

Arlan Foster was born in Pasadena and settled in Liberty County in 1994. He is a decorated Vietnam veteran and a "Texas working man".

Though having lost his dear wife, Carolyn, a few years ago who also supported our work at *LIV*, Arlan has an extended family he looks out for in a myriad of ways.

After the military, Arlan became a Deputy Constable with the Harris County Constable's office. He worked in law enforcement for over 19 years and was an officer with the Department of Criminal Justice for 12 years. Arlan also worked construction out of Ironworkers Local 84, Pipefitters Local 211 and "turnarounds" as a boilermaker/pipe fitter for Austin Industrial, AJ Mundy Company, Brown & Root and other contractors after the decline of the building trade unions during the Reagan years.

In 2006, Serving as President of AFSME, Council 7, Arlan won the union over to endorsing **Carole Keeton Strayhorn** when she ran against Rick Perry as an independent for Governor. He says today,

"I never regretted that endorsement, despite that Carole lost. With Carole's help, we Texans united across party lines to defeat Perry's Trans-Texas Corridor land grab and a blight on the blackland prairie – some of the richest farm soil in the world."

Arlan ran for State Representative of House District 18 in 2008. He said then, "I know the struggles of the people of East Texas; I live them," says Foster. "I'm a working man."

Arlan ran as a Democrat in that race and saw how straight ticket voting harms those running in "down ballot" races. He fully supports the League of Independent Voters' commitment to open and competitive elections. Mr. Foster lives in Dayton, in Liberty County.