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**A**ndrew L. Foster, aged 71 of Grant and formerly of Petoskey, passed away on Tuesday, July 10, 2012 with his loving wife in his arms and surrounded by his loving family. He passed away at Spectrum Health-Butterworth Campus in Grand Rapids. Andrew was born on April 18, 1941 in Petoskey to Joseph and Jenny (Griffin) Foster, and worked as a Hi-Lo operator for General Motors Fisher Body plant #2 in Walker, retiring in 1997 after 30 years of service.

In 1962 he married Patricia Rohloff in Grand Rapids, and she preceded him in death in 1987. He later married Betty Stray, September 16, 1988 at the Marne United Methodist Church, and they have celebrated 23 years together. Following his retirement from General Motors, Andrew and Betty lived in Petoskey until recently moving back to Grant. Andrew loved classic cars, and through the years was a member of four different car clubs. He could often be found tinkering around his home, working on a car, or in the garage, and cherished every moment he could spend with his beloved family. His great sense of humor and outlook on life was a gift his family will share for many years.

In addition to his first wife Patricia, he was preceded in death by his brothers Jack, Leo, Arthur, and James, and his sisters Agnes and Pat.

Andrew will be greatly missed by his wife Betty, his son Michael Foster Sr. of Metairie, LA, his daughters Margie Wahlfield of Coopersville, Julie Foster of Standale, Rebecca (John) Duda of San Antonio, TX, and Jessica (Simon) Foster of Crystal Lake, IL, his stepdaughters Brenda (James) Shepard and Jill (Dave) Brown all of Petoskey, and Kathy (Greg) Bunker of Indian River, 26 grandchildren with one more arriving soon, 4 great-grandchildren, his sister Margaret Pennell of Petoskey, his many nieces and nephews and friends.

Funeral services will be held for Andrew at 3:00 pm on Friday, July 13, at the Grant Reformed Church, with Pastor Mick Sutton officiating. Burial will take place at the Greenwood Cemetery in



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Petoskey at 1:00 pm on Saturday. Friends may meet with his family for a time of visitation on Friday from 2:00 pm until time of services at the church.

Those who wish to make memorial contributions in Andrew's memory are asked to consider the Fremont Foundation's Brianna Joy Nelson Scholarship, the AutismSpeaks.org Foundation, or to the Meijer Heart Center at Spectrum Health.

The Foster family is being cared for by Throop Funeral Home of Ravenna  
[www.throopfravenna.com](http://www.throopfravenna.com)



## Tribute Wall

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**Noah Mast** posted:

Grandpa Andy will be missed I remember his fancy cars but what I will remember most is his love for others and his family.I miss him and love him and my other family members.He will always be on everybodys shoulder and everybody heart. Love forever Grandma and especially Grandpa's Nono(noah).

November 1 at 8:00 PM

SE

**Sharon Evans** posted:

Betty Lou,My Mom called to tell me your husband passed away-so sorry to hear that. Did not realize how close you were living to us before you moved back to Grant. We will be praying for you and your family at this very sad time.With Love and Sympathy,Sharon (Krol) Evans

November 1 at 8:00 PM

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**Patti Grigsby** posted:

Uncle Andy will be missed by everyone who was lucky enough to know him. He had a smile on his face that lite up the room when he walked in. I have many fond memories of time shared with him and his family in their homes here in Michigan. Uncle Andy will always be in my heart. You are all in my thoughts, prayers, and heart. Love, Patti

November 1 at 8:00 PM



# **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Andrew by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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