



Ward Carter Foster

June 28, 1927 - December 17, 2019

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92 Years, 5 Months, 19 Days

Ward Carter Foster, 92, of Montague, passed away peacefully of natural causes at Mercy Mount Shasta on December 17, 2019.

Ward was born on June 28, 1927 in Grenada, to Kenneth Maximillion Foster & Valentine Violet Ward. He graduated from Yreka High School and engineering trade school prior to joining the Navy from 1944 – 1946 and fought in World War II attaining the rank of E3 machinist's mate. His boat was one of the first ships to land in Nagasaki after the atomic bombing.

He met the love of his life Mary "Joyce" Foster at a dance in Montague in 1947. They were married on August 10, 1948 and had two children, K.J. and Leslie. Over their nearly 70 year marriage, together they ballroom danced, traveled the US on the competitive Square and Round dancing circuit, and taught a love for dance as instructors.

Ward retired in mid 1992 from the construction profession as a Bridge Crew foreman for Siskiyou County Road Dept. where he contributed for 33yrs. He also owned and operated the roller skating rink in Montague. He being an avid skater himself, once performed a skating routine with Margie Lovell on a

Montague variety show. Ward cared of children and became president of the local PTA (Parent Teachers Association). He coached Little League, Babe Ruth, and played for the Mustangs himself in the CA semipro baseball league.

Ward also enjoyed sharing his love for the outdoors as a scout master for the local Montague boy and cub scout troops. Together with Joyce, Ward enjoyed deer hunting and they became exhibition archery shooters. This led them to founding the "Siskiyou Bowman Club." Over their travels they collected many memories, some of which they gifted. For instance, the majority of the Chinese bottles on display at the Montague Railroad Museum where they volunteered were Wards. Sadley, Joyce passed away in 2017.

Ward is survived by son; Kenneth J. Foster (Pam), grandson Ken G. Foster (Cameo), Christopher J. Foster (Maria), David Casson; granddaughter, Jennefer Epley; grandchildren, 6 great grandchildren and 1 great-great grandchild.

Those who preceded Ward include his parents Kenneth Foster and Valentine Violet Ward; daughter: Leslie Foster, Sister Gail Foster.

Memorial donations may be sent to the Foster family, care of Girdner Funeral Chapel P.O. Box 246 Yreka.

A Celebration of Life service is planned to take place Summer of 2020.
Condolences may be shared at www.girdnerfuneralchapel.com

Tribute Wall

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“ Jayne Keller lit a candle in memory of Ward Carter Foster



Jayne Keller - December 20, 2019 at 11:02 AM

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“ David Sylva lit a candle in memory of Ward Carter Foster



David Sylva - December 20, 2019 at 09:55 AM



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Girdner Funeral Chapel - December 19, 2019 at 07:18 PM

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Thank you Ward for all your contributions to our great town of Montague! You made a difference! May you rest in peace.

Patricia Miller - December 20, 2019 at 09:49 AM

CJ

I always remember Ward and (I think) Vera Clements, skating together during The Montague Talent Show. I loved watching them! And Joyce was so sweet! 💕💕

Char Jones - December 20, 2019 at 10:33 AM

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Thank you, Ward, for all you did for Montague and Siskiyou County. I know how sad you were after Joyce died and how happy you are to be back in her arms!

Jayne Keller - December 20, 2019 at 11:04 AM