

IN MEMORIAM

David Foerster

JULY 22, 1923 –
NOVEMBER 10, 2021



David Wendel Foerster, known by a third-generation family nickname “Dink,” passed away on November 10, 2021 at the age of 98.

Foerster was a Jacksonville native, whose family originally came to Florida in 1870. He was son to the late Robert O. and Ewing Wendel Foerster. He was predeceased by two brothers, James W. and Robert O. Foerster, Jr.

He is survived by his wife, Margaret Vason Foerster, and five children: David, Margaret, Michael, Amy, and Caroline. Foerster had seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

“He loved his wife, his children, his grandchildren, and his great-grandchildren. Family was always first and foremost to him,” said Paralegal Rebecca J. Schriver, FRP, CP of Foerster, Isaac & Yerkes, P.A. Schriver remembers fondly a particular day when she had to deliver papers to Foerster while he was hospitalized. When his wife returned after running a brief errand, she asked her husband how he was doing. “Margaret, I am fine now that you are here,” Schriver recalls Foerster responding. “He was a great man!” Schriver said.

Foerster served in the Navy as an aviator during and after WWII. He graduated in 1947 with a Bachelor of Science degree and in 1951 with a Juris Doctorate degree, both from Washington and Lee University, where he had been a member of Phi Delta Theta, Phi Delta Phi Legal, and Omicron Delta Kappa.

Upon admission to The Florida Bar, Foerster practiced law in Jacksonville and throughout Florida and the southeast for 70 years, specializing in Eminent Domain trial practice. He served as General Counsel for the Jacksonville Expressway Authority, responsible for the acquisition of right of way for the original Jacksonville

Expressway System. He left the Jacksonville Expressway Authority to start his own practice representing landowners and businesses whose properties were taken for public use.

Foerster co-authored the text “Florida Eminent Domain Practice and Procedure” published by The Florida Bar, the organization that honored him in 2000 for his contribution to Eminent Domain laws in the state. He published many other articles on the subject as well. Foerster served on the Board of Governors of The Florida Bar and was past president of the Jacksonville Bar Association.

Foerster was well respected by his colleagues. Fred C. Isaac, Foerster’s law partner for over 30 years at Foerster, Isaac & Yerkes, P.A., said of him, “He taught us all how to prepare for an eminent domain trial. He was always prepared and ready to do battle for his clients. You rarely saw him without a coat and tie. He was a gentleman and a scholar in every respect.” Isaac stated, “Dink was involved in 52 appellate decisions, many of which changed the course of eminent domain law providing full compensation to land and business owners.”

Foerster was a co-founder of The Episcopal School of Jacksonville, serving as Vice Chairman of the Executive Committee for the Planning Group in 1966. He served on the school’s first Board of Trustees and for many terms afterwards, including as Chairman. He was a member of the Foundation Board, named an Honorary Lifetime Alumnus, served as Trustee Emeritus, and was an Episcopal parent and grandparent. One of the school’s original structures, which now houses classrooms, is named after Foerster.

Foerster’s list of local memberships was extensive: St. Mark’s Episcopal Church, serving

on its Vestry for many years and frequently participating as a volunteer at the Sulzbacher Center; Jacksonville Symphony Association, acting as president and serving on the Board for 40 years; Florida Yacht Club honorary life member; The Friars; the Wednesday Group; and Jacksonville Rotary Club, recognized as a Paul Harris Fellow. A long-time member and past president of Memorial Park Association, Foerster was devoted to the beauty and maintenance of the site where he had first learned to ride a bike when he was five years old.

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A funeral service was held for Foerster at St. Mark’s Episcopal Church and a Committal took place afterwards in their Memorial Garden. Following the service, friends and family gathered for a reception at the Foerster home.

Memorials can be made to St. Mark’s Episcopal Church or The Episcopal School of Jacksonville.

Dr. Richard Stephen Lucie

AUGUST 12, 1949 –
DECEMBER 10, 2021



surrounded by family on December 10, 2021, at the age of 72 after a valiant battle with cancer. He was a charming and clever thrill-seeker and fun-lover.

