



## William Riley Foster

February 15, 1929 - February 25, 2017

Reverend William "Willie" Riley Foster, 88, went to be with the Lord Saturday, February 25, 2017. He was born to Jesse Alfred Foster and Jessie Irene (Tackett) Foster in the Moore community near Berryville, AR, on February 15, 1929. Soon after, they moved to the Marble area where Willie attended grade school at the Big Sandy schoolhouse. He attended school through the seventh grade when he began working on the family farm. He was drafted into the US Army in 1951 and spent 18 months in Korea building bridges with the engineering corps. After his release, he married the love of his life, Dorothea Marie Evans. They had two sons, James and Martin. He was ordained as an Assembly of God minister in 1974 and spent the remainder of his life pastoring various churches and serving the Lord. He supported his family as a skilled carpenter, and always grew a large enough garden to feed anyone who needed help. He loved his family and his dog, Daisy. Willie was preceded in death by both parents, Jesse Alfred Foster and Jessie Irene (Tackett) Foster, one son, James Alfred Foster, one sister, Edna Pearl (Foster) Spradling, three brothers, Johnie Foster, Archie Foster, and Chet Foster. He is survived by his wife, Dorothea Marie (Evans) Foster of Marble, AR, two brothers, Noel Foster of Marble, and Kenith Foster of Lenore, ID, one son and daughter-in-law Marty and Traci Foster of Marble, AR, one daughter-in-law Marie Mclemore of Pierce City, MO, one former daughter-in-law Brenda Holt of Kingston, granddaughter Joyce Childress (Ryan) of Pierce City, MO, grandson Jason Foster (Hui) of Fort Smith, AR, granddaughter Rachel Wilson (Kyle) of

Conway, AR, granddaughter Jessica Born (Thomas) of Marble, AR, five great grandchildren, Alexis Neumann, Landon and Riley Born, Parker and Luke Wilson. Services will be held at 10:00 AM Tuesday, February 28, 2017, at Brashears Funeral Home in Huntsville, AR. with Pastors Ryan Stokes, Dwain Houston and Bo Bailey officiating. Pallbearers will be Clyde Foster, Doug Foster, Jason Foster, Ryan Childress, Kyle Wilson, and Thomas Born. Honorary pallbearers will be Friends of the Church. A graveside service will be held immediately following at Big Sandy Cemetery, with a dinner for family and friends at the Big Sandy church. Visitation will be from 5:00 to 7:00 P.M. Monday at the funeral home. Arrangements by Brashears Funeral Home, [www.brashearsfuneralhome.net](http://www.brashearsfuneralhome.net) of Huntsville.

# Tribute Wall

CE

“ *Our prayers and thoughts are with you.*

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**Caroline Edwards** - February 28, 2017 at 12:00 AM

ST

“ *My prayers and thoughts are with you Aunt DOROTHY! Sorry I can't be at the service!*

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**Steve and Erlene Tate** - February 28, 2017 at 12:00 AM

ST

“ *I am so sorry for your loss Dorothea. My prayers for you in this time of loss...*

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**Sherri Todd** - February 28, 2017 at 12:00 AM

WC

“ *Sorry to hear about Bro. Foster's passing. Heaven gained another soldier. From my family here in Oklahoma.*

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**Walter & Karen Copenhaver** - February 27, 2017 at 12:00 AM

DR

“ *Rachel, you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.*

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**Don and Yvonne Ramsey** - February 27, 2017 at 12:00 AM

JY

“ *We are so sorry for your loss. Willie was a fine Christian man. He will be greatly missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.*

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**Jim & Linda Yates** - February 27, 2017 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ My sincere condolences to the family. Uncle Willie was a great man and a very kind soul. He will be dearly missed.

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**Julie Brown** - February 27, 2017 at 12:00 AM

WF

“ My favorite Uncle has passed . He was a good - good man . A solid and quality human being like few others . He and my beautiful Aunt Dorothy was very good to our family in a time of need over 50 years ago and it has not been forgotten . I shared many Bible verses with Willie , lots of beautiful music from this world-class musician and many stories of the days past - some of which were good and some not so much but all were precious . Like many , many others I will miss this man . The sunrises will be a little less bright from now on . Mat God Himself bless you Willie Foster . You are truly loved .

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**William Leon Brown and famly** - February 27, 2017 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ We miss you and wanted you to know that you are in our prayers.

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**Lloyd and Darlene Whitham** - February 27, 2017 at 12:00 AM

SV

“ Dorothea, I am so sorry for the loss of Willie. He touched my life as a young child. I remember when mom and dad would go to Purdy (Larry and Eulena Carpenter) Willie would play his guitar and have me sing. I couldn't have been over 5 or 6. As a young girl, he made me feel special. I will never forget the impression he made upon my life!

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**Sheryl Carpenter Villines** - February 27, 2017 at 12:00 AM

LA

“ Dear Dorothy, Marty, and Family, We are so sorry for your loss; our prayers are for your peace as you grieve the absence of Uncle Willie's earthly presence. He has undoubtedly entered a place of great joy and brilliance to be reunited with those who have gone before and will be playing his beautiful music in concert with the angels. May God bless you.

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**Linda and Jay Alan** - February 27, 2017 at 12:00 AM

AH

“ He has won the race, he has finished his course, henceforth is laid of a crown of righteousness. Willie has gone before us, He will be missed by all who knew him, I know its a difficult time for his family. May the Lord hold each in His loving arms, He will be there for each of you. My prayers and condolences are with each of you,

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**Alvn Herrington** - February 27, 2017 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ My thoughts and prayers are with all of you. He was a great guy and will be missed by many.

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**Joetta Smith** - February 27, 2017 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you all during this difficult time of your loss.

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**Margaret (Mrs. Austin) Smith** - February 26, 2017 at 12:00 AM