



## Edward "Ed" C. Foster

October 1, 1940 - January 11, 2023

Edward C. "Ed" Foster, age 82, of Crown Point, passed away January 11, 2023. He was born in East Chicago, IN., to Edward and Helen (Desotell) Foster and was the oldest of 4 children. Ed was raised in Cedar Lake and graduated from Lowell High School, Class of 1959. He was a member of S.S. Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Cathedral, FOP Anton Lodge # 125, and the first president of the AFL-CIO Union # 72. Upon graduation he chose military service, joining the U.S. Navy as a hospital corpsman. Ed then went on to dedicate his life to being a public servant, having devoted a total of 38 years to the Lake County Sheriff's Department. He began his career in law enforcement with his appointment as a deputy sheriff on the 28th of December 1964, Badge #79. Always proud and driven, he worked diligently to gain as much knowledge and experience as he could, earning himself appointments as head of numerous specialty divisions, such as S.W.A.T commander and bomb unit, heading up Lake County's Inaugural F.O.P. as well as promotions, including Warden of the jail; and his top rank of Major. As a leader he led by example- never expecting more from his men than he was willing to give of himself. After 30 years of active police duty, Ed retired in 1994 and began a new chapter of his life as a private investigator, head of his own detective agency- security company. The Sheriff's department was his calling, however, and he went on to be called back twice more working in civilian positions within the jail. Outside of work, Ed was a talented craftsman and could often be found in his wood shop creating masterpieces for home

projects or for gifts. He enjoyed fishing and loved to find new recipes to cook and bake for his family. In his retirement, Ed relaxed in his recliner with a western on the TV and a crossword book in his hand.

He was preceded in death by his parents- Edward W. and Helen Foster; younger brother- Robert Foster; father and mother-in-law- Frank and Kaliroy Petruska. Ed is survived by his loving wife of 40 years- Elizabeth (nee Petruska) Foster; sister- Lois Collins; dear aunt Julia Foster; cousins- Gayle Doyle and George (Trish) Foster, sister-in-law- Andrea Foster. He was dad to 5 children- Loretta (Dean) Sabo, Sherry (Greg) Klein, Michael (Aly) Foster, Kathleen Foster, and Joseph (Kelly) Foster; 15 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren, with 2 more on the way. The visitation will take place on Wednesday, January 18, 2023 from 3 p.m. – 7 p.m. at Burns Funeral Home, 10101 Broadway, Crown Point. Funeral will be held on Thursday, January 19, 2023 at 10 a.m. at S.S. Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Cathedral, 8000 Madison St., Merrillville. Rev. Dimitri Burikas and Rev. William Conjelko officiating. Interment Calumet Park Cemetery, Merrillville, IN. [www.burnsfuneral.com](http://www.burnsfuneral.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Calumet Park Cemetery

2305 W. 73rd Ave.  
Merrillville, IN 46410

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 18. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Burns Funeral Home & Crematory - Crown Point  
10101 Broadway  
Crown Point, IN 46307  
(219) 769-0044  
info@burnsfuneral.com  
<https://www.burnsfuneral.com/>

## Funeral Service

JAN 19. 10:00 AM (CT)

SS. Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Cathedral  
8000 Madison St.  
Merrillville, IN 46410

# Tribute Wall

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“ Keeping all of the family in our thoughts and prayers. AnnMarie Andros-Serrano & Family



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**AnnMarie** - January 19, 2023 at 01:04 AM

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“ John Van Woerden lit a candle in memory of Edward "Ed" C. Foster



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**John Van Woerden** - January 18, 2023 at 08:22 PM

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“ RIP MAJOR EDWARD FOSTER! FINAL 10-42 FROM JASPER COUNTY EMT JULIE GUNTER, WE ALL STAND TOGETHER FOR OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN BROWN AND BLUE!

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**Julie Gunter** - January 17, 2023 at 07:59 PM

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“ To the entire Foster family, please know there are no words I can convey to lessen your grief surrounding Ed's passing. With that being said, my grandson, in his innocent wisdom, says God puts you on this earth to do a job and when that job is done, he takes you home. Ed did an excellent job and as a Lake County Police Officer, I was blessed to have him as my supervisor. Wrap yourself in warm memories of your time with Ed and remember he is at peace, without pain, and standing with the Lord, waiting until the day he sees you again.

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**Cathy Hrebenyak-Rodriguez, LCPD retired** - January 17, 2023 at 07:40 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Edward "Ed" C. Foster.



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January 17, 2023 at 04:30 PM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Edward "Ed" C. Foster.



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January 16, 2023 at 08:25 PM

JM

“ RIP Uncle Ed. Condolences to the family.

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**Jim & Tricia Matovina** - January 16, 2023 at 09:46 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Edward "Ed" C. Foster.*



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January 15, 2023 at 02:51 PM



“ *My condolences to Liz and her wonderful family. i remember Ed from when i helped out at the church festivals. He was such a good man. May God rest his soul and may his memory be eternal 🙏*

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**Elena Kouremetis** - January 14, 2023 at 04:30 PM



“ *Elena Kouremetis lit a candle in memory of Edward "Ed" C. Foster*



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**Elena Kouremetis** - January 14, 2023 at 04:26 PM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Edward "Ed" C. Foster.*



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January 14, 2023 at 03:19 PM