



Esther Eleanora Belcher

September 25, 2021

Esther Eleanora Belcher, 92, of Foster, died peacefully on Saturday, September 25, 2021 at Rhode Island Hospital. She was the daughter of the late David and Ida (Keljo) Oksanen, wife of the late Thomas Belcher, Sr., and sister of the late Onni Oksanen, Martha Oksanen, and Katherine (Oksanen) Crawbuck. She is survived by her children, Suzanne Belcher, Thomas Belcher, Jr., Daniel Belcher, and Cathy (Belcher) Goglia, as well as her daughters-in-law, Pam Belcher and Lauren Belcher, and her son-in-law, Chris Goglia. Esther also leaves nine grandchildren: Thomas Belcher III, Caroline Belcher, Mason Belcher, Christy Goglia, Katie Goglia, Josie Belcher, Matthew Belcher, Michael Belcher, and Mark Belcher.

Esther was born at home in Foster, Rhode Island, in 1929, and moved to Brooklyn, NY, with her sisters when she was 18. It was there that she met her husband, Tom Belcher, while working as a secretary for US Steel. The couple was married in 1951 and moved back to Foster, RI, a few years later, raising their children on the same farm where Esther grew up.

Esther was a wonderful mother and grandmother, never failing to bring a smile to her loved ones' faces. Even in her later years, she could always be counted on to sing and laugh, forever the life of the party. Esther enjoyed playing tennis at Rally Point, and, later on, she also enjoyed golfing while spending her winters with Tom in Naples, Florida. Esther and Tom were among the

founders of St. Paul's Church in Foster in 1971.

Her funeral will be held on Saturday October 2nd at 8:30 a.m. from the Winfield & Sons Funeral Home, 571 West Greenville Road, Scituate, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 10:00 a.m at St. Paul the Apostle Church ,116A Danielson Pike, Foster, RI. Burial will follow in St. Ann's Cemetery. Calling hours Friday, October 1st from 4:00 - 7:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Paul the Apostle Church in Foster, RI.

Cemetery Details

St. Ann Cemetery

73 Church Street
Cranston, RI 02920

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 1. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Winfield & Sons Funeral Home and Crematory
571 West Greenville Road (Route 116)
Scituate, RI 02857
(401) 647-5421

Funeral

OCT 2. 8:30 AM (ET)

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571 West Greenville Road (Route 116)
Scituate, RI 02857
(401) 647-5421

Mass of Christian Burial

OCT 2. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Paul the Apostle Church
116 A Danielson Pike
Foster, RI 02825

Tribute Wall

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“ Dear family,
Esther was a beautiful lady in every way and I am so happy to have known her. She was a tennis buddy and we enjoyed many lunches and group dinners together with our gang of friends..
She will be missed by all.
Love and prayers to all. Serene.

Serene Capozza - October 03, 2021 at 04:35 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of
Esther Eleanora Belcher.



October 01, 2021 at 08:08 PM

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“ To Tom and the entire Belcher family, our heartfelt condolences.
Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

The Machados

R Machado - September 30, 2021 at 06:07 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of
Esther Eleanora Belcher.



September 30, 2021 at 09:30 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Esther Eleanora Belcher.*



September 30, 2021 at 07:51 AM



“ *Please accept my sincere condolences. Your Mom was always so calm, spoke so eloquent, and was so dang nice. I loved being in the company of your Mom and Dad. Know I am thinking of all of you, and sending love.*

Claire (Fallon) Demarais

CF Demarais - September 29, 2021 at 07:54 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Esther Eleanora Belcher.*



September 29, 2021 at 10:05 AM



“ *Sincere condolences for your loss. May you find comfort in the care and concern of family and friends.*

*Tina Atkinson
Providence College*

Tina Atkinson - September 29, 2021 at 04:39 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Esther Eleanora Belcher.*



September 27, 2021 at 07:57 PM