



Elizabeth "Betsy" Harvey Foster

February 11, 1944 - February 22, 2025

Elizabeth "Betsy" Harvey Foster passed away peacefully at her home in Mayfield, New York on February 22, 2025, following a long battle with cancer. She was 81.

Born on February 11, 1944 in Brooklyn, New York to Jack and Elinore Harvey, Betsy grew up in Brooklyn and graduated from St. Brendan's High School in 1961. After attending Marymount Manhattan College for one year, she transferred to Harpur College in Binghamton in 1962. It was at Harpur where she met the love of her life, Richard "Dick" Foster. After graduating with a degree in French Literature in 1965, she and Dick were married on August 14th of that same year. They spent their first year of married life in Albany, where Betsy worked for the State Department of Labor. After settling in Warwick, NY, Betsy and Dick welcomed their first child, Allison Elizabeth Foster Fitch in 1967, and their second child, David John Foster in 1969. She received her Master's Degree in Reading at William Paterson College in 1975 and began her teaching career as a reading specialist at Warwick Valley Middle School in 1976. She and Dick loved taking family vacations every summer and made several trips overseas. After retiring in 1999, she and Dick moved to Punta Gorda, FL and officially became snowbirds. They spent the last two decades between FL and their lake house in the foothills of the Adirondack Mountains in Mayfield, NY.

Along with travel, Betsy was a lifelong reader, golfer, gardener, and choir singer. She and Dick were active members of the Mayfield Historical Society

and longtime stewards of the Rice Homestead. Volunteering at the Mayfield Presbyterian Church's Food Pantry was also richly satisfying for her. At home she loved entertaining both family and dear friends.

Betsy is survived by Dick, Allison, and David, as well as her son-in-law, Albert Fitch and granddaughters, Katherine and Tara Fitch, her daughter-in-law, Dr. Teresa Uhoda Foster and grandchildren, Daniel, Judas and Sean Foster, her sister, Elaine Harvey Geelan and her loving nieces.

A Celebration of Life will take place on Saturday, May 3rd at the Mayfield Presbyterian Church at 1:00 in Mayfield, NY.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAY 3. 1:00 PM (ET)

Mayfield Central Presbyterian Church
22 North Main St.
Mayfield, NY 12117

Tribute Wall

LC

“ Love K-D, Charles, MK, and Charlie purchased the Springtime Wishes for the family of Elizabeth "Betsy" Harvey Foster.



Love K-D, Charles, MK, and Charlie - May 02, 2025 at 02:41 PM

MG

“ Michele, Dani & Geoff purchased the Healing Tears - Blue and White for the family of Elizabeth "Betsy" Harvey Foster.



Michele, Dani & Geoff - May 01, 2025 at 07:40 AM

MG

“ Michele, Dani & Geoff planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Elizabeth "Betsy" Harvey Foster.

Michele, Dani & Geoff - May 01, 2025 at 07:40 AM



“ Healing Tears - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Elizabeth "Betsy" Harvey Foster.



April 27, 2025 at 04:51 PM

GF

“ Geelan, Stever & Gottstein Families purchased the Pink & White Sympathy Standing Spray for the family of Elizabeth "Betsy" Harvey Foster.



Geelan, Stever & Gottstein Families - April 26, 2025 at 10:49 AM

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“ Geelan, Stever & Gottstein Families planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Elizabeth "Betsy" Harvey Foster.

Geelan, Stever & Gottstein Families - April 26, 2025 at 10:49 AM

FC

“ My wife and I had the honor and pleasure of being the next door neighbors of Betsy and Dick Foster in Punta Gorda, Florida for some 15 years beginning in 2004. We soon became much more than neighbors, developing a close and enduring friendship. We frequently visited each other in our respective homes and came to know well our respective families. Dick and I regularly played golf together. Magda and I would frequently attend church services where both Betsy and Dick sang in the choir. We visited them in their New York state summer home. They graciously invited us to join them on a wonderful family cruise to Bermuda. Betsy and Dick were one of the most artistically and intellectually talented couple we have ever known. And now Betsy is gone, and Dick lives far away. We miss them both deeply.
Ford and Magda Cooper

Ford and Magda Cooper - April 01, 2025 at 12:01 PM

TF

Ford and Magda, thank you for your beautiful words. We so enjoyed getting to know you both on that cruise. I know Betsy really enjoyed your company and your stories. Teresa Foster

Teresa Foster - April 17, 2025 at 06:13 PM