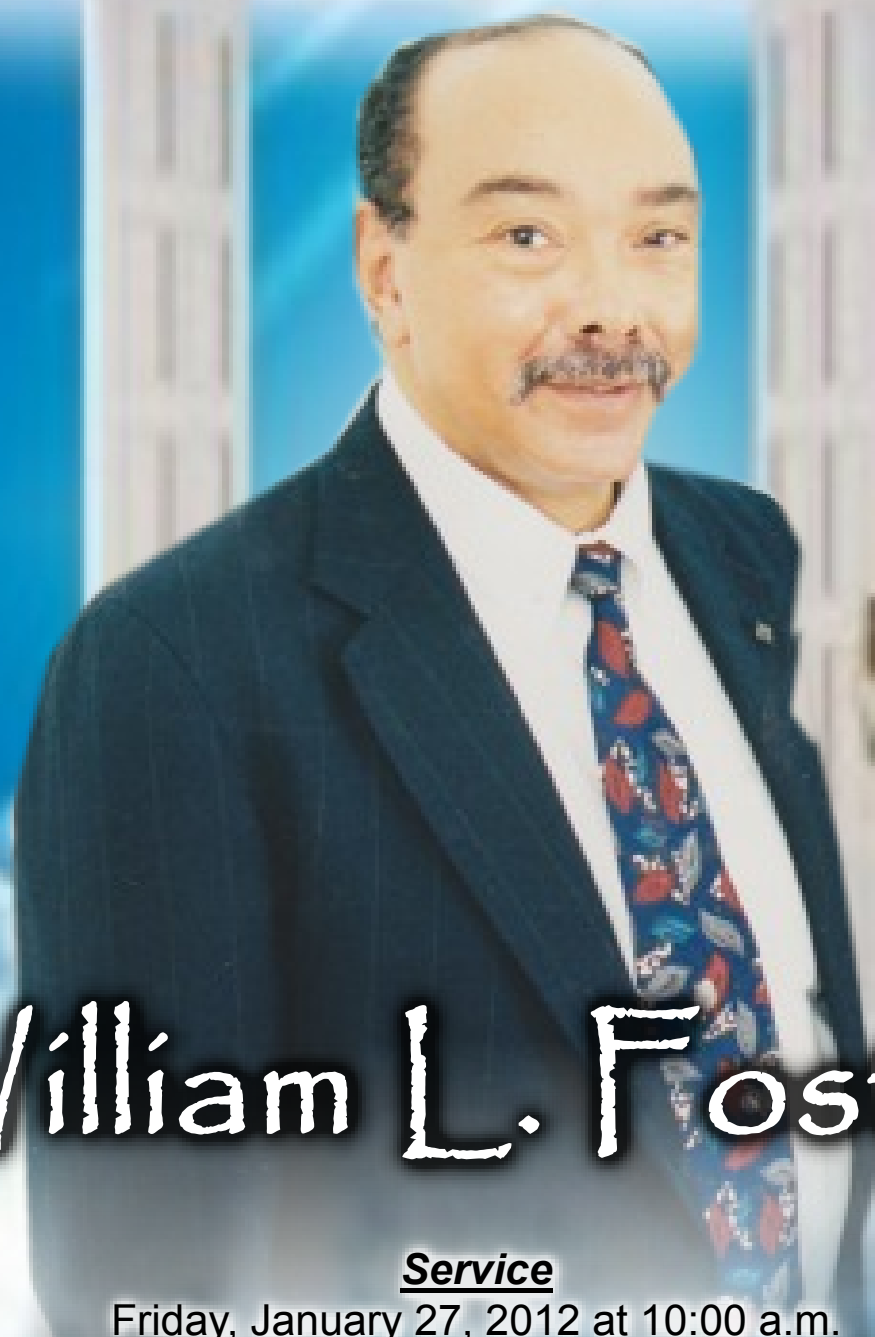


# In Loving Memory of

**Sunrise**  
**June 12, 1938**

**Sunset**  
**January 18, 2012**



# William L. Foster

## Service

Friday, January 27, 2012 at 10:00 a.m.

**FAITH TEMPLE CHURCH**

57 Prospect Street • East Orange, New Jersey

## Obituary

**William Lester Foster** was born to Quill Mynard and Maxie Foster in Gary, West Virginia on June 12, 1938. He was the third oldest of five siblings. William often reminisced about how his older brother, Walter ("Sonny") would look out for him and let him show off with his car on weekends. He also frequently talked about the times he had with his sisters, Mary, Shirley, and Delores. William had a special fondness for his big sister, Mary and she recalls that "he fussed at (her) but he loved (her)." Shirley, "his shadow," could often be seen following closely behind him while on his newspaper route; and Delores remembers him bargaining with her to be his servant in exchange for some of his "special" snacks that he kept stashed away.

