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S ybil Marie Foster, 97, of Decatur, passed away Friday, February 16, 2018 in Decatur Memorial Hospital.

Sybil was born December 26, 1920, in Decatur, Illinois, the daughter of Earl B. and Inez L. (Fisher) Davis. She graduated from Decatur High School (1938) and served as a nurse's aide in Hot Springs, Arkansas during World War II. She graduated from Millikin University in 1967 and taught third and fourth grade at the Oreana Grade School until her retirement in 1985. Sybil married Jean Paul Foster on January 26, 1946.

A life-long United Methodist, Sybil belonged to First United Methodist Church where she was an active member of the Miriam Circle and a former president of United Methodist Women. She led the church's Sunshine Committee, was an active quilter, and volunteered for both the MAX Program and the Dinner Downtown. Sybil was a fifty-year member of AAUW (the American Association of University Women), volunteered at Decatur Memorial Hospital (most recently with teddy bears), and participated in Home Extension, the Decatur Needle Arts and Creative Arts organizations.

Sybil is survived by her children Deborah (Fred) Ganaway of Racine, Wisconsin, Paul Foster of Boston, Massachusetts, and David Foster (Dale Hoiberg) of Chicago, her brother Eugene Davis, her sister Phyllis Roh, her grandchildren Bryan (Irina) Ganaway of Charleston, South Carolina and Andrew (Angela) Ganaway of Racine, Wisconsin, and great-grandchildren Mila Katherine and Lydia Nicole Ganaway. Sybil was preceded in death by her parents, husband, brother William Davis, sister Gloria Martin, and granddaughter Katherine Marie Ganaway.

A visitation will take place on Thursday, February 22, from 5-7 PM, at the Graceland/Fairlawn Funeral Home. A service celebrating Sybil's life will take place on Friday, February 23, at 10:00 AM, at First United Methodist Church (201 W North St,



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Decatur), with the Reverend Mike Fender officiating. Burial will follow in Graceland Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to First United Methodist Church of Decatur, Illinois.

The family is forever grateful to DMH Hospice and the staff of Decatur Memorial Hospital's fifth floor for their loving and generous care of Sybil in her final days. Arrangements by Graceland/Fairlawn Funeral Home, 2091 N. Oakland Ave. Decatur, IL. Please view the online obituary, send condolences, and share memories at www.gracelandfairlawn.com.



Tribute Wall

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DS

Dena Sparks posted:

My deepest condolences for your loss of a special lady. Each year getting ready for the upcoming holidays I go to my recipes to find the sugar cookie recipe I received from my 3rd grade teacher back in 1974 while attending Oreana Grade Sxhool. Over the years when I would happen to run into her, she always remembered me and we would talk of what was happening with our lives. She was such a sweet lady and I think of her every year. So sorry this is belated but I wanted you to know she impacted my young life and has never been forgotten.

October 26 at 6:10 AM

MS

Michael Stephens posted:

Dear David Foster, Paul Foster, and the entire family of Sybil Foster. We offer you our most sincere condolences for Sybil's passing. She was a lovely woman and will be deeply missed by all her friends and family. We were shocked and very saddened to learn of Sybil's passing. Now we are glad that we happened to see Sybil and Paul at the Bob Evans restaurant on December 24th and had a chance to say hello to Sybil at that time. My wife and I were happy to attend the service this morning at the First United Methodist Church. It was a touching service and Rev. Mike Fender did a very nice job. May God bless you all, and may Sybil rest in peace. Michael Stephens, Dounia Zraik, Jim and Frances Stephens Email: mikestephens51@yahoo.com

February 23 at 9:34 AM

CB

Connie Bublitz posted:

Lit a candle in memory of Sybil Marie Foster

February 21 at 7:16 AM

BB

Betty Best posted:

To Debbie, Fred, and family and Paul and David, I send my most heartfelt sympathy to each of you. Sybil was a dear friend. She was a lovely person and I admired that she always looked so chic. I, among so many, will miss her deeply. It so happens that Sybil passed on the same day as my husband, Roland, did five years ago. I imagine they will be renewing acquaintance in heaven. Love and Peace, Betty Best

February 18 at 1:39 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Sybil by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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