



**Van Ernest Foster**, aged 95, passed away Wednesday, July 14, 2021 in Mission, Texas. He passed peacefully in his sleep.

He is survived by three daughters, Liane McKay (Mark) of Spokane, WA; Lori Heath (Mike) of Plymouth, MN; Louise Philipp (John) of Alamo, TX and one son, Lee Foster (Maria) of Mission, TX. He is also survived by two brothers, Gerald Foster of San Juan Capistrano, CA, and Richard Foster of Jamul, CA, along with many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

He was born in Minneapolis, MN on April 29, 1926 to parents Paul and Gertrude (Solsten) Foster.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Rosalie (Fuchs) Foster, and a sister, Corrine Foster Louis.

Services will be held Tuesday, July 27, 2021 at White Funeral Home in Apple Valley, MN, with a visitation 1 hour prior, followed by burial at Ft. Snelling National Cemetery with full military honors.

Van was a WWII Navy veteran, serving under Admiral Halsey on the USS Boston in the Third Fleet in several Pacific campaigns, including Iwo Jima. Following his discharge from the Navy, he enlisted in the Marine Corps, attaining the rank of Sergeant.

He was a Minneapolis Bus Driver for over 35 years before retiring.

Van was a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church in McAllen, Tx. He was a devoted and loving father and husband.