



## Arron Ace Foster

May 5, 1965 - January 16, 2026

Arron Ace Foster, 60, of Freeport, passed away January 16, 2026 while on a motorcycle tour of Ecuador.

Ace was born in Rapid City, South Dakota on May 5, 1965 to Randy and Vonnie Foster. He grew up on Thunder Butte Creek, riding ponies, wielding a bullwhip with impressive accuracy, and dreaming up general shenanigans.

He was raised with a strong work ethic and that was integral to who he was his entire life. He started his education in a one room school house with no running water, competed in 4-H Rodeos and played football for Faith High School before graduating in 1983. He then enlisted in the U.S. Army, where he served a tour in Korea guarding the wall. Upon his return, he attended Black Hills State University and obtained a Bachelor's Degree in Hotel and Restaurant Management while supporting his then wife Jill and newborn son.

After moving to Rockton in 1998, he spent the rest of his live serving his community through his church and his business. Ace started Embroid This, Inc. in 2008 and spent many hours building it into the flourishing business it is today. He worked 17 years bringing countless creative projects to life while supporting other small businesses, non-profit organizations, as well as members of the community. He enjoyed the relationships that he had with his customers and those that would just "stop by" to catch up. He had recently

retired.

Ace was actively involved in the community, completing numerous projects for veteran organizations, worked in conjunction with the chamber of commerce and was a Board member with Elevate 815. He attended Roscoe Methodist Church, where he volunteered on several committees, including the Men's pancake breakfast, prior to his move to Freeport. Ace and Heidi were members of Zion Community Church in Pearl City, where Ace was helping expand their Men's fellowship programs.

Ace married Heidi Pena on July 5, 2024 and began their life together traveling the world, building their dream home, and learning what it meant to slow down and enjoy life. They enjoyed trips to Italy, Cozumel, Jamaica, Hawaii, Florida, South Dakota, Texas and Japan prior to his passing.

Ace is survived by his wife Heidi, his children Garret (Leigh) Foster, Kayla (Masayuki) Irie, Heather (Kevin Winston) Foster. Stepdaughters Halie (Mark) Heller, Isabel (Ian Kuehl)Pena, Sarah (Kieran Rains) Pena and his seven grandchildren. He is also survived by his siblings Stacy (Brian) Boomgaarden, Rusty (Julie) Foster, Aunts, Uncles, and many beloved nieces and nephews.

He is preceded by his parents and grandparents.

Ace will be remembered for his incredible work ethic, his willingness to go the extra mile for those he loved, his ability to bring laughter to any room, his commitment to faith, and his unwavering love and support for his family.

If you were ever his friend, you were always his friend, no matter how many years or miles had passed. He was always in search of the next big adventure, project, or challenge. He lived every moment to the fullest.

In lieu of flowers, the family will be setting up a memorial in Ace's name to assist small business entrepreneurship.

Services will be held at Grace Funeral & Cremation Services, 4301 N. Main St., Rockford, IL. on Saturday January 31, 2026. Memorial Visitation from 10 am to 1 pm, followed by a Celebration of Life at 1 pm. Pastor Wayne Fisher will officiate. Live stream of the service can be viewed here: <https://my.gather.app/remember/arron-ace-foster> Share a memory or condolence at [www.GraceFH.com](http://www.GraceFH.com).

There will be a Celebration of Life in South Dakota in July. Dakota in July.ly.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Visitation

JAN 31. 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Grace Funeral & Cremation Services  
4301 N. Main St.  
Rockford, IL 61103

## Celebration of Life

JAN 31. 1:00 PM - 2:45 PM (CT)

Grace Funeral & Cremation Services  
4301 N. Main St.  
Rockford, IL 61103

# Tribute Wall



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Arron Ace Foster.*



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January 30 at 07:08 PM



“ *Cheryl G. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Arron Ace Foster.*

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**Cheryl G.** - January 30 at 07:08 PM



“ *The Cambaliks planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Arron Ace Foster.*

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**The Cambaliks** - January 29 at 03:51 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Arron Ace Foster.*



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January 29 at 03:51 PM



“ Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Arron Ace Foster.



