In Memoriam

Nicki Keele

Robert Wayne Foster, 77, passed away Monday, Dec. 26, 2016 in Tulsa, surrounded by his family. He was born May 1, 1939 in Shreveport, LA. He graduated from Fair Park High School in 1957 and attended McNeese State University in Lake Charles, LA on a football and baseball scholarship. He competed in weight-lifting and bodybuilding, and worked as a lifeguard during his college years. He graduated from Northwestern University in Natchitoches, LA in 1962.

Wayne's first teaching position was in Bartlesville at Madison Junior High School. While in Bartlesville, he worked with the Boy’s Club and made a great contribution in the lives of many young men. He later taught and coached at West Monroe, LA and completed a master's degree and Doctorate in Athletic Administration from Northwestern State University.

Throughout his career he taught and coached at Rogers and Central high schools and then Hale High School where he was a coach and Dean of Students. He was the Assistant High School Principal at Miami High School and then returned to Tulsa Public as Director of Athletics and Activities. Some noted accomplishments during his career are: he was the Coordinator of Youth for the Tulsa Run, Organizer for Tulsa Public Schools participation in the Veteran's Day Parade, Organizer of the Tulsa Gymnasirada, Adjunct professor at Tulsa Community College, and Host for Elementary Physical Education demonstrations for the Tulsa State Fair. Wayne was a member of OAHPERD.

In his retirement, he held an insurance and securities license, conducting insurance license training. Wayne had many hobbies and interests. He held a private pilot and instrument license, enjoyed traveling, his dogs, reading, working out, and spending quality time with his family. He is preceded in death by his first wife of 19 years, Nancilee; Parents, JP and Jewel Foster; and Grandmother, Grace Gaudin. He is survived by his wife of 35 years of the home, Vickie Foster; Daughter, Nancy Lynne Dooley, and her husband, William Bryan Dooley of Farmington, AR; Brother, Richard E. Foster of Tulsa; Grandchildren, Crystalyn Jewel and Daxon Orion Chapman; and, Great-Grandchildren, Danica Ja'Nel Sims, Sabrina Elizabeth Davis, and Reece Michael Chapman. Services were held on Friday, Dec. 30, 2016, at Kirk of the Hills in Tulsa. In lieu of flowers, the family asked that a donation be made to the Alzheimer's Association-Oklahoma Chapter at www.alz.org/Oklahoma.

Obit from Moore’s Southlawn funeral home website with addition from OAHPERD archivist.