



Niles George Foss

May 28, 1925 - April 28, 2020

Niles George Foss, age 94, passed away on Tuesday, April 28, 2020. Formerly of Worthington, Ohio, he resided at Wesley Glen Retirement Community. Niles was born May 28, 1925 in Long Island City, New York. He is preceded in death by his wife, Jane; parents, Peter and Margaret; sister, Hilda; and brother, Norman. He is survived by his sons, Peter, Eric (MyLinh), and Greg; his grandchildren, Bridget, Natalie, Kelsey, Lydia (Ryan), Caleb, and Orion; and his great-grandson, Niles.

He served in the Army Air Forces during World War II and afterwards attended Michigan State University where he received a BA in Business Administration. While at Michigan State, he met his wife, Jane Ellen Christy. They were married in June 1949.

Upon graduation, Niles accepted a marketing position at Dow Corning Corporation in Midland, Michigan. In 1955, the family moved to Columbus, Ohio, where Niles joined Battelle Memorial Institute as Manager of Marketing Research. He later accepted a position at Anchor-Hocking Glass Corporation as Vice-President of New Product Development. Niles founded his own company in 1967, and successfully pursued various business ventures, including the development of several townhouse and condominium projects which he continued to manage.

He was an avid golfer and played in tournaments all over Ohio with his golfing buddies, and was proud of his trophy collection, especially the Hole-In-Ones. Niles traveled extensively with the Elder Hostel organization, and served as President of Gypsy, his local travel club. His travels took him all over the world and to every continent. He was also active in Kiwanis and the Columbus Ambassadors Club.

Niles and Jane were devoted basset hound enthusiasts and could often be seen walking around Worthington with as many as three bassets. Niles felt close to his many friends at Wesley Glen and eagerly joined in any special events or excursions.

For all who knew him, Niles will be sorely missed. A Memorial Service will be held at a

later date. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Chordoma Foundation. Day Funeral Service is honored to serve the family of Mr. Niles George Foss.

Tribute Wall

TC

“ To Niles' Family-

I was privileged to meet Niles through my membership in the Ambassador Club in Columbus. It was the Ambassadors weekly luncheon at the Athletic Club that I looked forward to more than any events I attended over the years-primarily because all the members were active, spirited, lively, memorable men it was my pleasure to get to know-including Niles.

My early introduction to the Club occurred when a member of the Club recommended to the members that I be invited to be a luncheon guest speaker. My presentation was so well received that I was immediately asked to become an ambassador. Given the warm welcome I received, and the varied, interesting personalities of the members, I was happy to join.

Within a few days of my presentation as a guest speaker, Niles was the first to mail to me (a real letter! no email in those days!) a note of thanks for my presentation, in which he said, "You have earned my happy face award.... Your fascinating life story was told with wit and pizzazz!" I still have his note; it's among my fondest memorabilia of my experience as an Ambassador.

Though many years have passed since I've been in touch with my fellow Ambassadors, I still have very fond memories of those years thanks to Niles and the others who made me feel so welcome. I'm saddened by his passing, but happy I got to know him.

Terry Corkerton

Terry Corkerton - May 14, 2020 at 05:01 PM

GR

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Greg - May 11, 2020 at 03:28 PM

MC

“ Greg, I am so sorry to hear of your father's death. It's been quite a while since we connected and much longer since I played as a kid in your wonderful home. I'm praying you are well supported and reminded that there are those, near and far, who care.

Peace and comfort,
Marty Hard Cramer

Marty Hard Cramer - May 11, 2020 at 12:04 PM

GR

Thanks very much Marty- what an awesome surprise to hear from you..! I hope you and family are all well. Take care- Greg

Greg - May 11, 2020 at 03:57 PM

Lucy Wolfe

“ I met Niles through Wesley Glen water aerobics. I loved his keen sense of humor and how he would gather a group pf men at WG to go have lunch. He loved the time he spend with others laughing. He made a lasting impressing on many at Wesley Glen and he will live on in our hearts.

Lucy Wolfe - May 07, 2020 at 06:44 PM

SF

I knew Niles from Wesley Glen as he took many of my exercise classes. His sense of humor, his love of life & ability to tease and joke around made work such a pleasure. I will miss him and the tone he created in class 💕💕

Susan Fulford - May 08, 2020 at 09:38 PM

HU

“ God Bless and A Heartfelt Thank You for your service in WWII. The USA would NOT be as it is today. I treasure the freedoms for which YOU fought. And Semper Fi.



Herb Sharfenaker USMC - May 06, 2020 at 06:56 PM

CS

“ I met Niles at the Wesley Glen water aerobics class. He was always friendly and so funny. All the ladies, which made up the entire class, loved him. He always had stories about the mangy stray cat he adopted and followed him everywhere. Rest in Peace Niles.

Cindy Shaver - May 06, 2020 at 10:47 AM

CW

“ Niles holds a special place in my heart. I so enjoyed spending time with him as we traveled places together - he always made me laugh with his teasing. Sometimes he left me just shaking my head, but still laughing. These times with Niles are among my favorite times at Wesley Glen. - Carol Wallenfelsz, Life Enrichment Supervisor

Carol Wallenfelsz - May 05, 2020 at 07:25 PM

MC

“ Everyone at Wesley Glen loved him very much, and are so sorry for your loss. He was my friend -- a decent, kind, honest, and funny person. It was an honor to know him.

Margaret Carmany - May 05, 2020 at 02:49 PM

AD

“ My husband and I enjoyed Niles as one of our friendliest patio home neighbors at Wesley Glen. We still talk about our bus trip to see "Tecumseh," near Chillicothe several summers ago, where his running commentary behind our activities director/bus driver was as entertaining as the musical! Niles was a wonderful addition to our Wesley Glen community, and we will remember him fondly.
Anne Droste

Anne Droste - May 05, 2020 at 11:18 AM