

Eric D. Foster

October 31, 1943 ~ April 15, 2025

Eric D. Foster, 81, of Millcreek, Utah, passed away peacefully on April 15, 2025. Born on Halloween in 1943 in Jackson, Michigan, Eric was raised in Advance and Jamestown, Indiana. From an early age, he demonstrated a deep curiosity for the world around him—a passion that would carry through every stage of his life.

Eric attended Granville Wells and Howe Military School in Indiana before studying microbiology at Brigham Young University. His pursuit of knowledge later led him back to Indiana, where he earned a degree in veterinary medicine from Purdue University—a field he began studying with his father, and would devote nearly five decades of service.

In 1972, Eric married Nancy E. Long in the Salt Lake City Temple. Together they built a life centered on faith, family, and service, raising three children who were the pride and joy of his life.

Dr. Foster founded Millcreek Veterinary Clinic, where he practiced for 46 years. His love for animals and compassion for others was evident in the countless hours he spent o■ering care—often for little or no charge—to members of his community. He was known for his generosity, kindness, and unwavering commitment to service.

A devoted member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Eric found great joy in his missionary work in the Northwestern States Mission and later in his temple service alongside Nancy. His faith shaped the way he lived, learned, and loved.

Eric was a true renaissance man—a lifelong learner and gifted teacher who delighted in conversation and sharing knowledge with others. Whether discussing science, faith, or history, he had an unmatched ability to connect with people and inspire curiosity. Among his greatest joys was spending time with his grandchildren, teaching them about the gospel and the wonders of the natural world.

Eric is preceded in death by his beloved wife, Nancy; his parents, Helen C. Zusne and Howard K. Foster; and his sister, Beth Foster Wiggins.

He is survived by his siblings Diane (Paul) Whitney, Paula (Ken) Weitemier, and Megan Zusne, as well as his children: Emily (Grant); Rachael (Cory); and David (Christine); 9 grandchildren, and 6 nieces/nephews.

His legacy of learning, service, and love lives on through his family, friends, and the many lives he touched.

Please share your memories and stories of Dr. Eric Foster on the Larkin webpage; they will be recorded for posterity. In lieu of flowers please send donations to the Humane Society of Utah