



## Nellie Mae Foster

July 6, 1924 - March 18, 2017

Nellie M. Foster

Mattoon, IL –Nellie M. Foster, 92, of Mattoon, IL, passed away Saturday, March 18, 2017. Funeral services for Mrs. Foster will begin at 11 a.m., Saturday, March 25, 2017 at Second Missionary Baptist Church, in Mattoon, IL. Visitation will be held at the church from 10 a.m. until the time of service. Burial will follow at Dodge Grove Cemetery. Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home, located at 1200 Wabash Avenue, Mattoon, IL 61938, is assisting the family with arrangements.

Born July 6, 1924, in Warrens County, MS, Nellie was the daughter of Jessie and Chaney (Drayton) Burke. She married Eli Foster, Jr. on October 26th, 1947, in Edwards, MS. Survivors include her loving husband of 69 years, Eli, who resides in Mattoon, IL; two children, James E. (Clarice) Williams of Birmingham, AL, and Yvonne (John, Sr.) Steward of Mattoon, IL; ten grandchildren, seventeen great-grandchildren, and seven great-great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; three sisters, Miranda Bailey, Ardelia Johnson, and Ruth-Ann Johnson; and one brother, Leroy Underwood. Mrs. Foster accepted Christ at an early age and was a longtime member of Second Missionary Baptist Church, in Mattoon, IL. She served as director of youth and adult usher boards, deaconess, choir member, missionary society member, and was affectionately known as “church mother.” In her free time, she enjoyed relaxing on the “nosey porch,” cooking, and caring for others. She will truly be missed by all those whose lives she

touched.

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# Cemetery Details

## Dodge Grove Cemetery

917 North 22nd Street  
Mattoon, IL 61938

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 25. 10:00 AM (CT)

Second Missionary Baptist Church  
Mattoon, IL 61938

## Service

MAR 25. 11:00 AM (CT)

Second Missionary Baptist Church  
Mattoon, IL 61938

# Tribute Wall



“ *Nellie Mae Foster*

October 08, 2023 at 07:40 PM



Jeanette Davis

“ *Jeanette Davis lit a candle in memory of Nellie Mae Foster*



Jeanette Davis - March 11, 2020 at 04:21 PM



“ *Jamilah Young-Booths lit a candle in memory of Nellie Mae Foster*



Jamilah Young-Booths - March 23, 2017 at 10:34 PM



*You will truly be missed Mother Foster! My thoughts and prayers are with you family. I know your hearts are heavy but she "Got right Church and went home on that morning train" Love you All*

❤️ :Mimi

Jamilah Young-Booths - March 23, 2017 at 10:37 PM



JC

*Thank u*

Jeanette Cunningham - March 24, 2017 at 08:23 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Nellie Mae Foster.*



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March 23, 2017 at 03:21 PM



“ *Oh Granny. I love and miss you so. I prayed hard to find comfort in your flesh being still but I found comfort in knowing you are with God. It hurts but i know you are with me still. You are a big part of life. The early morning meet u at the corner to go rummage selling. The learning to polish silver with water n a good cleaning cloth. Sitting in kitchen watching you cook for anyone who stopped by. A part of me is lost and my heart is torn broken and incomplete. But you are resting her on earth and in heaven you are rejoicing. We shall meet again for the prayers you prayed for me and taught me are forever within. I love you Granny and I thank God for you. Rest in Heaven my love.*

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**Jeanette Cunningham** - March 23, 2017 at 11:49 AM



“ *Clarice Williams lit a candle in memory of Nellie Mae Foster*



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**Clarice Williams** - March 22, 2017 at 11:36 AM

CW

*Mom, you are truly missed! Your Love we will embrace until eternity. Your Children, and Children, James, Clarice, Yvonne, John..all your kids. 🙏❤️Our Love 🌹*

Clarice Williams - March 22, 2017 at 11:42 AM

EC

“ *Ellen Cipriani lit a candle in memory of Nellie Mae Foster*



Ellen Cipriani - March 22, 2017 at 08:03 AM

MB

*I meet you at the age of 15, you were like a another mother than and now. I will forever remember your love for the LORD, family , and your neighbors. We love you but GOD loves you best.I will see you again as I pray that we all will. HE is Good and still on the throne. Praying for you all may HE comfort and keep you. With deepest sympathy and love  
Mary Lucille Browder*

Mary Lucille Browder - March 22, 2017 at 09:02 AM

Marty Jordan

“ *So sorry for your loss. The Fosters were neighbors of my Grandmother for years and I always saw them sitting out on their porch.*

Marty Jordan - March 22, 2017 at 01:42 AM

JK

*Please except my Deepest Sympathy. No more pain no more suffering. Our Father called her home. She is smiling 🌸🌸🌸🙏🙏🙏🙏*

joyce king - March 24, 2017 at 08:36 PM