



Jacqueline Helen Foster

August 27, 2021

Jacqueline Helen Foster, 86, of Fort Collins, Colorado, formerly of Los Angeles, California, passed away August 27, 2021.

Jackie was born in Los Angeles in 1935 to parents, John and Muriel Hackett. She was a 3rd-generation native Californian, and grew up in LA, graduated from Gardena High School, then went to work for City Hall. In 1961, Jackie married Frank M. Foster. After discovering that they were unable to have their own biological child, Jackie and Frank went through Children's Home Society and adopted their only daughter, Monica. It was during this process that Jackie was found to have Type 1 diabetes, and was immediately started on insulin and daily, frequent blood sugar checks.

Jackie was creative and enjoyed crafting, which made her a perfect fit to work at her friend's florist shop. Much of her time was also spent helping at Monica's school, filling the role of chaperone, fundraiser, and cheering fan of Monica's drill team activities. She also volunteered for causes she believed in, including the Children's Home Society, as well as Su Casa, a non-profit organization assisting victims of domestic violence.

Dogs were always a part of Jackie's life. Growing up, her family raised Cocker Spaniels and later, she grew to love Dachshunds. In fact, her dachshund, Gina, helped pick Monica's name. Jackie enjoyed collecting, and strawberries

will forever accompany memories of Jackie. Her home was filled with strawberries – from decorations, to dishes, and the real ones too. Her last intake of food was appropriately several bites of strawberries.

Friends and family recall Jackie's optimism and her stubbornness. She lived successfully for 56 years with Type I diabetes, no easy feat. She helped several others accept and manage their type 1 diabetes as well. Jackie was accepting of others, inviting them into her circle no matter their circumstances. This was definitely the case when Monica's birth mother found her while Monica was attending graduate school in Oxford, MS. She responded in her usual fashion, by throwing a good party.

Jackie is survived by her daughter, Monica Foster; Monica's birth mother, Marta Rose, and several extended family members. She was preceded in death by her husband, Frank Martin Foster; her parents; and several well-loved dachshunds.

A memorial service will take place at 10:00 am, Saturday, October 2, 2021 at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Fort Collins. A graveside service will be held at 9:00 am on October 16, 2021 at the Rose Hills Memorial Park in Whittier, California, at which time Jackie will be interred next to her husband.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Su Casa (<https://sucasadv.org/>), or the American Diabetes Association (<https://www.diabetes.org/>).

Previous Events

Memorial Service

OCT 2. 10:00 AM (MT)

St. Paul's Episcopal Church
1208 West Elizabeth Street
Fort Collins, CO

Graveside Service

OCT 16. 9:00 AM (PT)

Rose Hills
3888 Workman Mill Road
Whittier, CA 90601

Tribute Wall



“ *Jacqueline Helen Foster*

October 25, 2022 at 06:14 PM



“ *I can't count the holidays, birthdays, school events, neighborhood get-togethers, special events, dinners, or "just-because" that my family and I spent with Jackie and Frank and Monica. Jackie was like my "other mother" and "fairy godmother" all wrapped up in one special lady. She made my winter formals and prom dresses. She was always there to encourage, to be part of, and to support. She even tolerated all the noise upstairs when Monica and my brother and I played marathon matches of Beat the 8 Ball, and Chinese checkers, until she had to tell us to "Simmer down!" or come down for her delicious dinner. We could laugh. We could cry. Jackie was a constant force of kindness and caring, and she remembered everything and everyone with such a generous and open heart. There simply was and is no one like her. Jackie will always own a special corner of my heart. I miss her tamale pie and "everything-but-the-kitchen sink" salad. And yes, those strawberries! She called me her "eager eater" and that always cracked me up. God Bless you Jackie. I know you and Frank are enjoying each other again in the great upstairs. Perhaps sharing cocktails with my folks like in the good ole days when Monica and I were growing up to carry this damn heavy torch you passed along to us. I promise to keep the flame of love and friendship forever burning bright. Love you so much. ~ Janelle*



Janelle Frese - October 11, 2021 at 08:08 PM

MR

“ An amazing lady, indeed! She (and Frank) accepted me when I crashed into their lives almost 30 years ago. I was so grateful that it was they who adopted and lovingly raised Monica when it would have been impossible for me to do so. They also accepted and welcomed Monica’s “ half families” . Jackie was fond of calling her daughter “ our kid”: I was fortunate that together we could share trials and tributes of “ kid raising”. Several of my siblings had the honor . and immeasurable pleasure of meeting and knowing Jackie. She had a sly wit: she’d say something in response to you, and a minute later you’d be ROTFL! (rolling on the floor laughing) . I learned early on that “a little afternoon gathering” to meet all of Monica’s family and friends was neither little nor confined to an afternoon. And when I got married and didn’t want to go camping for our honeymoon, it took one call to Jackie, and Bam! , a wacky, fun filled, adventurous honeymoon in Southern California was a done deal. Stubborn? Yes. But stubbornly loving, accepting, and giving . I regret we didn’t write that book. I love you Jackie.

marta rose - September 23, 2021 at 10:36 AM

BB

“ Her secret to making great strawberries last and tasty, was to slice them up and add a bit of sugar. Ill never forget them.

Bruce Billedeaux - September 22, 2021 at 10:41 PM

MA

“ She was an awesome lady who accepted me and Monica’s” half” family into her life . She often referred to her daughter as “ our kid”. I am always grateful to her and thankful that it was she and Frank who were Monica’s parents. And yes, she could throw a “ little afternoon reception”. Love you to the moon and back!
Marta

marta - September 22, 2021 at 07:39 PM



“ 17 files added to the album *Memories Album*



Goes Funeral Care & Crematory - September 16, 2021 at 07:47 PM