



## Joseph Dean Foster

March 27, 1934 - August 14, 2024

Joseph Dean Foster was born March 27, 1934, in Ponca City, Oklahoma, to William Foster and Anna Bell Purdue. He died Wednesday, August 14, 2024, in Tulsa, Oklahoma, at the age of 90. Dean completed his secondary education in Westville, Oklahoma, where he excelled in athletics and graduated with the Westville High School Class of 1952. His ability to play baseball allowed him to continue his education at Oklahoma Baptist University in Shawnee, Oklahoma. He completed his education with a Bachelor's degree from the University of Tulsa.

Dean was married July 20, 1956, in Yale, Oklahoma, to Sylvia Huffine. He began working as a staffer with the Tulsa Chamber of Commerce. One of his early responsibilities was to organize the first Tulsa Careers Opportunity Seminar, which helped area college and vo-tech juniors and seniors for possible employment opportunities after graduation. After his time with the Tulsa Chamber, Dean worked as a vice president of Republic National Bank of Tulsa. It was after this time that Dean began his career in the homebuilding industry as a partner with Charlie Leake and he later became the owner and operator of Dean Foster Homes, Inc. which he managed for over 25 years. Dean was a strong man of faith and had been a member of Eastwood Baptist Church in Tulsa and First Baptist Church in Owasso. He served many years as a Sunday School teacher and bible teacher. He enjoyed a variety of pastimes including sports, especially football and baseball. Those he leaves behind who hold many cherished memories include:

His wife of 68 years; Sylvia

Two daughters; Dee Ann Foster Esau and Cheri Foster Williams (Mike)

Grandchildren; Andria Avery

Andrew Esau

Amber Esau

Aubrey Kelsey (Johnny)

Alissa Dyke (Alan)

Taylor Foster (Brooke)

Tara Hill (Mark)

Colton Williams (Katie)

He was great grandpa to 16 precious children and a great great grandpa of one.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers, Hugh Foster and Ray Foster, and his beloved son, Tony Foster.

Funeral service will be held 2:00 p.m. Monday, August 19, 2024, at First Baptist Church of Owasso with Pastor Chris Wall officiating. Final resting place will be at Graceland Memorial Park Cemetery in Owasso. The family requests memorial contributions be made in Dean's memory to The Mission-FBCO, 13307 East 96th Street North, Owasso, Oklahoma, 74055, or [www.the-mission.net](http://www.the-mission.net). Arrangements and services were entrusted to Mowery Funeral Service of Owasso.

[www.moweryfs.com](http://www.moweryfs.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Graceland Memorial Park Cemetery

Highway 169 and Highway 20  
Owasso, OK 74055

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

AUG 19. 2:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church Owasso  
13307 E 96th St N  
Owasso, OK 74055  
(918) 272-2294

## Memorial Fund

AUG 19 (CT)

The Mission- FBCO  
13307 East 96th Street North  
Owasso, OK 74055

<https://www.themission.net/>

# Tribute Wall

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“ Dean and his wife were great friends to my parents, Shirley and Leo, while young married couples raising children in Tulsa. They shared many connections through Hillcrest Baptist Church in Tulsa as well. Later in life Dean built a home for them in Owasso. My parents always had great respect for Dean, fond memories and glad to know him and Sylvia. My condolences to the Foster family. Karla (Turner) Price

Karla Price - August 18, 2024 at 06:55 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Joseph Dean Foster.



August 18, 2024 at 04:17 PM

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“ In the 90's help Dean coach a baseball team on which his grandson Andrew and my son David played. Dean was not only one of the kindest men I've known, but he really knew the game of baseball. The boys learned a lot about all aspects of the game, but they couldn't have possibly had a man who better exemplified strong, godly character than Coach Dean. I thoroughly enjoyed the times we spent together, and I know that he will be sorely missed by his family and all of those whose lives he touched.

David Hughes - August 18, 2024 at 03:34 PM

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“ See card message purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Joseph Dean Foster.



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**See card message** - August 16, 2024 at 07:15 PM