

Sgt. Maj. Herbert M. Foster (Retired)

Funeral for retired Sgt. Maj. Herbert M. Foster, 72, Lawton, will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Greater Galilee Baptist Church. He died Friday, Jan. 18, 2013. Repast will be at Fort Sill Post Cemetery under direction of Howard-Harris Funeral Services.

Viewing will be from 7-9 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Herbert M. Foster was born Feb. 18, 1936, in Holdenville to the late George Foster and Kathryn Russell. He was baptized at an early age and became a member of Mount Olive Baptist Church in Holdenville. He attended Lincoln Grade School from 1950-1954.

He enlisted in the Army in 1954 in Oklahoma City. He served in a multitude of jobs: Field Communication Instructor, Communication Chief, Tactical Communications Chief, Senior Communication Instructor, Senior Lance Instructor, Platoon Sergeant, First Sergeant, Battalion CSM, SGM for the Director of Combat Developments at Fort Sill and SGM for the Gunnery Department at Fort Sill. Military awards included the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star with V device, Air Medal, Army Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster, Good Conduct Medal (10 awards), National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, NCO Professional Development Ribbon, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, Aircraft Crewman Badge, many Certificates of Achievement and Letters of Commendation and Appreciation. He was medically retired April 28, 1988, from active roles of the Army. The family relocated to Lawton where they bought a home. Foster and his wife joined the Greater Galilee Baptist Church, where he held a role on the deacon board.

Survivors include his loving wife of 33 years, Gloria, of the home; daughters: Leah K. Nick and husband Paul, Oklahoma City; and Adrian Bennett and husband Master Sgt. Bobby R. Bennett Jr., Killeen, Texas; granddaughters: Tristina L. Harshaw and husband Lyle, Calyx R. Bennett and Gigli M. Rains; great-grandchildren: Asher E. Harshaw and Shiloh E. Harshaw; and many other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents.