



Lola Sue Foster

August 20, 1941 - October 16, 2019

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Born 8/20/41-10/16/19

Lola “Sue” Foster transcended into her heaven on October 16th, 2019. She fought a gradual but aggressive battle with dementia for five years. She is survived by her husband of 58 years, Jim Foster, son John, daughter Shelley, and five grandchildren. She was born Lola Sue Jenkins in Jacksonville Texas to rancher, farmer, and homemaker parents P.W. and Mildred Jenkins. Her siblings include her younger sisters, Nancy and Frankie, along with her younger brother Phillip.

It was said by many that she could bounce a basketball the full length of a court without messing up her hair. Still, she was the most humble being on earth throughout her life. Because of a ten-year difference before Nancy was born, she learned to entertain herself down in the woods and on the farm of East Texas. Her imagination and devotion to learning was spurred by inherent logic and rudimentary basics in life. She was a true believer in creating something from nothing and “where there’s a will there’s a way.” She reused/renewed/recycled before it was a fad. (We are still finding bundles of bailing wire and stashes of reused containers.)

Sue was a graduate of UNC with a BA degree in English and then became an English teacher/professor for high school and college. She was a true educator, passionate all her life in helping to guide people of all ages and ethnicities. She inspired many to continually search for knowledge and do the right thing. Surely, in this very moment, she is looking over our shoulders to offer corrections and ideas to this piece of writing.

In 1972, she came back to Colorado with her family, ultimately making her final home in Waverly where she worked as a Mother, matriarch to many, educator, farmer, homemaker, artist, poet, community driven volunteer, the Best Mother Ever...and the list could continue.

All of Sue’s endeavors helped support Jim’s continuing journey as an amazing artist. On their five-acre farm and studio, they adopted a purpose-filled life of living off the land

(literally!). Having Texas blood, Sue had the ability to grow anything, and she also cooked the most health-giving food ever. Shelley and John learned farming life by working as cheap laborer and caring for their numerous livestock, which at one point included 17 goats, seasonal pigs, and numerous assorted fowl.

Thanks to Pathways of Hospice, Seniors for Seniors, Chefs for Seniors, and numerous family members and friends, Sue was able to spend her last hours on the Farm. She was "FINE" and independent until the bitter end, and continued her path as an amazing Christian Woman, reading uncommon scriptures daily, to find the merit of the present moment. Lola Sue was a true leader to all who crossed her path. She will be dearly missed, but we are all thankful her suffering is over.

In lieu of flowers, please make any gifts or donations to the Pathways of Hospice/Grateful Hearts Ft. Collins or The Dementia Society of America. Thank you for honoring her!

Sincerely, Her Family

A Celebration of Life and Open House will be held on November 2, 2019 at 3 PM at the Waverly Foster Farm, Ft. Collins, CO 80524

Comments



“ The news of Lola Sue's passing sadden me, and simultaneously comfort me. I still have vivid memories of Sue as my English professor at Abilene Christian College, and then her days in Austin after both Sue & Jim escaped ACC and settled down in my hometown, Austin, Texas.
I admired Sue and thought of her as one of the most magical people I had ever known. She was a mentor. They say the departed remains alive as long as someone continues to embrace the memory of that individual. Lola Sue is truly alive and smiling in mine and the memories of many others.

Don Morris Lyda - November 21 at 07:35 PM



“ My heart is with you, Jim and family....Deni LaRue

Deni LaRue - October 27 at 05:18 PM



“ So sorry to hear of Sue's passing. We extend our deepest sympathies to the family. May God comfort you in this time of grief. Remember all the laughs and smiles she gave everyone. We feel lucky to have known her. Jeff and Denise Pozvek

DENISE POZVEK - October 26 at 07:34 PM



“ Sue and I go back a ways when both of us (and Jim) attended a tiny church group that met at Waverly School. She and I volunteered to teach GID classes---she continued, but I set a poor example by dropping out. I would get an occasional phone call asking how high that last blast of wind was on our wind gauge. I stopped to see Jim and Sue occasionally on my way to and from Fort Collins and always admired the landscaping and art work when I passed by. I regret my last visit was some months ago and I did not realize the extent of her memory loss---she seemed as normal and loving as ever. It's a blow to know that the world is a little poorer for losing another Sue. Love to Jim and family, Sue Wilcox, West County Road 76.

