



Tonda Lee Foster

January 24, 1959 - November 25, 2014

CEDAR FALLS-Tonda Lee Calvert Foster, 55, of Cedar Falls, died Tuesday, November 25, 2014 at St. Mary's Hospital in Rochester, MN.

She was born January 24, 1959, in Waterloo, Iowa, the daughter of Paul Thomas and Bette Jane Monroe Calvert and was raised by Bette Jane and Leonard Judas. She married Richard Bertram in Waterloo and later divorced.

She then married Richard Foster January 15, 1999 in Las Vegas, NV.

Tonda graduated from Waterloo Central High School in 1977. She was employed as the Food Service Director at River Hills School in Cedar Falls where she worked for 22 years and currently as a receptionist in patient intake with Wheaton Franciscan Healthcare at Arrowhead Clinic in Cedar Falls.

Survived by her husband of Cedar Falls; one son, Brandon J. Calvert of Waterloo; two daughters, Jennifer M. and Jessica M. Bertram, both of Waterloo; step-daughter, Jennifer L. (Brian) Lord of Colorado Springs, CO; step-son, James R. (Kelly) Foster of Chesapeake, VA; five grandchildren, Connor L. King, Andrew and William Lord, and Lee and Ben Foster; and two sisters, Paulette Reinard of Waterloo and Renell (Doug) Richter of Cedar Falls.

Preceded by: her parents and one sister, Jeraldine Calvert

Services are scheduled for 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at the Richardson Funeral Service in Cedar Falls, with interment in the Waterloo Memorial Park Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 5 to 7 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Online condolences may be left at www.richardsonfuneralservice.com.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the family.

Cemetery Details

Waterloo Memorial Park Cemetery

3430 W 4th Street
Waterloo, IA 50701
(319) 232-4165

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 1 (CT)

Richardson Funeral Service
615 Main Street
Cedar Falls, IA 50613
(319) 266-3525
richardsonfuneralservice@gmail.com
<http://richardson.funeralplan2.com>

Funeral Service

DEC 2. 10:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

TS

“ *My condolences to you Rick and family. I remember you from all the athletics you were in at Nevada. Our sister Pauline was in the NHS Class ahead of you. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.*

Terry Stark

Terry Stark - December 21, 2014 at 12:20 PM

SF

“ *Susie Johnston'Woodward & Family lit a candle in memory of Tonda Lee Foster*



Susie Johnston'Woodward & Family - December 04, 2014 at 10:39 PM

CD

“ *To Rick and family... I felt your mother's pain when she called to tell me of the passing of your wife, Tonda. My heart goes out to you at this very sad and difficult time. Remember the love you shared and keep it close in your heart. Cindi Alexander Dueland*

cindi dueland - December 02, 2014 at 10:36 PM

NA

“ *We are so sorry to hear of Tonda's passing. She was much too young and had to much living yet to do. Please accept our condolences. Nancy, Nick and Melissa.*

Nancy - December 02, 2014 at 03:04 PM

KS

“ Rick, we are so sorry to hear of your wife's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.
Gale & Kae (Robertson) Stratton

Kae Stratton - December 01, 2014 at 06:45 PM

KL

“ Kim Luck lit a candle in memory of Tonda Lee Foster



Kim Luck - December 01, 2014 at 06:07 PM

KL

Dear Tonda's family. You have my deepest sympathy. I went to school with Tonda, elementary through high school. and even though we weren't close, her death just seems so unreal. Tonda was quite a character and the earth will seem a little darker without her love, laughter and energy. RIP Girl.

Kim Luck - December 01, 2014 at 06:11 PM

BH

“ Jennifer and Jessica I was so sorry to read about your mother's passing. I remember the fun we had on the chorus trip to New York. And how much she enjoyed New York Cheesecake. You and your family are in my prayers and thoughts, But know that your mother will always be watching over you and she will never be further away than a memory or a thought. Talk about her, tell stories about her and your children will know her, and love her as you do. My nieces never met my father but they know him and love him because we talked about him all the time. With deepest sympathy, B.J. Herrick

BJ Herrick - December 01, 2014 at 04:00 PM

ST

“ Jessica and Family,
I'm so very sorry to hear about the passing of your mother. Your family is in our thoughts and prayers.
With Love,
Stacy and Pierce Durbin
(Rich's Daughter and Grandson)

Stacy - December 01, 2014 at 03:21 PM

JC

“ Rick and family,
Our deepest and heartfelt sympathy and prayers go out to you all-
Could not believe it when Misty shared this sadness with us...
Your neighbors,
Julie and Scott Ceaglske

Julie Ceaglske - December 01, 2014 at 02:58 PM

DD

Rick & Family, we send our thoughts & prayers to you all. We hope fond memories will be in your hearts.

