

Charles Foster, Retired Merchant, Dies At Age 63

HACKETTSTOWN — Charles C. Foster, retired merchant who had been a leader of the Main Street business center for more than 20 years, died Saturday morning at his home, 605 East Prospect St. His age was 63.

Mr. Foster was a charter member of the Hackettstown Trade Association when it was founded 16 years ago, and was president of the organization in its second year. He was the recipient of a service citation from the association at its annual meeting in 1972, following his retirement.

He also was a member and past president of the Hackettstown Kiwanis Club and served on the Hackettstown Parking Authority since 1960. He belonged to the First Presbyterian Church, where he was an elder and former trustee.

Operated Men's Store

Mr. Foster's business career in Hackettstown started in August of 1951 when he and Chester W. Lee purchased the 40-year-old men's clothing business of the late James A. Harris at 133 Main St., which they later more than doubled in size, operating under the name of Foster & Lee.

The same partnership founded Leeter, Inc., a women's apparel store at 156 Main St. in August of 1961, a business that was later expanded to include men's wear. The partnership was dissolved in January of 1971 with Mr. Foster retaining the Foster & Lee business which he sold in February of 1972 to Edward Walsh.

A son of the late Charles and Mary Foster, he was born Aug. 18, 1910, at Lebanon, Pa., and lived at Wilson Boro, Pa., before moving to Hackettstown in 1951.



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Before his employment as display manager of the Washington department store of H. A. Cohen & Sons, he had been a self-employed sign painter.

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While residing in Pennsylvania, Mr. Foster was president of the Wilson Boro Optimist Club, the Wilson Boro Civic Association and the Hay Building PTA.

He leaves his widow, the former Elizabeth Stana; a son, Gerald D. of Baldwinsville, N.Y.; a step-daughter, Mrs. Roberta Berganback of Hackettstown; a sister, Mrs. John Keller of Anaheim, Calif., and three grandchildren.

Kiwanis Club rites were held Monday night at the Cochran Funeral Home. The funeral was Tuesday afternoon at the First Presbyterian Church with the pastor, the Rev. J. H. Criswell, officiating. Burial was in Hackettstown Union Cemetery.

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OBITUARY: Charles C.
Charles C. Foster
Date of Death,
March 16, 1974