



## James Foster Bedsole

November 18, 1939 - October 21, 2019

James Foster Bedsole, age 79, entered the promise of his “living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead” (1 Peter 1:3) on the morning of Monday, October 21, 2019. Originally born in the seat of the family homestead in Hacoda, Alabama to Dalton and Mabel (Oliver) Bedsole, Foster grew up in the Eastlake area of Birmingham alongside his three brothers; older brother Dr. Donald (Cindy) Bedsole, and younger brothers Dr. Anthony (Kay) Bedsole and Travis (Joyce) Bedsole.

After graduating from Woodlawn High School, Foster briefly attended college and then left to serve four years in the United States Navy onboard an aircraft carrier, the USS Kearsarge, stationed in the port of Los Angeles, California. Upon leaving the Navy, he was married on September 20, 1963 to his high school sweetheart, Janice Elaine Knight. After receiving his Electrical Engineering degree from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa, he pursued a career as a project manager in the design and construction of pulp and paper mills. In his later years, he retired to Cullman, Alabama and more recently moved to nearby Gardendale.

Foster is survived by his beloved wife Janice, his eldest daughter Andrea Bedsole Mullins, youngest daughter Tracy Bedsole Bennett, and his son-in-law Michael Wade Bennett. He was the proud grandfather of four grandsons: Jake Knight Mullins, Luke Dalton Mullins, Samuel Parish Bennett, and Noah

Foster Bennett. He also leaves behind his two younger brothers, all three brothers' wives, a host of nieces and nephews, and several sister- and brother-in-laws on the Knight side of the family: Harley Joe (Kazuko) Knight, Teresa (Bill) Bowden, and Cathy (Bennett) Tucker. He will be greatly missed and tenderly remembered by all.

A visitation will be held, 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., prior to the service on Saturday, October 26, 2019 at noon in The New Gardendale Funeral Home in Gardendale, Alabama. Burial will follow in the "Garden of Love" at Jefferson Memorial Gardens in Trussville.

But know that his soul rests "in the Garden" with His Savior.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the nationwide Christian charity, Samaritan's Purse ([www.samaritanspurse.org](http://www.samaritanspurse.org)), or to the Gideons ([www.gideons.org](http://www.gideons.org)).

# Tribute Wall

MW

“ *Janice, don't know if you remember me, but I met you and Foster when you visited Don and Cindy when we all lived in Chickasaw. Cindy informed me of Foster's passing. I am so sorry to hear this. But am sure he, Don, and my husband are in a much better place, and I look forward to day we can all be with them. You are in my prayers.*

*Marion Wells*

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**Marion Wells** - October 25, 2019 at 09:10 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James Foster Bedsole.*



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October 23, 2019 at 03:25 PM

JT

“ FOSTER IS HOME WITH ALL THE GREATEST GOD MADE. HE IS WITH HIS MOTHER AND FATHER BROTHER DON GRANNY KNIGHT CASEY/BIBBIE HARLEY WITH HIS NEW LEGS. A PLACE WHERE HE WILL NEVER HAVE PAIN SICKNESS HATE FEAR AND DYING AGAIN. GOD/JESUS WILL LOVE AND PROTECT HIM UNTIL JANICE AND ALL WHO WORSHIP AS HE DID AND WE WILL SING/SHOUT FOREVER AND EVER AND EVER.. FOSTER WAS/IS LIKE MY BROTHER. WE ROOMED TOGETHER AT UOFA WE WENT TO FLORIDA AND DYED OUR HAIR TOGETHER AND BOTH OUR PARENTS DIDNT KNOW US AND LETS US KNOW WE ARE DARK HEADED NOT YELLOW HA OH HOW I WILL MISS MY BUDDY I LOVE YOU.PAL SEE U IN HEAVEN ILL BE LOOKING FOR U RIGHT AT JESUS FEET. GOD BLESS THIS LOVING FAMILY THROUGH THESE HURTING DAYS AND LET THEM KNOW FOSTER IS REJOICING AND WAITNG FOR US ALL. AMEN AMEN

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**JIM THOMPSON** - October 23, 2019 at 10:34 AM



“ Gable Gift Box was purchased for the family of James Foster Bedsole.



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October 22, 2019 at 11:23 PM

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“ Rick, Laurie, Aaren and Sierra Van Fleet purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of James Foster Bedsole.



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**Rick, Laurie, Aaren and Sierra Van Fleet** - October 22, 2019 at 06:52 PM

ML

“ Prayers for the family. Foster was a great guy. Have many good memories of him and Janice.

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**Mary Sue Stevens Landman** - October 22, 2019 at 03:43 PM