January 29 at 03:15 PM



“ Best wishes, Stephanie Lu purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Arron Ace Foster.



Best wishes, Stephanie Lu - January 29 at 12:53 PM



“ From Cale & Jen Steines planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Arron Ace Foster.

From Cale & Jen Steines - January 29 at 10:01 AM



“ From Cale & Jen Steines purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Arron Ace Foster.



From Cale & Jen Steines - January 29 at 10:01 AM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Arron Ace Foster.*



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January 28 at 06:59 PM



“ *Ace and several other businessmen from the Roscoe/Rockton area would get together on Wednesday mornings at Jessica's Restaurant for business networking many years ago. Ace helped me with several projects and he was always fair in pricing and just a friendly, competent, and worthy friend that I will miss. I look forward to seeing him in Heaven! Sincerely, Susan Woodman*

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**Susan M Woodman** - January 28 at 05:47 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Arron Ace Foster.*



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January 28 at 12:33 PM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Arron Ace Foster.*



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January 28 at 11:59 AM

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“ Really nice guy, always said hi when I walked through the neighborhood. Then he sold his house after marrying. He was so excited about his newest home, wife and the adventures he said he wanted to go on. Our condolences to his family. RIP 🙏

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**Laurie Ortega** - January 28 at 07:15 AM

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“ Ace was an LZ Smoke Brother, a friend, and a proud Army Veteran. He was a master at designing signs, decals, embroidery, and anything we needed to help with Veteran's causes. He was always ready to pitch in and help with whatever project we had going. We will miss his friendship, and his expertise. RIP Ace, we'll take it from here brother.”



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**"Capt." Ken** - January 25 at 01:54 PM

HR

“ You sure will be missed Ace!



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**Heather Ramos** - January 23 at 09:55 PM

RN

“ He will be greatly missed by his vet and Vietnam buddies, he was a part of our group as any vet, may he RIP.  
Sagt. Friendship, Roger A. Newman

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**Roger A. Newman** - January 23 at 07:53 PM

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“ Embroid This Family purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Arron Ace Foster.



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**Embroid This Family** - January 22 at 11:42 AM

SD

“ I met Ace on Facebook marketplace. He came to my house purchase a bed frame and we got to talking about life and finances and how I was selling as much as I could while working 3 jobs so that I could pay off debt before my husband and I started having children. He ended up paying me over double what I was selling the bed frame for to help me out and his kind words and generosity got me one step closer to starting my family. When I was out of debt and found out we were expecting our son, I reached out to share the news with him. From the brief time I knew him, I could tell he was an exceptional human being. Sending my condolences to his family. May God bring you peace, and may his memory be eternal.

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**Sydney Donaldson** - January 21 at 08:49 PM

KP

“ I met Ace through my wife who was employed by him. I remember. Being impressed by his work ethics and not compromising quality for anything. Even though he kept a tight ship at work, here was a very fun and even key me work there for a brief time. His lunch card game was fun and Christmas party the next ever ever attended. He always made me feel welcome when I came in and took time to talk to me. I remember during the pandemic. That he tried to take care of his staff to the best of his abilities to keep money coming in for them. And to help them out whenever needed. Without sounding redundant. He was a great guy. I considered him a friend and even though I haven't seen him in five years i know. He would have been happy to see us and welcomed us back with open arms. I never got a chance to thank him for being such a good boss to my wife. She loved going to work there. The staff were very close. It was like a family atmosphere. I have friends in my life that I wouldn't have if it was not for Ace and embroide this. My prayers to his family on this tragic loss.

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Keith Post - January 21 at 07:54 PM

DS

“ RIP Ace. Heaven got a good one. You will be missed.



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Darcia Smith - January 21 at 06:51 PM