



F. Earl Foco

LAFAYETTE — Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, April 1, 2002, at a Mass of Christian Burial in La Chapelle de Martin & Castille for F. Earl Foco, 89, who died at 11:05 p.m. Saturday, March 29, 2002, at Our Lady of Lourdes Regional Medical Center.

Entombment will be in St. Peter Cemetery Mausoleum in Carencro.

The Rev. John deLeeuw will be the celebrant of the funeral Mass and will conduct the services. Concelebrant will be the Rev. Richard Broussard, associate pastor of St. Genevieve Catholic Church. Soloist, Dave Domingue, accompanied on the organ by Tommy Guidry, will sing for the services "Be Not Afraid," "Let There Be Peace On Earth," "How Great Thou Art" and "On Eagle's Wings."

Survivors include three daughters, Mrs. George A. (Geraldine) Landry, Mrs. Donald J. (Gayle) Begnaud and Earline Foco Benton, all of Lafayette; one son, Johnnie Martin Foco and his wife, Christine G., of Broussard; eight grandchildren, Gary K. Landry, Cynthia L. Vierra, André Begnaud and his wife, Laurie, Kevin Begnaud and his wife, Susan C., Kenny Begnaud and his wife, Melissa L., Mrs. Todd (Monica) Tauzin, Michael P. Benton and Jeremy Foco and his wife, Bridget; 10 great-grandchildren, Justin and Brennan Vierra, René, Cassidy, Kolby, Kalen and Courtney Begnaud, Elize and Morgan Tauzin and Jeremy Paul "J.P." Foco II; and three sisters, Mrs. Percy (Lucille) LeBlanc, of West Monroe, Vera Guidry Gonor Breaux, of Lafayette, and Vivian Guidry, of Carencro.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Verna Martin Foco; his parents; one brother, Charles Guidry; three sisters, Ethel Foret, Bessie Gonor

and Ida Belle Robichaux; and one granddaughter, Phyllis Begnaud.

A native of Irish Bend Community in St. Mary Parish and a resident of Lafayette since 1924, Mr. Foco was the son of the late Felix Joseph Foco, a native of Irish Bend; and the former Ida Bourgeois Foco Guidry, a native of Charenton.

Prior to retirement in 1974, Mr. Foco was employed as a mechanic for Savoy Motors and Lafayette Motors and was owner and operator of Foco's Radiator and Lawn Mower service for 45 years. He had been a member of the Hobo Volunteer Fireman Company since 1928.

Mr. Foco was a member of the St. Genevieve Catholic Community. He was past Grand Knight of the Knights of Columbus Council No. 3202, and was a member of the Citizens of Direct Action, the Lafayette, Terrebonne and St. Mary Parish Genealogy Societies, and the RSVP Volunteer of Lafayette Parish Convention and Visitors Commission.

Always interested in politics and the educational system, Mr. Foco was instrumental in procuring funds and/or rights of way for the following projects in the city of Lafayette: the underpass on University Ave., Northside Business League, Northside High School and several road projects, including the extension of Louisiana Avenue. He served as chairman of the committee to purchase Evangeline Hotel as a state office building.

Mr. Foco was also an avid gardener for many years.

The family would like to express a special thanks to the staff of Our Lady of Lourdes Regional Medical Center.

A rosary will be prayed at 6:30 p.m. today in Martin & Castille Funeral Home.

The family requests that visiting hours be observed from 3 p.m. until 9 p.m. today and from 8 a.m. Monday until time of the services.

Memorial contributions in Mr. Foco's name may be made to Hospice of Acadiana, 2600 Johnston St., Suite 200, Lafayette, LA 70503.

Pallbearers will be Al Martin, Jesse Alfred, Kevin Begnaud, Jeremy Foco, Michael Benton and Todd Tauzin.

Honorary pallbearers are A.J. Robichaux, Dr. Harold Jacobs, Gary Landry, André Begnaud, Kenneth Begnaud and Sidney Benton.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Martin & Castille Funeral Home Inc. of Lafayette, 234-2311.