Donna Williams Smith & Donald - December 01, 2014 at 05:39 PM

LW

“ Jessica and Jennifer,
So, so sorry to hear about he loss of your Mom. She was such a nice person and had such a great sense of humor. My thoughts are prays are with you both.
April's Mom-Lanette

lanette watson - December 01, 2014 at 02:36 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Tonda Lee Foster.*



December 01, 2014 at 02:27 PM



“ *Rick, I'm sorry to hear of your loss. I know that words can't ease the pain you are feeling, but know that you have my sympathy and prayers.*
Dave Redix

Dave Redix - December 01, 2014 at 02:26 PM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with Tonda's family at this difficult time. May God grant you all peace in the days ahead. With deepest sympathy, Kerri Wilson, AEA 267*

Kerri Gabbard Wilson - December 01, 2014 at 02:20 PM



“ *Rick, this is certainly sad news and my heart goes out to you. I will keep you and your family in my thoughts daily. My deepest sympathy to you in your time of sorrow. Sandy(Switzer)Halstead*

Sandra J Halstead - December 01, 2014 at 01:45 PM

CM

*“ Rick I was so saddened to hear that your wife had passed away. Please know I will keep you in my prayers.
Claudia (Corbin)McKim*



Claudia McKim - December 01, 2014 at 01:38 PM



“ Words cannot express the sorrow we feel at the news of Tonda's passing. Our sincere condolences go out to her family and friends. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

Murray Lounsberry - December 01, 2014 at 12:24 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Tonda Lee Foster.



December 01, 2014 at 09:09 AM

TS

“ Such an incredible loss. Tonda's family, we can't even begin to imagine your pain and we send you our love and prayers. Tonda was so vivacious and we cherish the memories we had with her. The room was always brighter when she was there. She was truly one of a kind. The world has lost someone very special. She will be missed terribly, until we meet again.



Love, Tammy & Mike Schell and family

Tammy & Mike Schell - December 01, 2014 at 12:17 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Tonda Lee Foster.



November 30, 2014 at 10:44 PM

SE

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with your family. Tonda always gave a warm reception with neighborly conversation at Arrowhead.

Steve and Janice Ephraim - November 30, 2014 at 08:45 PM

GP

“ My condolences to to you Paulette and Ranell. I uses to babysit for you kids back in the day. One night Tonda was running a fever and Paulette, you and I gave her a tepid bath. I'll never forget that!! I was only a couple years older than you, Paulette, and your mom wasn't sure at first if I would work out as your sitter. You have my sympathy, both of you!

Geri Orth Pittman - November 30, 2014 at 12:16 PM

PS

“ No words can express the spirit that Tonda had inside of her. Always a remark, an act of love, a joke, a look, that was special coming from her. Sharing sons with special needs, was extremely special. After all there is no class or book that tells you what to expect, or how to react when things came along or happened as they grew. We always seemed to manage and accept what was. Tonda had a great sense of humor, to help us get through. Later on, my son and her twins were born 3 days apart. Again we shared what life was like, in such a different way. Our relationships changed and we moved away from each other. But when ever our paths joined, Tonda had a heart of gold, and a sense of humor, that made our days so memorable. I was so looking forward to seeing you during your trip to Colorado this holiday season. I will miss that opportunity and you, but, know our paths will join up again someday on the other side. My heart breaks for your family, Brandon, Jennifer, Jessica, Rick, Paulette and Renelle. May God give you peace and healing through the next few days and weeks, as we all try to understand and accept this reality.

Pam Tromanhauser and Dustin Schrage - November 30, 2014 at 10:50 AM

JR

“ Sorry to hear of Tonda's passing! Condolences to the family. I will miss her joking around and friendship! In our thoughts and prayers as you all travel through this difficult time.

Jim Russell - November 30, 2014 at 07:36 AM

MG

“ Mary Kennedy Galloway lit a candle in memory of Tonda Lee Foster



Mary Kennedy Galloway - November 30, 2014 at 06:09 AM

MG

I graduated from Centra High School 1977 with Tonda, she was a very funny & hilarious person. Prayers going out to the Family. So Sorry for your loss.