Susan Wilcox - October 26 at 03:41 PM



“ Jim, I am sorry and shocked to learn that Sue has transitioned. She was a wonderful kind lady. Our community was and is blessed to have had her in our lives.

Karl Zeller - October 26 at 01:03 PM



“ Dear Jim and family

I was so sorry to hear the news of Sue's passing. I had the privilege of working with her and experiencing all the wonderful qualities of creativity and kindness she had. Often we would bump into each other in Old Town and she would ask me about my family, always thinking of others first. I will miss those brief connections we had.

With sincere sympathy

Peggy and Jim Colburn

peggy colburn - October 25 at 04:47 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Lola Sue Foster.



October 25 at 10:13 AM



“ Aunt Sue to our family was my dear sister in law, aunt and sister. She was simply an amazing kind lady. She was a sweet and loving aunt to mine and her brother Phillip's children. She would breeze through our life with an ever abundant energy and larger than life presence. She was and is so loved forever.

Shane Hanson - October 24 at 06:56 PM



“ Dear Jim and Sue's Family,

If humility and kindness towards her family and friends were how we measured wealth, then all of us who knew her would be wealthy indeed. So sorry to hear about her passing and we wish her and her family peace. Michael Hager

michael d hager - October 23 at 05:34 PM



“ So sorry to hear about the passing of Sue. I just wanted to say how much it meant to my Mom, Bonnie Wilson, a long time friend and neighbor of the Foster family, when Jim and Sue visited her in her senior years and Sue wrote a poem for her about the apple harvest on my Moms farm. She enjoyed the attention and the chance to renew some sweet memories. It showed a love and respect that was greatly appreciated.

May God's peace be on each of you as you cherish the memories of a season gone by. Becky Waldo for the Wilson family (Kate and Dave)

Becky Waldo - October 22 at 10:48 PM



“ Dear Jim and Family,
We send our hugs and sympathy at the loss of this beautiful, sweet, bright light that was Sue. She was a blessing to everyone she touched and a gift to have known her.
Much love,
Jim and Lisa Rabold

Lisa Rabold - October 22 at 10:31 PM



“ Dear Jim and family, I am so sorry to hear of Sue's passing. I was blessed to have known her for only a short time but am very grateful that I could be of service. She was a wonderful woman. We spoke one day about Maya Angelou and her quotes. The quote that came to mind was “there is always a rainbow within the clouds”. She smiled and said how much she liked Miss Angelou and asked if she was still living. I was rubbing her hands with lotion when we were chatting. I will always treasure the time I got to spend with your wonderful wife and mother to your children. Shelly, the pictures of you and your precious mother show how much your mother loved you and how much you adored her. In the picture you look just like her. She was so proud of all her family. With continued prayer and peace to all of you at this difficult time...

With my sincere sympathy,

Kathy Vosney

Kathryn Vosney - October 20 at 02:19 PM



“ To the,Foster family, I am so sorry to hear of your loss. Sue will be missed by all that knew her and loved her. I will always be grateful for all the help Sue gave us at the Museo Dr Las Tres Colonias. She was always willing to help. I felt honored to know her and was so fond of her. My prayers go out to your family.
Betty Aragon-Mitotes

Betty Aragon- Mitotes - October 19 at 10:46 AM



“ Our sincere sympathy to Jim and family! We'll always remember Sue's beautiful smile and kindness to everyone she met. May God bless you all at the difficult time! Your neighbors, Lou & Linda Kinzli

Linda Kinzli - October 28 at 11:06 AM



“ Jim and Family, I am so sorry for your loss, Sue always carried herself as a graceful but powerful woman. I admired her, She will be carried in our hearts and I am lucky to have known her.. Pam in front at Dr. Sands office

Pam MencherFarrill - October 28 at 12:12 PM