



Gertrude Ella Foster

May 28, 1920 - April 22, 2008

Gertrude Ella Foster of Chester, MD quietly passed away on Wednesday, April 23, 2008. She was 87.

Gertrude was born on May 28, 1920. She was the daughter of the late Alonza L. Fleming and Sarah E. Fleming of Cheverly, MD. She married her childhood sweetheart, Gilmer G. Foster, on August 19, 1934. During her married life, she resided in Prince George's County, Edgewater, Queenstown, and since 1992, Chester, MD. Gertrude worked for many years at the H+H Bindery in Washington, D.C. and for her family's automotive business in Prince George's County. Her talents in needlework were greatly enjoyed. She loved jigsaw puzzles, country music, and family gatherings. As the mother of 9 children, she lovingly maintained contact with every member of her large family down to the youngest great-great-grandchild.

She is survived and greatly missed by her husband of more than 73 years, Gilmer Genster Foster; 3 sons, Donovan Lee Foster of Edgewater, Eugene Genster Foster and his wife Beverly of Ocean City, William Preston Foster and wife Cheri of Cape Coral, FL; 3 daughters, Irene M. Vanderhoof and husband, James of Stevensville, Diane Elsie Chisholm and husband Meighan of Easton, and Bonne May Thuman and husband Jack of Grasonville as well as, 35 grandchildren and 54+ great-grandchildren, and 1+ great-great-grandchild.

She was predeceased by 3 sons, Roy Craig Foster, Dennis Consta Foster, and Steven Gilmer Foster, Sr.; 5 sisters, Mary Beall, May Robertson, Annie Murphy, Ida Taylor, and Elsie Roland; and a brother, Henry Fleming.

A visitation will be held on Sunday, April 27, 2008 from 6-8pm at Fellows, Helfenbein and Newnam Funeral Home, P. A., 106 Shamrock Road, Chester, MD 21619. Funeral services will be held on Monday, April 28, 2008 at 11am at Fellows, Helfenbein and Newnam Funeral Home, P. A. Interment will follow at Stevensville Cemetery. Online condolences may be at www.fhnfuneralhome.com.

All expressions of love and kind words are appreciated.

Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Gertrude Ella Foster* ”



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - April 22, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *Gertrude Ella Foster* ”

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Gertrude Ella Foster* ”

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Gertrude Ella Foster* ”

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ My condolences to the family of Gertrude Ella Foster. I am Carole Peter, Haley Chisholm Peter's sister-in-law. Haley is Gertrude's grand daughter. From Haley's description of her fond and happy memories of her Grandmother, there is no doubt that Gertrude lived a full life and loved and took care of her family. Knowing Diane Chisholm and Haley, I can say she did a fine job raising her family. What a wonderful role model for living one's life. God bless you, Gertrude.

Carole Peter##imported-begin##Carole Peter##imported-end##

May 03, 2008 at 10:17 PM



“ Well, like Beverly, I too have been associated with the family for 38 years. Although Jimmy (Steve's son) and I are no longer together, I continue to have strong ties with his immediate family. I still have the very nice letter that Gert sent me following Leah Mae's (Jimmy Jr.'s daughter/Gert's great-great granddaughter) first birthday party, where we had a five-generation picture taken with Gilmer, Steve, Jimmy, Jimmy, Jr. and Leah Mae, which appeared in the Capitol Newspaper in February, 1999. Unfortunately, Jimmy Jr.'s two sons, James, III (Bubba) and Jace (who are younger than Leah) never had the opportunity to meet their great-great-grandmother, who, by the way, was a great-great lady. Love and Prayers to Everyone.

Tina##imported-begin##Tina (Foster) Dennison##imported-end##

April 29, 2008 at 01:25 PM



“ Dear Bonne, Gilmer & Kids,
Today I was sadden to hear about your Mom. I always remember how she enjoyed being with you and the kids as they were growing and how she was always such a big part of your family life. Both of your parents have always been that strong right arm and the loving support every child needs from their parents. The LOVE of you and your Father was the reason she was able to endure the challenges of the last couple of years. Her failing health and the slow lost of being able to do the things she enjoyed was very hard on you and your Dad. I know you shall always remember her and will miss her smiling face. But know she is now resting peacefully within God's loving Grace. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this time and the times ahead. All My Love to You...My Sister.....Jeanette (and from my kids - Cindy, Adam & Tina) PS - Aunt Chloe and Cousin Diane sends their prayers and thoughts to your Dad and You and all your family....##imported-begin##Jeanette Ritchie##imported-end##

April 27, 2008 at 05:28 PM



“ Well I don't know quite where to start...but I came to this family many years ago, 38 to be exact. With no disrespect to my own family, but my mother married 4 times, my Dad married 5 times. Gert was my example of what mothers and wives do. Gilmer is my example of what dads do. When I say I am Blessed by having them in my life, I mean that. My husband has always been her "boy" and always will be. Gert's boys were HER boys and her girls were HER girls. Always were, always will be. She loved unconditionally. And taught us how to do do the same.. She took us, blemishes, mistakes, imperfections and all. She loved us in spite of ourselves at times. I am gratefull for that. She has left a bit of herself in all us. And I am glad that she did. She was my Mother-in-law, she was my friend. I will miss her dearly.##imported-begin##Beverly Foster##imported-end##

April 25, 2008 at 10:06 PM



“ To the Foster Family: I am thinking of your family in the loss of your mother. She and my mother had a good time being roommates in 2005 at Corsica Hills. She was so funny and kept mother going. They looked after one another and she knew mother couldn't see and would always help her to the best of her ability. My prayers and sympathy to you at this time and may God grant you peace to get through this difficult time. I know you have many memories that will always remain your your hearts. Fondly, Lynda Palmatary, 221 Hope Road, Centreville, Md.##imported-begin##Lynda H. Palmatary##imported-end##

April 25, 2008 at 11:31 AM



“ *Dear Bonne and Family,
We were so sorry to hear about the
loss of your dear mother. Please know
that our whole family is praying for
all of you.##imported-begin##Dave and Peggy Nichols##imported-
end##*

April 25, 2008 at 08:47 AM



“ *Nana, we will miss you. You are the best Grandma/Great Grandma
that a kid could ask for! We LOVE YOU!*

*Haley, Tom, Sarah and Joshua (Chisholm) Peter
Diane (Foster) and Meighan Chisholm's kids##imported-
begin##Haley, Tom, Sarah and Joshua Peter##imported-end##*

April 24, 2008 at 08:16 PM