William would often tell stories of having a particularly slim build and being compared to a "slim handle pick" as a youngster, which eventually became the nickname "Pick," as he was often fondly referred to by his family and close friends. William was notorious for his great sense of humor and his ability to make all who came in contact with him laugh - even if it was at a crack about them. In addition to "Pick," he had several other nicknames given to him by his in-laws such as, "China Man" and "Mr. Miagi."

William attended Gary Elementary School and from there went on to graduate from Gary District High in 1958. Just following graduation from high school, William moved to New Jersey and in the same year met the love of his life, Delores Hobbs. In 1962, William was drafted into the U.S. Army where he served until his honorable discharge in 1964.

William and Delores were married in 1964. From this union was born two children, Carla Renee and William Mynard. Carla and Mynard have fond memories of going horseback riding and to the rifle range with their dad. Later in life, William and his wife became foster parents to several teen mothers to whom they provided guidance and often introduced them to Christ.

In addition to his sense of humor, William was known for his knowledge and passion for politics and finances (investments), which was evident by the many conversations he had with his son-in-law, Leroy. He was also known for his very healthy appetite and ability to persuade others to cook special meals for him. He could often be found convincing his daughter-in-law, Debra to fry him some chicken or cook him some pinto beans. William was crazy about his grandchildren, "Shay Shay" (Lashe), "Thumb-bum" (Asia); "Mack-Mack" (Matthew) and "Lil Man" (LeChay), and had a tendency to call them by his own special name.

William gave his life to the Lord as a young man. Throughout the years, he served in various capacities in the church including; choir member, Sunday school teacher, and deacon.

During the early years of his time in New Jersey, William worked as an apprentice with a local funeral home. He eventually took up a trade as a carpet and tile journeyman. As a result, he worked with the Newark Housing Authority and started his own flooring business, "The Busy B," which he maintained until his retirement. William's passion and compassion for children led him to dedicate "The Busy B" to raising funds for babies with HIV and AIDS.

William was predeceased by his wife of forty-five years, Delores; his parents, Quill and Maxie Foster; and his brother, Walter.

William leaves to mourn his memories: daughter, Carla (Leroy) and his son, Mynard (Debra); grandchildren, LaShe, Asia, Matthew and LeChay; three sisters, Mary L. Foster, Delores Southard (Eddie) and Shirley Robinson (Devon); his cousin, Herbert McMillian; special "buddy," Tommy Revels; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

# Order of Service

- Presiding ..... Patricia Andrews (*Niece*)
- The Processional ..... Clergy & Family
- Opening Prayer ..... Pastor Milton B. Hobbs (*Nephew*)
- The Reading Of The Word ..... Roslyn Parchment (*Cousin*)
- Ministry in Song ..... Pastor Sharon Dean  
Visions of God Family Worship - Plainfield, NJ
- Words of Comfort ..... Pastor Leroy Bean (*Son-in-law*)  
Transfiguration Ministries - Bermuda
- Acknowledgements ..... Yolanda Andrews (*Niece*)
- Tribute ..... Herbert McMillian (*Cousin*)
- Reflections ..... Bishop Frank Hobbs (*Brother-in-law*)  
Rehoboth Lighthouse Fellowship - Haverhill, MA
- Reading of the Obituary ..... Patricia Andrews
- Ministry in Song ..... Pastor Sharon Dean
- Family Tribute ..... Minister Pernell Robinson (*Nephew*)  
Pastor Jacqueline Gunn (*Niece*)  
Elder Donna Allen (*Niece*)
- Final Reflections ..... Bishop Richard Johnson (*Nephew*)  
Destiny Family Christian Center - El Paso, Texas
- Closing Selection ..... "I'm Going Away"
- Recessional

## **Interment**

Fairmount Cemetery  
Newark, New Jersey

# *Miss Me, But Let Me Go*

*When I come to the end of the  
road and the sun has set for me,  
I want no rites in a gloom filled room,  
Why cry for a soul set free?*

*Miss me a little-but not too long, and not with  
your head bowed low.*

*Remember the love that we once shared,  
Miss me-but let me go.*

*For this is a journey that we all must take,  
And each and every one of us must go alone.*

*It's all part of the Master's plan,  
A step on the road to home.*

*When you are lonely and sick at heart,  
Go to the friends we know.*

*And bury your sorrows in doing good deeds  
Miss me-but let me go.*

## *Acknowledgements*

*The family of **William L. Foster** wishes to express their sincere appreciation for the kindness and love shown during their time of sorrow.*

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