



## Foster E. Murphy

October 20, 1922 - January 8, 2019

Services for Foster E. Murphy, 96, of Tyler will be held on Saturday, January 12 at 11:00 a.m. at Marvin United Methodist Church with Dr. Doug Baker and Rev. Gerry Giles officiating. A private family graveside service is planned at Rose Hill Cemetery under the direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home.

Mr. Murphy passed away Tuesday, January 8, 2019 in Tyler. He was born October 20, 1922 in Chattanooga, Oklahoma to Peter Thomas and Nina Foster Murphy.

Foster was not only a member of Marvin United Methodist Church and the Chapel Sunday School class with his wife Mary for 64 years; he also served there on the Board of Trustees, as Usher, and as Sunday school teacher. He was a long-time member and Past-President of Kiwanis. Foster served over several decades as a volunteer and leader in the East Texas Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America and was instrumental in establishing the East TX Area Council Foundation. He served on the Board of Development at UT Tyler and the Planning Board for Meadow Lake Senior Living. He served as a Director on the First State Bank & Trust in Carthage, Texas. Foster's community involvement extended to the Red Cross, Salvation Army and so many others as he lived out his faith in his community.

Foster graduated from the University of California at Berkeley where he was a

member of the rowing team. He served in World War II in the Pacific and in the Korean War, and was a First Lieutenant in the Army Air Corps; by the time of his honorable discharge in 1957, he was ranked as a Captain in the Air Force.

Foster developed his own insurance agency as a General Agent of Pan American Life serving East Texas. He was one of the first in Tyler awarded as Chartered Life Underwriter.

Foster was preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by his loving wife, Mary Payne Murphy; his three sons and their wives: Thomas Murphy and Share of Dallas, John Murphy and Elizabeth of Tyler, and David Murphy and Peggy of Shreveport; as well as many grandchildren: Carolyn Payne Murphy of Shreveport, Andrew Joseph Murphy and wife Kelsey of Oklahoma City, Ryan Elizabeth Murphy and Mary Kate Murphy of Tyler, and Patrick Thomas Murphy of Houston.

Honorary pallbearers will be the officers and directors of First State Bank of Carthage, members of the Chapel Class of Marvin United Methodist Church and Louis G. Bain.

The family is grateful to Meadow Lake Health Center and Heart-to-Heart Hospice for their care of Foster, especially in his last weeks.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to East Texas Area Council of the Boy Scouts, 1331 E. 5th St., Tyler, TX 75701 or Marvin United Methodist Church Eternal Flame Fund at 300 W. Erin St., Tyler, TX 75702, or a local charity of your choice.

# Cemetery Details

**Private Burial**

# Previous Events

## Reception following service

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Marvin Methodist Church Sanctuary  
300 W Erwin St  
Tyler, TX 75702  
(903) 592-7396

# Tribute Wall

TH

“ Foster was always a bright light at Marvin Church with an infectious smile and sweet spirit! He will be greatly missed!

*Much love to you Mary and all your family, especially Ryan! Tressa Hawkins*

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**Tressa Hawkins** - January 15, 2019 at 10:20 AM

MB

“ Foster lived the ideals of Scouting and inspired countless others to do the same. My life is blessed to have known him and Mary. Together, they made a positive impact in so many community organizations with their caring and committed hearts.

*I will miss you, my friend.*

*Mike Ballew*

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**michael ballew** - January 11, 2019 at 04:44 PM

PC

“ Dear Mary: I am so very sorry for your loss. You and Foster have been such dear friends to our family for so many years. I treasure the memories of the time we have spent together in your home and mine, and in the Chapel Class at Marvin with my parents. We always loved Foster's Sunday School lessons and would talk about them over lunch afterward. You and your family are in my heart and in my thoughts and prayers. Love, Pat (Watkins) Christensen

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**Patricia Christensen** - January 10, 2019 at 07:24 PM

LT

“ Charles and I send our love and respect to Mary Frances and family.  
Foster was a fine man and he will be missed greatly. Linda and Charles Thomas

Linda Thomas - January 10, 2019 at 06:05 PM

PP

“ Panola College Trustees and President Greg Powell purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of Foster E. Murphy.



Panola College Trustees and President Greg Powell -  
January 10, 2019 at 04:27 PM

KG

“ Mr. Murphy was always a pleasure to see and talk with. A very gracious man. I know he pursued everything that was on his heart to support with relentless vigor. He lived a life that should be an example for all of us. We could only hope to fill part of the void he has left with his passing. - Kevin Garrison

Kevin Garrison - January 10, 2019 at 01:32 PM

TC

“ The Carthage Rotary Club purchased the Enduring Grace for the family of Foster E. Murphy.



The Carthage Rotary Club - January 10, 2019 at 12:10 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Foster E. Murphy.*



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January 09, 2019 at 06:31 PM



“ *Care and Compassion Spray was purchased for the family of Foster E. Murphy.*



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January 09, 2019 at 06:13 PM



“ *Foster was a wonderful gentleman and family man who had many many friends and helped hundreds. Jim Perkins*

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**James Perkins** - January 09, 2019 at 01:03 PM