



## Mary Louise Foster

October 15, 1927 - August 16, 2020

Mary Louise (Magnus) Foster 92, died of natural causes on August 16, 2020, at Pioneer Golden Estates. She was born to Edward J. Magnus, Sr. and Louise Magnus on October 15, 1928 at home in Clare, Michigan.

Mary attended Redner Country School on Old US 27 from grades 1-6. During grades 7 and 8, she attended school at Brown Corners. She later graduated from Harrison High School, Class of 1946.

Mary met Kermit (Lee) Foster at the Hunters' Ball in Harrison. At the dance, Dad gave her his senior card with his name and number. Several days later, she called him and the rest is history. They married on June 6, 1948 and just celebrated 72 years of marriage.

In addition to her parents, her brothers Edward, William and John preceded her in death. She is survived by her husband, and children: Mary Barber and her husband Bruce of East Jordan, MI; Connie Sharrard of La Grande, OR; Kay Brown of Jackson, MI and David Foster of Coeur d'Alene, ID. In addition, there are 8 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren.

Mary and Lee loved to travel and camp touring a large number of national parks throughout the U.S. They also visited Alaska, the Canadian Rockies, and New Zealand.

Mary enjoyed a variety of hobbies: sewing, cooking, gardening,

playing cards, bird watching, crafting and collecting teddy bears, small oil lamps and antiques. She was an active member of the local Quester's Club.

Keeping with Mary's wishes a private family service will be held.

Due to Covid restrictions, a Celebration of Life service to honor Mary will be held at a later date with time and place to be determined.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Wilhelm J. Magnus Center. Make checks payable to Clare - Gladwin RESD. Please add Mary Foster's name in the memo so your contribution goes to the appropriate fund.

# Cemetery Details

## Cherry Grove Cemetery

1000 Cedar St.  
Clare, MI 48617

# Events

**Details are pending.**

# Tribute Wall

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“ Grandma loved birds, gardening and baking. I also have a love for these things which were inspired by Grandma. I always looked forward to visiting and the family holidays we spent there. My daughter Caroline is her birthday buddy and it was so special to share their birthday celebrations. She so enjoyed seeing and spending time with Nathan and Caroline. Grandma will be greatly missed. Love you Grandma/Great Grandma!

*Alicia Gehrs  
Granddaughter  
Daughter of Mary (Foster) Barber*

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**Alicia Gehrs** - August 22, 2020 at 09:12 PM

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“ Thanks for being a friend , it was nice to know you made me a better person , God be with you and your family.

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“ Many of the memories I have about my Grandma involve her amazing cooking skills. She never made a bad meal. She'd often encourage me to have more of whatever is was we were having for dinner and I'd gladly comply despite often being already full.

My two favorite items from Grandma were her stuffing/dressing and her pickles. I've tried stuffing recipes from many different kitchens but none quite match up with Grandma Foster's. As for the pickles, I could eat them until I was about stick to my stomach.

Miss you and love you, Grandma!

Ryan Barber

Grandson

Son of Mary (Foster) Barber

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