Born in Richmond, Virginia, on August 12, 1949, Steve was raised mostly in Savannah as the only child of Glennis and Dick Lucie. Steve’s obsession with the southern coastal lands began in Savannah and never wavered—he always assessed the tides, the fish, the weather cycles.

He graduated from the University of North Carolina—Chapel Hill where he formed unshakeable bonds and memories as a member of Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity. His college nickname was “Goose.” Amusement would surely peak when the “Goose was loose.”

After college, Steve enrolled in The Medical College of Georgia where he met a beautiful nursing student named Sharon and asked her on a date in the student center. From that moment forward, they formed an inseparable bond that blossomed and grew stronger every day. The pair were married on April 6, 1974, in Vero Beach, Florida. They had two sons, Ryland (Cameron) of Jacksonville and Craig (Alexandra) of Atlanta. In his boys, Steve instilled a value for self-sufficiency. His five grandchildren called him “Poppy.”

During his orthopaedic residency at the University of Colorado in Denver, he excelled at healing others and was named Most Outstanding Resident. While in Colorado, he completed flight training and became a pilot and served on the ski patrol as a medic.

After his residency, Steve briefly practiced in Denver, but his love for the sea drew back to his coastal roots, and he settled in Jacksonville.

He was proud of his involvement in establishing the Jacksonville Sports Medicine Program, a nationally renowned high school athletics program that promotes safe standards and proper training to prevent and treat

injuries. The program has since become a model for the rest of the country. He also developed and led the Jacksonville Jaguars’ sports medicine program. Until May of this year, he was the president of the Florida Orthopaedic Society, on the Board of Counselors for the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons, and on the Board of Delegates for the American Orthopaedic Society for Sports. He served as president of the Duval County Medical Society, president of the Florida Alliance of Sports Medicine Physicians, and president of the Jacksonville Sports Medicine Program as well as both chairman and vice-chairman of the Jacksonville Orthopaedic Institute.

Monday through Friday, Steve diligently tended to his private practice, getting patients back to their jobs and enjoying their daily pursuits. Routinely, the weekend was not a break for Steve, especially during football season. Steve relished in “Friday Night Lights” at The Bolles School, Saturdays at Jacksonville University, and Jaguars games on Sundays as the head team physician of all three programs.

For his many contributions to their sports medicine regimes, facilities were named in Steve’s honor at The Bolles School and Jacksonville University in 2021. In January, Steve will be inducted into the Hall of Fame at Jacksonville University.

Waking up early allowed him plenty of time for his hobbies. A nationally ranked king fisherman, he competed in numerous tournaments, placing often, and was pursued by sponsors.

Steve embraced a good challenge and accepted one from his wife to run a marathon. Together, they completed 10 marathons and like their loving relationship, it was always Steve chasing his wife. After his recent retirement, Steve renewed his pilot license and returned to flying airplanes.

He was honored to hold the post of Commodore of the Florida Yacht Club and to serve as a trustee at The Bolles School. Steve’s congenial nature will be missed by many.

A doctor, a pilot, a king fisherman, a marathon runner, aka “Goose” (Amusement would surely peak when the “Goose was loose”) and “Poppy” will truly be missed by many.

The goose is now truly on the loose, loose from pain, loose now to flap his heavenly wings among those he healed and those he held dear—most dear of all: his wife, Sharon.

Steve is survived by his wife, Sharon, their two sons and their spouses as well as five grandchildren: Adrienne and Liam Lucie (Craig); Vey, Arden and Everett Lucie (Ryland). Susan Wunder, stepsister of Steve, also survives him.

In lieu of flowers, please send memorials in honor of Steve to the Jacksonville Sports Medicine Program, the athletic department of The Bolles School, the athletic department of Jacksonville University, or St. Mark’s Episcopal Church.

Founding partner of the Jacksonville Orthopaedic Institute and the first Jacksonville Jaguars team physician, Dr. Richard Stephen Lucie, peacefully passed from this earth