



## Edward Foster, Jr.

October 3, 1948 - June 1, 2025

Edward Foster, Jr., 76, of Chattanooga, departed his earthly life on Sunday, June 1, 2025, in a local hospital. He was affectionately known as “Paw Paw” and “Uncle Junior” by his family. He was born October 3, 1948. Despite being the first class integrated into his school, Ringgold High School, he persevered and graduated in 1967.

He went on to start his career at Dixie Yarns and was employed for 35 years. He worked his way up to a machine fixer at a time when no other person of color held that position. He was a very hard-working man and worked two jobs most of his life. He had a knack for solving problems. He was a handyman of all trades. He was a self-made plumber and electrician. You name it, he could fix it or build it.

His favorite place to be was outside. He loved fishing, working in the yard, planting flowers, trees, and vegetable gardens. He had a green thumb and could make anything grow. He loved the Lord and was a member of Antioch Missionary Baptist Church.

Edward was preceded in death by his mother, Lillie Mae Foster; dad, Edward Foster, Sr.; and brother, Walter Leon Strickland.

He is survived and missed by his loving wife of 50 years, Jeanette Foster and

will be forever cherished and remembered by his children, Tajuana (Antwann) Prater, Robert (Lisa) Wiley and Kelvin (Erica) Foster; sister, Peggy Jean Foster-Boykin; brother, James "Glenn" Calvin Strickland; grandchildren, Emily Wiley, Nicholas (Sara) Hobbs, Caiden and Christian Prater, Infiniti, Miyah, Jakeob, and Ayyah Foster; great-grandkids, Cali, Colbi, and Cori Hobbs; nephew, James (Val) Timothy Foster, Sr. who was a bonus son to him; nieces, Jennifer Boykin, Maleah Boykin, Nikki Burton, and Carolyn Ware; nephews, James Timothy Foster, Jr. and Tyrell Foster; family friends, Teresa and Cole Beard; best friend, Jerry Jennings; cousin, Jerry (Linda) McFarland; a host of other nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives, and friends.

Edward will lie-in-state on Monday, June 9, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. at Antioch Missionary Baptist Church. Funeral service will follow at 12:00 noon at the church with Pastor Todd Lansden, Sr. as the Eulogist. Burial in Lakewood Memory Gardens, East. Arrangements are by Taylor Funeral Home of Chattanooga, Inc.

# Previous Events

## Lie-In-State

JUN 9. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Antioch Missionary Baptist Church  
901 GW Davis Drive  
Chattanooga, TN 37411-1093

## Funeral Service

JUN 9. 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM (ET)

Antioch Missionary Baptist Church  
901 GW Davis Drive  
Chattanooga, TN 37411-1093

## Burial

JUN 9. 2:00 PM - 2:30 PM (ET)

Lakewood Memory Gardens East  
4621 Shallowford Road  
Chattanooga, TN 37411

# Tribute Wall

QH

“ Queen Hayes lit a candle in memory of Edward Foster, Jr.



Queen Hayes - June 11, 2025 at 11:50 AM

BB

“ Builtwell Bank purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Edward Foster, Jr..



Builtwell Bank - June 08, 2025 at 06:05 PM

BB

“ Builtwell Bank planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Edward Foster, Jr..

Builtwell Bank - June 08, 2025 at 06:05 PM

LE

“ To the Fosters and Prater family, I am so sorry for your loss and as you go through this period in your lives God will continue to bestow his Blessings upon you. Lois Elder Mathews

Lois Elder-Mathews - June 08, 2025 at 01:43 PM

AH

“ To the Foster Prater and families of Brother Edward Foster Jr. my prayers 🙏 and comfort of 🕊 peace be with you'll. Such awesome family 💕 love you'll and God be the glory Sis Hampton.

Angela Hampton - June 06, 2025 at 01:30 PM

HH

“ Highland Rivers Behavioral Health planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Edward Foster, Jr..

Highland Rivers Behavioral Health - June 06, 2025 at 10:21 AM

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“ Highland Rivers Behavioral Health purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Edward Foster, Jr..



Highland Rivers Behavioral Health - June 06, 2025 at 10:21 AM

RH

“ Kelvin so sorry to hear the passing of your father. Sending comforting prayers for you all.  
Retta Harris and family

Retta Harris - June 03, 2025 at 03:33 PM

CT

“ Jeanette I am so sorry to hear about the loss of your husband. I'm sending my condolences to the family 🙏🙏🙏

cleo tumlin - June 03, 2025 at 08:53 AM