Mary Kennedy Galloway - November 30, 2014 at 06:19 AM

SB

“ Sheila Hoffman Bagg lit a candle in memory of Tonda Lee Foster



sheila hoffman bagg - November 29, 2014 at 11:22 PM

JD

“ Joy Dale lit a candle in memory of Tonda Lee Foster



Joy Dale - November 29, 2014 at 03:07 PM

JD

I still find it hard to believe that she's gone...for Tonda's family there are no words that one can say to ease the loss and pain you feel, but I know that she loved all of you deeply. Her quick wit, love of life, and kind heart is a legacy that will live on

Joy Dale - November 29, 2014 at 03:15 PM

DS

“ Tonda could always make me laugh. She would also lend an ear to listen. I will truly miss her. We had alot of fun in room 22. R I P my friend.



Dee Dee Scott - November 29, 2014 at 02:29 PM

KB

“ I just saddened yesterday when I heard about Tonda passing. I got to work with Tonda when she worked at Sartori dietary Department. She was wonderful person and enjoy working with her. Kelly Burdick



Kelly Burdick - November 29, 2014 at 10:00 AM

SM

“ Oh my we are so shocked by Tonda's passing. She always made everyone laugh with her fun insights into life. We were honored to know her. Rick, Brandon, and girls, know that our thoughts and prayers are with you. Sherry and Larry Millang

sherry millang - November 28, 2014 at 11:08 PM



“ Holiday Homecoming Basket was purchased for the family of Tonda Lee Foster.



November 28, 2014 at 04:31 PM

RP

“ Rick, Jessica, Brandon and Jennifer. Connie and I were saddened to hear about all that Tonda went through and still can hardly believe she's gone. Please know that you have been and will continue to be in our thoughts and prayers!
Rich and Connie Pierce (Chris' Mom and Stepdad)

Rich & Connie Pierce - November 28, 2014 at 04:16 PM

KN

“ You are all in my thoughts and prayers. Tonda was a beautiful woman inside and out. I will miss her ??



Kandi Nissen - November 27, 2014 at 06:56 PM

TC

“ Tom And Lorrie Cozart lit a candle in memory of Tonda Lee Foster



Tom and Lorrie Cozart - November 27, 2014 at 06:33 PM

AF

“ Art Wetzel And Family lit a candle in memory of Tonda Lee Foster



art wetzel and family - November 27, 2014 at 05:51 PM

JR

“ Jill Rechkemmer lit a candle in memory of Tonda Lee Foster



Jill Rechkemmer - November 27, 2014 at 10:54 AM

DG

“ Rick, I am so very very sorry about Tonda. I can't even believe it - she was such a vibrant, funny, sassy, crazy, lovely person. I am sure your heart is just broken, and I am so sorry. I will pray for strength and peace for you, so you can get through the next difficult days, weeks, months... oh I am so sorry.

Jennifer, Jessica, and Brandon: How much your mom LOVED YOU!!!! And she still does, from heaven.... She talked about you all the time, loved you every single day and every little bit of your lives. I will also pray for you - and for Tonda's little grandson, too, and just ALL of the family.

With sympathy and love,
Deb Goodenbour (Bruce also)

Deb Goodenbour - November 26, 2014 at 09:46 PM

BM

Rick, Brandon, Genevieve and Jessica:
Huge sympathies to all of you. Tonda was a vibrant, funny, classy woman and a dear friend to so many of us. Our hearts are broken with yours. She will be remembered fondly and forever. May God walk beside you during this difficult and sad time. She will be missed. Prayers to you.

Much love and sympathy to all of you.
Klrk and Brenda Johnston Miller (BJ)

Brenda Miller - November 27, 2014 at 05:39 PM

MM

Dear Rick, Jennifer, Jessica and, esp., Brandon. My arms around each of you. As incredible as Tonda's passing is to me and so many others, we know how much more this is for you all. My heart is breakingly stunned and sad. Each thought or a time remembered is now a precious memory for me...I hope someday we will be able to more than cherish them, but use them to forever keep your special Tonda as lively as she ever was. Oh my gosh...this is so sadly unbelievable. Our heart felts, sympathies, prayers and big love to you.
Marsha & Mark Newton

Marsha & Mark - November 28, 2014 at 12:07 PM

LA

Our thoughts and prayers go out to all of you. May God keep you in his loving embrace and help you all through this very difficult time. Such a beautiful woman.

Lynne and Scott Akers - November 28, 2014 at 05:22 PM