



## John Elwyn Kipp Foster

May 20, 1948 - March 31, 2020

John Elwyn Kipp Foster, lovingly known as Kipp, a lifelong resident of Towanda, found his peace the morning of March 31st, 2020 at the age of 71, at the Bradford County Manor, following declining health.

Kipp was born in Sayre, PA on May 20th, 1948, the son of George E Foster and Janice A Foster (Linn). Kipp grew up in the first ward, a place he was proud to call home. He attended Towanda High School, where he was an Outstanding Athlete and graduated with the class of 1966.

Upon graduation, Kipp enlisted in the US Army and served in the Vietnam War. Kipp possessed many God given talents. He was a self-taught musician and was able to play any instrument he picked up. The piano was his love and passion, and jazz music was his thing. His favorite musician was Joe Zawinul. At the age of 16 he and some neighborhood boys formed a rock and roll band known as the No-ah Counts, later The Fairmun Brothers, and Lamoka.

He was also a talented artist who enjoyed drawing, painting and sculpting, he was also an avid reader and writer with an extensive vocabulary, and knowledge. He was known for being uniquely eccentric, a conversationalist that could turn a normal conversation into something you're sure to remember, with a laugh you'd never forget. Kipp was a member of the National Endowments for the Fine Arts and the Arts Guild for the State of Pennsylvania.

Kipp is survived by his daughter Juliann Michelle Foster of Gurnee, IL , brothers Kurt Foster, Kris (Zanetta) Foster, and sister Kim (Lorin) Bedford, all from Towanda, nieces and nephews Kory Foster, Michael and Meredith Foster, Meggie (Nate) Townsend, Whitney Gregori and McKenzie Bedford.

He was predeceased by his parents. A private funeral service will be held at the convenience of the family. Interment will be in Oak Hill Cemetery, Towanda, PA. The family suggests that contributions may be directed to the Wounded Warrior Project, 4899 Belfort Road, Suite 300, Jacksonville, FL 32256 in Kipp's memory. The Maryott-Bowen Funeral Home of Towanda, PA is assisting the Foster Family with arrangements. Memories and condolences may be expressed by visiting [www.bowenfuneralhomes.com](http://www.bowenfuneralhomes.com).



# Cemetery

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## **Oak Hill Cemetery**

100 Oak Street

Towanda, PA, 18848

# Comments

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“ We're saddened at the passing of Kipp and may his family be comforted at this time. I remember being in the same homeroom with Kipp from Junior to Senior high at Towanda High. May God grant His peace and comfort of soul at this time.

**Paul Fitch** - April 08, 2020 at 07:37 PM

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“ Kurt, Kris, Kim, and families,  
I'm so sorry to hear about the passing of Kipp. I'm always remembering the great times back in the 'hood, yeah the old First Ward neighborhood with Kipp and you are oh so warmly recalled by me. I sure do miss those days and I can still hear that laugh that Kipp had, I'm hearing it right now. I don't get back to Towanda as much as I should and on visits I sure wish I would have took the time to visit with him. That's my regret and I hope you understand. I miss you Kipp and R.I.P.

**David McGuire** - April 08, 2020 at 02:09 AM

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“ My heart goes out to the family. May God bless you all. I went to school with him at First Ward. I thought he was cute. He invited kids to his home many times. We always had fun with Kipp. There's a special place for people of the arts in Heaven.

Louisa Decker

**Louisa Decker Crebar** - April 07, 2020 at 08:13 PM

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“ May God rest his soul and give his sister and brothers peace. I know your Mom is welcoming him with open arms. Keep the good memories in your heart.

**Mary Beth Coldren** - April 06, 2020 at 12:17 PM

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“ Please accept our deepest sympathy.

**VFW Post 1536** - April 06, 2020 at 09:58 AM

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“ So very sorry for your loss.

**Kathy LeStrange** - April 06, 2020 at 09:56 AM

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“ Kurt, Kris and Kim,

So sorry for the loss of your brother. Kipp was my best friend growing up in the bloody First. The many adventures we had gave me lasting memories forever. I loved him like a brother. His skills on the piano were second to none and I really enjoyed listening to him play at the house you grew up in. I remember one of his favorite keyboard players was Alan Price of the "Animals", he would play the "House of the rising son" many times for me. Kipp and I both had a passion for football and we worked out together to get ready for the season. He was one of the fastest runners on the team. I remember in his junior year he broke a bone in his foot in preseason and kept right on practicing never saying anything to the coaches. My last conversation with him was at the Manor we reminisced for hours and laughed so many times, he was the old friend I remembered.

I will have a fond place in my heart for m old friend God bless you all.

**Rodney Schoonover** - April 06, 2020 at 09:17 AM

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“ Kris, so sorry to hear about Kipp. May He rest in peace.

**Lani Wood** - April 05, 2020 at 06:53 PM

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“ Kipp was a nice and emotional man. A great piano player and song writer. I played in a 3 piece blues group, The Blue men, with Kipp for a short period with Charlie Carter on bass and me on drums when we were in Junior HS. I will miss knowing he's around. Dr George Lasco

**Dr George Lasco** - April 05, 2020 at 06:23 PM

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“ Kris, Kurt, Kim, Juliann - I was so very sorry to hear of Kipp's passing, our thoughts and prayers go out to you all. I was part of the 1st ward / 2nd Street group and knew up across the street in our early years and went to school several years with him. He was a fun guy to be around and always considered him a true friend. My the Lord give you strength and comfort knowing he is resting in peace.

Larry & Peggy Putnam

Larry Putnam - April 05, 2020 at 05:25 PM

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“ Kris and Kurt, I have many great memories of Kipp "back in the day" in Towanda. He was a great guy! My sincere condolences.

Jack Ryan - April 05, 2020 at 12:05 PM

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“ Thoughts and prayers are with the family of Kipp in your loss. Am so sorry.



Claire Holton-Lizon - April 05, 2020 at 09:42 AM

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“ Kurt, Kris, Kim & Families,  
Thinking of you All with Love, Comfort & Prayers as Kipp is at Peace doing what he Loves playing piano with the Angels while being together again with Mom & Dad

Always Enjoyed My time at the Foster Home with All of you.  
RIP Kipp  
Lee & Robin Moore

Lee & Robin Moore - April 04, 2020 at 06:50 PM

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“ Rest in Peace Kipp



**Tim Johnson** - April 04, 2020 at 11:37 AM

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“ It was sad to read about Kipp's passing. I always enjoyed talking with him. I knew Kipp because I taught 4th grade across the hall from his mom, Jan, for 7 years. My memories of Jan and her family hold a special place in my heart.  
Rest In Peace Kipp, you are reunited with mom and dad.

**Tom Abell** - April 03, 2020 at 09:34 AM