



## Robert Max Foster

February 22, 1944 - June 18, 2017

Robert Max Foster, 73, of Lebanon, Indiana, passed away on Sunday, June 18, 2017 at his home in Lebanon, Indiana. He was born on February 22, 1944 in Lebanon, Indiana a son of the late Orville “Shorty” Foster and Olive Melissa (Stern) Foster.

Max married Sonja F. (Bruner) Foster on July 1, 1967 in Lebanon, Indiana; she survives. They recently celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary at a reception in their honor. .

A lifelong resident of Lebanon, he was a 1962 graduate of Lebanon High School. Following high school, Max joined the United States Army and served his country with honor.

Max had worked for the Lebanon Community School Corporation for 17 years, most recently as Corporation Locksmith.

As a devoted husband, father, and grandfather, he loved spending time with his family. Max was known for his generosity and kindness and will be missed by all who knew him.

Survivors:

Wife:

Sonja Foster – Lebanon, Indiana

Two Children:

Jessika J. Hammons and husband, Geoff – Lebanon, Indiana

Tandi L. Allen and husband, Scott – Lebanon, Indiana

Like a Son: Bill Vickery – Lebanon, Indiana

Grandchildren:

Gwen Hammons

Ben Hammons

Nathan Allen

Brandon Allen

Drew Cummings

Brother:

Richard N. Foster and wife, Johnnie Marie – Franklin, Indiana

Sister:

Clara Jane “Janie” Robinson – Franklin, Indiana

Sister-In-Law:

Nancy Foster – Greencastle, Indiana

Many Nieces and Nephews

Deceased: In addition to his parents, Max was preceded in death by a brother, John Gordon Foster.

Visitation is planned for Saturday, June 24, 2017, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Myers Mortuary, 1502 North Lebanon Street, in Lebanon, Indiana.

Funeral Services are planned for 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, at the funeral home

in Lebanon.

Interment will follow services at Oak Hill Cemetery in Lebanon.

Memorials: May be made in his honor to the charity of the donor's choice.

On Line Condolences: [www.myersmortuary.com](http://www.myersmortuary.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Oak Hill Cemetery

935 East Washington Street  
Lebanon, IN 46052

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**JUN 24.** 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Myers Mortuary  
1502 North Lebanon Street  
Lebanon, IN 46052  
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## Service

**JUN 24.** 3:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Myers Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Robert Max Foster*



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**Myers Mortuary** - June 23, 2017 at 03:48 PM

LS

*This was a beautiful memorial. Max had a big smile on his face from his wedding day on. May he rest in peace.*

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**Linda Stuteville** - June 26, 2017 at 09:40 PM



“ *Robert Max Foster*

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November 27, 2022 at 01:43 PM

KR

“ *Max was one of the kindest people I met after I joined Perry-Worth. His family will be in our thoughts and prayers.*

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**Kathie Riley** - June 26, 2017 at 07:46 PM



“ 7 files added to the album Life Tributes



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**Myers Mortuary** - June 23, 2017 at 03:35 PM



“ *Max was one of the first people through the doors of our clinic when we opened. He brightened our day with every visit and every story. Max and Sonja sent countless referrals to us and truly made us feel a part of the community early on. Max had such a huge heart for animals. Whether it was dear little Scutter or one of his beloved "grand-dogs" he and Sonja cared for them as a member of the family. I will never forget the morning that I woke up to Max at our door. He had found a cat that had been hit by a car and wanted to make sure it was taken care of and free from pain. He was the type of person to go out of his way to help others. I thought about him often, and that will not change. He brought a lot of good into this world, and he leaves that legacy behind. Rest in peace, Max.*

*With love,  
Lindsey Hedges, DVM  
Pleasant Paws Veterinary Care*

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**Lindsey Hedges** - June 23, 2017 at 03:24 PM

BM

“Max and I were classmates at LHS. I’ve lived in Chicago since 1966, so I didn’t see Max often (reunions, the occasional times I have made it back to Lebanon for the Class of ’62 guys’ breakfast or dinner), but on those occasions when I was around him, it was clear that Max had remained the genuinely warm, nice person he was as a classmate. Rest in peace, Max. To Sonja and your entire family, there is no way that words can make this better for you, so I won’t try. I will simply say that I am terribly sorry that this senseless act has taken Max from you. Be strong and support one another as you strive to return your lives to a reasonable level of normalcy.  
Bill McVey

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**Bill McVey** - June 23, 2017 at 01:59 PM

MH

“Michael and Donna Hiestand purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Robert Max Foster.



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**Michael and Donna Hiestand** - June 23, 2017 at 11:02 AM



“Sweet Sincerity was purchased for the family of Robert Max Foster.



