

Harry Clifford Foster, Jr.

November 11, 1920 – July 11, 2000

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Retired Martinsville physician, Harry Clifford Foster Jr. died Tuesday, July 11, 2000, in Memorial Hospital of Martinsville and Henry County.

He was 79 and lived at 1511 Whittle Road, Martinsville.

Born Nov. 11, 1920, in Hinton, W.Va., to the late Harry Clifford Sr. and the late Gladys Nolan Foster, he graduated from Hinton High School in 1938 and received an A.B. degree from West Virginia University in 1942.

He attended Marshall College in Huntington W.Va. in 1943, then transferred to the Medical College of Virginia where he graduated in 1947 with a degree in medicine.

Foster served his internship at Charlotte (N.C.) Memorial Hospital from 1947 to 1948, then completed his residency in internal medicine at McGuire Veterans Hospital in Richmond in 1950.

Immediately after completing his residency, he entered the Navy at the Naval Operating Base in Norfolk. He served as a battalion surgeon from 1950-53 with the 8th Marine and 2nd Marine divisions.

Foster entered private practice in Martinsville in July of 1953 and retired in 1989.

He was a past president of the former Martinsville General Hospital's medical staff and the Patrick Henry Medical Society. He served five years on the board of trustees and as chairman of the Professional Affairs Committee at Martinsville General, and he was a former member of the Research Committee and the Virginia Heart Association.

He was a member of the Medical Society of Virginia, the Southern Medical Association and the American Society of Internal Medicine.

Foster was a member of the First Baptist Church of Martinsville, the B.P.O.E. Lodge of Martinsville and the Loyal Order of Moose.

Surviving are his wife, Billie Newton Foster of the home; one son, Dr. William Christopher Foster of Richmond; two daughters, Elaine Nowlan Behl, L.L. B. of Harrisonburg and Gail Foster Grasso of Richmond; and five grandchildren.

A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday at Roselawn Burial Park, with Dr. Thomas R. McCann officiating.

The family will receive friends at McKee-Stone Funeral Services in Martinsville from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Friday.

Memorial donations may be made to Memorial Hospital of Martinsville and Henry County, 32 Hospital Drive, Martinsville, Va. 24112; the American Heart Association, P.O. Box 524, Martinsville, Va. 24114; the First Baptist Church of Martinsville Building Fund, 23 Starling Ave., Martinsville, Va. 24112; or the National Kidney Foundation of Virginia, 503 Libbie Ave., Suite 2-C, Richmond, Va. 23226.