

Gordon W. Foster

Gordon Willam Foster

November 23, 1920 - April 23, 2016
Resided in Waverly, IA

Obituary

Gordon W. Foster, 95, of Waverly, Iowa, died on Saturday, April 23, 2016 at the Waverly Health Center in Waverly.

Gordon was born on November 23, 1920, in rural Waverly, Bremer County, Iowa. He was the fourth child of Clarence and Mable (Rust) Foster. Gordon grew up on the family farm and attended country school at Grove #4, where he graduated from the 8th grade, helped his parents on the farm for one year, then attended Waverly High School, graduating in 1940. He helped his parents on the dairy farm until 1941 when he went to work at Zeidlers Concrete, making cement tile. He was drafted in June of 1941 and inducted on July 3, 1942. He served with the United States Army as a Fire Control Instrument Operator during the European Theater. Gordon served in Ireland, Africa, Italy, France, Germany and Austria, where he earned 180 points, only needing 80 to be discharged. Gordon received 5 Bronze Stars, 6 Campaign Ribbons, 5 Battle Stars and the Purple Heart Decoration. He was honorably discharged as Corporal on June 8, 1945. Gordon returned home and worked on the Ed Lindner farm for three years. On March 28 1947, he was united in marriage to Ruth E. Moeller at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Waverly. He was baptized and confirmed on May 25, 1947 at St. Paul's in Waverly. To this union six children were born, David, Dianne, Bruce, Brian, Rebecca and Brenda. Gordon and Ruth bought their first 80 acre farm north of Waverly in 1949 and then 160 acre farm west of Bremer in 1961. In 1966, he started working at Carnation (now Nestles) retiring in 1986. In 1984, they moved to a home northeast of Waverly, until 2013 when they moved into Waverly.

Gordon was a longtime member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, where he served on church council and taught Sunday school when Rebecca was in fourth grade. Gordon stopped teaching Sunday school when his grandson Alex Gade was in fourth grade, following 30 years of service. He coached men's fast pitch softball team, a little boy's team ages 8-12 which included his children and grandchildren, a boy's team from ages 12 -16, started girls softball "Junior Miss" in Waverly in the early 1970's; however, softball was his specialty where he umpired for 50 years. After

retirement he worked with wood, supplying fuel for the house and building crafts. In 2000, Gordon lost his eye sight in one eye and could not continue his umpiring and building crafts.

Gordon is survived by his loving wife of over 69 years, Ruth Foster of Waverly; his children, Dianne (Richard) Cheeseman of Waverly, Bruce (Elizabeth) Foster of Hudson, Massachusetts, Brian (Patricia Koch) Foster of New Ulm, Minnesota, Rebecca (David) Gade of Waverly and Brenda Foster of Waverly; 12 grandchildren, four great grandchildren; and a brother, Wesley (Marlys) Foster of Waverly; and a sister-in-law, Ruth Moeller of Waverly. He was preceded in death by his parents; his son and daughter-in-law, David (Sharron) Foster; three sisters, Madeline Pothast, Elinor Foster and Shirley Lindner; and two brothers, Duane and Merrill Foster.

Funeral services will be held on Tuesday, April 26, 2016 at 11:00 am at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Waverly with Pastors Joyce Sandberg and Larry Trachte officiating. Visitation will be held on Monday from 4:00 pm until 7:00 pm at Kaiser-Corson Funeral Home in Waverly and also an hour prior to the service on Tuesday at the church. Burial will be held at St. Paul's Lutheran Cemetery in Waverly with Military Rites conducted by the Waverly Area Veterans Group. Memorials may be directed to Cedar Valley Hospice Waverly office or Champions Ridge Ball Park. Online condolences for Gordon's family may be left at www.kaisercorson.com.

Kaiser-Corson Funeral Home in Waverly is assisting the family. 319-352-1187

Guestbook



Suzanne Ostle

Created: April 24, 2016

Sorry to hear about Gordon. I have many memories of Gordon over the years. Peace be with my Aunt Ruth and cousins.



Merry L Fredrick

Created: April 24, 2016

David and I are saddened by your loss. All of you are in our thoughts and prayers.



Dana Fryk Jensen

Created: April 24, 2016

Ruth, I am so sorry for your loss. I have so many memories of you and Gordy living across the street growing up! I used to love to come over and see all his beautiful wood projects. I still have a shelf he made me! May you all find peace and comfort.



Pat and Dianne Norton

Created: April 24, 2016

We are so sorry for your loss. Gordy was an amazing man and had a tremendous

love for his family and country. Peace and comfort to all.

Photos





Services


Visitation

Kaiser-Corson Funeral Homes, Inc.-Waverly

218 2nd Street SE
Waverly, IA US 50677-0215

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 Monday, April 25, 2016
 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM


 Also an hour prior to the service
on Tuesday at the church.

Service

St. Paul's Lutheran Church- Waverly

301 1st Street NW
Waverly, IA US

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 Tuesday, April 26, 2016
 11:00 AM

Cemetery

St. Paul's Lutheran Cemetery- Waverly

601 12th Street SE
Waverly, IA US

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