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June 23, 2017 at 08:46 AM



“ I've heard it said a mans true wealth is not what his bank balance is, or what he owns, but of the people who speak kindly of them in a time like this. If that is true, Max was a man of immeasurable wealth. My regret is not knowing him better.  
Greg Allen

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**Greg Allen** - June 23, 2017 at 08:02 AM



“ Richard (Dick) sorry to hear about your loss. Hoping justice comes soon. Don and I have you and all the family in our thoughts and prayers.  
Don and Judy sheets

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**Don judy sheets** - June 22, 2017 at 03:32 PM



“ Sonja, Your family has been in our prayers since we heard the news. I'm sure you are struggling with emotions, but we know that God and time will heal. Max was a great guy and will be missed by everyone. We will continue to pray for you and for strength in the days ahead. Sincerely, Gene Cosler

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**Gene Cosler** - June 22, 2017 at 03:28 PM



“ Sam Dubois purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Robert Max Foster.



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**Sam Dubois** - June 22, 2017 at 02:57 PM

JR

“ *Foster Family*  
*We will be out of town on Saturday but you will be in our prayers*  
*Joe and Marcia Rady*

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**Joe Rady** - June 22, 2017 at 12:13 PM

JB

“ *Sonja and Family*

*My deepest sympathy goes out to you. I know you have fond memories of Max and those will be cherished forever. May God give you strength and peace.*

*J.C. Bogan*



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**J.C. Bogan** - June 22, 2017 at 08:14 AM

JA

“ *We are sorry to read of your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this time of sadness.*

*Johnson County Veterans Affairs*

*Charles Russell*

*Lucy Noblitt*

*Bill Lawson*

*Carolyn Russell*

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**Johnson County Veterans Affairs** - June 22, 2017 at 07:29 AM

MI

“ *Danny and I will keep you and the family in our prayers*  
*Mary Isenhowe*

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**mary isenhowwe** - June 21, 2017 at 06:46 PM

TF

“ *The Stuteville Family*

**The Stuteville Family** - June 21, 2017 at 05:58 PM

TF

“ *Sonja, Jessica, Tandy and Family: We are so very sorry for this senseless , tragic, act of violince. We are angry, sick to our stomachs, sad and our hearts are broken. Why? Someone who would give you the shirt off his back. Two of the nicest people in this town who never hurt anyone. All that man had to do was ask Max for what he wanted and he would have given it to him. Our prayers and love are with you and we are praying that the police find him. May God Bless you and always be with you and keep you safe.*



**The Stuteville Family** - June 21, 2017 at 05:54 PM

KL

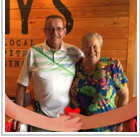
*May God give you comfort in these times as only He can do! These senseless acts are not understandable! My sympathy to his family.*

**Karen Sargent Lang** - June 22, 2017 at 05:49 AM

LB

“ *So sorry Sonja you and your family is in our prayers*

**Lois Biddle** - June 21, 2017 at 04:31 PM



“ *Max and I were classmates at LHS and he was the kindness man I knew. May God wrap His arms around Sonja and rest of the family. I live in FL now and ever since he passed I cannot get him off my mind. GOD WILL be proud to have Max with Him now. I will be there in spirit. RIP Max <3*  
*Eris McKenzie Sallee*



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**Eris Sallee** - June 21, 2017 at 02:34 PM

DS

“ *Debi Scruggs lit a candle in memory of Robert Max Foster*



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**Debi Scruggs** - June 21, 2017 at 02:01 PM

DS

*No words are adequate to express the sorrow in losing a parent. Happy memories will help you and your family through this time.*  
*Debi S, CAP*

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**Debi Scruggs** - June 21, 2017 at 02:04 PM

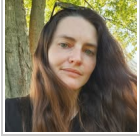


“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Robert Max Foster.*



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June 21, 2017 at 12:39 PM



“ *He would come in to where I worked quite often and he was always such a wonderful person. I remember him bringing his old car and talking with him about it. I may not have known him well but what I did know of him left a lasting impression.*



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**Ashley Crouse** - June 21, 2017 at 10:48 AM

EC

“ *Growing up Max lived one street over from us. He was a true gentleman. Sonya and I went to school together. I don't know of two nicer people. My heart is broken that someone has done this to these wonderful people. My heartfelt condolences to Sonya and her family.*

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**Eve Jones Cook** - June 21, 2017 at 10:05 AM

FF

“ *From : Tricia and Justin Wright and Family purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Robert Max Foster.*



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**From : Tricia and Justin Wright and Family** - June 21, 2017 at 09:49 AM



Deb  
Herschell

“ Dear Sonja and family, I have no words other than I am so very sorry. I immediately remembered Max and his smile and his cap! And, Sonja, I immediately remembered your sweet smile and your laughter. (We worked together, years ago, at Stokes.) There are many people praying for you and your family, here in Williamsburg, VA. May you find comfort in each other's love for Max and in your precious memories. Love and prayers to all of you. Deb (McElwee) Herschell and family.

