


Mark Edward Foster

September 20, 1928 ~ November 20, 2021

On the morning of November 20th, twelve days after his beloved wife of 69 years passed, Mark Edward Foster left us to rejoin her. Mark cherished and centered his life around his wife Phyllis, so it was no great surprise to the family that he would waste no time to catch up with her.

Mark Foster was born Sept. 20th, 1928 to the parents of Ephia and George Foster and was raised in the tiny coalmining town of Columbia, Utah. Due to the remote location of Columbia, he was sent to Wasatch Academy, a private boarding school in Mt. Pleasant, Utah. Mark flourished at Wasatch Academy where he was active in many social clubs including: International Relations, vocal quartette, skiing, 4-letter man (football, basketball, track & tennis), and was elected student council president in his senior year. Upon graduation, Mark received a congressional appointment to the Naval Academy Preparatory School in Bainbridge, Maryland and shortly after WWII, boarded the battleship New Jersey bound for Europe.

His next adventure took him to Salt Lake for studies at the University of Utah, where a close friend set him up on a blind date with “Phyllis” to whom he immediately gave his heart. On April 14, 1952 Mark married Phyllis McArthur Foster. Soon the two were raising a family of two sons in Bountiful and Mark began a career in the emerging computer industry, working for several companies in data processing management.

Mark was a voracious reader with a penchant for challenging many of society’s traditions. He was especially passionate about alternative medicine, researching practices such as light and short wave therapy. Mark was a healer at heart and his broad view of medical methodologies was a great source of pride. His concern for the physical well being of family and friends was strongly felt.

Mark is survived by his sons Tracy Foster (Janet) and Philip Foster (Elizabeth), grandchildren Holly Foster-Bohen (Tory) and Nicholas Foster (Emily), and great grandson Brixton Foster.

The family would like to thank Barton Creek Senior Living Center and Elevation Hospice for their loving care. Thanks also to caregiver Raven Wood, loyal family members (notably Dan & Suzy Murray), and the wonderful neighbors on Wicker Lane for all their dedicated assistance to Mark and Phyllis during their later years.

A joint memorial service celebrating the life of Mark & Phyllis will be announced at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations are welcomed to Elevation Hospice: elevationhospiceutah.com