



## Charlotte Josephine Foster

November 8, 1934 - November 1, 2019

A celebration of the life of Charlotte Josephine Duncan Foster, 84, of Lubbock, TX will take place at 2 PM Thursday, November 7, 2019 at the First United Methodist Church chapel with Reverend Bailey Barkley officiating. Graveside services will follow for family only.

The bright light of our family went out November 1, 2019 when Charlotte Foster passed away surrounded by family in hospice after a brief illness.

On November 8, 1934, a bright and beautiful red headed baby girl was born to Vivon and Alverse Duncan in Amarillo, Texas. Four years later, Charlotte would get a baby brother, VJ. Charlotte attended school in Amarillo from elementary to high school and graduated from Amarillo High School in 1952, where she was a Nation Honor Society (NHS) member, among other activities. Charlotte went on to attend West Texas State University where she was in NHS, Who's Who, president of Gamma Phi (later Chi Omega), Homecoming Queen candidate, and a host of other activities and honors.

In 1956, she graduated with honors and a bachelor's degree in Elementary Education. She also married her high school sweetheart, Chan Foster, that year. They moved to the country outside Happy, TX to ranch and farm. In 1959, Charlotte and Chan adopted their first daughter, Jodi, from the Edna Gladney home, followed by a son Robert (Bo) in 1962, and a second daughter

Rebecca in 1966. Charlotte loved being a stay-at-home mother and wife. She made sure her children were involved in many activities from piano lessons to 4H, driving them tirelessly back and forth to activities.

Charlotte was very involved in 4H in Happy, starting a 4H clubhouse across the street from the corner drugstore and teaching 4H Food Club out of her home. Her children were her greatest joy and passion. In, 1972, she became a mother and father, when Charlotte and her three children relocated to Graham, TX where she took a job as an Outreach Center director. This is where she discovered her second passion, helping those with mental illness and addiction. She rose quickly in her field and was very admired. In 1977, Charlotte took a job in Amarillo, TX with the Texas Commission on Alcoholism, and in 1981 moved to Lubbock to become the director of Lubbock MHMR and the Jim Kimmel Center. In 1994, she started Managed Care Center outpatient program, followed by an inpatient program in 1995. This was her pride and joy next to her children. Charlotte remained the Executive Director until 2006 when she retired. She and her staff were instrumental in the recovery of hundreds of alcoholics and addicts throughout West Texas and beyond. As one of her former employees said of Charlotte, "she taught me how to stay strong, how to be courageous, fair and to go for your dreams."

She had an amazing green thumb and was an avid gardener, had a huge love of animals, and an undying devotion to her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. She also loved everything Christmas and was the heart of the family gathering each year. We will miss you so much, Mommy, Mom, Yaya... We will love and remember you always. Without you, we would not be who we are today.

Two infant sons, her mother Alverse Price Duncan Willis, and her father Vivon James Duncan precede Charlotte in death. She is survived by a daughter Jodi Foster (Steve) of Lubbock, son Bo Foster (Deborah) of Amarillo, daughter Rebecca Foster-Myers (Casey) of Richardson, TX, a brother VJ Duncan

(RuePaula) of Canyon, TX and nephews Cody (Lisa) of Borger, TX and Jay of Canyon, grandchildren Allye Foster and Addison Myers of Richardson, Hannah Foster and Hollye Doyle (Caleb) of Mineral Wells, TX, Alicia Hornsby of Amarillo, and Reagan Brown-Myers (Christian) of Lubbock, and great-grandchildren: Alayna, Kash, Whitten, Emreigh, Alyssia, Bently, and Scarlet, along with many cousins and countless friends, as well as her steadfast protector and four-pawed companion Finnegan and his two cat cohorts Rowdy and PK.

In Lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the World Wildfire Fund, your favorite animal organization, or St. Joseph's Indian School.

# Cemetery Details

## City of Lubbock Cemetery

2011 E 31st Street  
Lubbock, TX 79404

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

NOV 7. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Bowman Chapel-First United Methodist Church  
1411 Broadway  
Lubbock, TX 79401

# Tribute Wall



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Charlotte Josephine Foster.* ”



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November 07, 2019 at 09:50 AM



“ *55 files added to the album Life Tributes* ”



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**Sanders Funeral Home** - November 06, 2019 at 08:09 PM

BS

“ I have so many fond memories of Charlotte. What I want to share is not necessarily one specific memory but about the woman I was blessed to know and admire. I was very blessed to get to know Charlotte first as my boss at Managed Care Center and then as a friend for many years after. I remember watching her lead a team of people that were passionate about helping those who struggled with addiction, many on that team having had the same struggles themselves and desiring to give back what had been given to them. I admired her strength, how she could take over the presence of any room just by walking through the door. I remember her big heart, wanting the best for men and women who were struggling and the children that were affected by addiction. She was always looking for ways we could help to lighten the load of a mother or father so they could focus more on recovery and being reunited as a family again. She was passionate about us getting out in the community and educating the young people about drugs and how there is help if they ever needed it.



I remember her love for coffee, animals, and her family. She loved her work family as well and we all loved her. Some of the staff were fortunate enough to go on some Ruidoso trips with Charlotte for “Team Building”. We did do some team building but we also saw some horse races and casinos while we were there hahaha!!! We always came back in a better place than before we left. One of the most important things Charlotte Foster taught me was Ethics. To always do the right thing because it was the right thing to do. As I have gotten older it’s harder to see those same ethics being taught. Maybe they are but no one exemplified them better than Charlotte Foster. I am so very grateful for Charlotte and she will always be near and dear to my heart❤️

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Beth Swanson - November 06, 2019 at 03:02 AM

JF

*Thankyou so much Beth.... she loved you & Annie & her MCC family*  
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**jodi foster** - November 06, 2019 at 09:00 PM

FS

*Jodi just heard about your mother she was a great lady and was always great to my prayers goes out to the family Frank Stingo*

**Frank Stingo** - January 02, 2020 at 01:40 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Charlotte Josephine Foster.*



November 05, 2019 at 07:10 PM

JJ

“ *Janice Felder and Karin Junge purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Charlotte Josephine Foster.*



**Janice Felder and Karin Junge** - November 05, 2019 at 06:04 PM