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**Deb Herschell** - June 21, 2017 at 08:43 AM



Rhonda  
Winkles

“ Jessica and loved ones, we are so sorry for such a loss.....a tragic situation for any family to have to go through. We have been and will continue to lift your family up in prayer. Chuck and Rhonda Winkles

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**Rhonda Winkles** - June 21, 2017 at 07:30 AM



JS

“ A great guy who will be missed. He was a friend and classmate! He will be missed at our breakfast and dinner gatherings. Jerry Schooler

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**Jerry Schooler** - June 21, 2017 at 06:37 AM

Sam  
Dubois

“ So my association with Max and Sonja was on occasion. I knew his daughter Tandi and another friend Missy who had spent many years speaking of the father and kind man who would practically give the shirt off his back. The times I was around him there was not a time you did not feel as if you were part of their family too. Let me express that even though I was not around this man's character in how he treated others will not go unheard. His love for his wife also was mesmerizing to me as well. Sunday drives with his honey and how that was just how someday I would want to be loved too. Rest in peace Mr. Foster and you surely will be missed.

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**Sam Dubois** - June 21, 2017 at 12:07 AM

DE

“ I knew Max from working at the schools. A very kind man. My thoughts, prayers and sympathies go out to his family and friends. This community is praying for your family as well. God Bless

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**Dee** - June 20, 2017 at 09:41 PM

JS

“ My memories of max is when he was working on the house next door and he took a break and we would sit there talking antiques for a hour or more my prayers are with the family and the neighborhood will not be the same Rest In Peace

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**Jalene strawmyer** - June 20, 2017 at 09:34 PM

MS

“ He taught me how to curse with flair, never short of a catchy phrase and his own vocabulary lol. I still catch myself muttering "BS and Applebutter" on occasion, and I just smile and think of him.

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**Missy Smith** - June 20, 2017 at 08:54 PM

NF

“ Oh uncle max. He always had the cleanest dirty joke to share with me. He could hardly tell the punch line. He always showed me the project he just did and I loved it. I had like 20 questions about it. I was always amazed.

I spent little time with but was always amazed what I got out of the moments with him. He much like my dad (his brother ) taught me how to be a gentleman. Old school like. They both have set the standard.

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neil foster - June 20, 2017 at 08:01 PM

JT

Remember Max from our youth group at the church of God. Awesome young man who fell in love with both Jesus and Sonja in his early years. So sorry this happened to such great people. Praying for all of you.

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Jo Ann doolan Tohill - June 20, 2017 at 11:11 PM

MH

“ I have fond memories of our Stokes elementary school days. I thank Terrill Zimmerman for drawing us together five years ago when I was visiting. Godspeed to family, friends, and our hometown on their journey through this. Rest in peace, Max.

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Morris Hedge - June 20, 2017 at 07:41 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Robert Max Foster.



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June 20, 2017 at 07:38 PM

DW

“ Our prayers and thoughts are with you and your entire family. Our wish is that in family and love, you will somehow find peace and strength. The entire town is saddened and shaken by this senseless tragedy. God Bless All of You.

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**Delma Warren** - June 20, 2017 at 06:31 PM



Christie Dewitt

“ We are terribly sorry for your loss. The community is praying for your family.

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**Christie Dewitt** - June 20, 2017 at 05:44 PM



“ As a childhood friend of JJ's, I practically lived at the Foster's home in the summers. My memories of Max are mostly of him building, constructing and tinkering away at Sonja's honey-do list while Barry Manilow tunes played in the background. His eyes twinkled when he smiled and he smiled often! There are no words adequate to express my sorrow for your family. You are in my heart, on my mind and in my continued prayers. God bless you...  
Makada Love

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**Makada Love** - June 20, 2017 at 04:16 PM

BC

Tandi, please know we love you and care about you. Our hearts go out to you and your family. Prayers for some kind of peace in this tragic loss. I'm sure your father was a fantastic man. It shows in you. Many hugs and lots of love to you dear friend. We are here if you need anything.

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**Becky Cummings** - June 23, 2017 at 05:47 PM

DS

“ One time Max, John Barrett, and I was in John's dad's car going to school. Max said to "John is this all the faster this buggy will go." John say " It is so fast I can peel rubber in reverse" and John at about 40 Mph pushed it into reverse and boy did the rubber burn. I thought Max was going to crap. Loved both Max and John. we lost John in 1969 do to a drunk driver. Boy I miss these two guys. RIP Max.

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**Donald Smith** - June 20, 2017 at 03:50 PM