



Ralph D. Ford

September 9, 1926 - November 9, 2020

Ralph D. Ford, age 94 years, a resident of Vienna, passed away Monday evening, November 9, 2020, at 11:16 PM at Baptist Health in Paducah, Kentucky.

Ralph was born September 9, 1926 in Vienna, Illinois. He was the third of eight children born to Loren Ford and Freida (Hester) Ford.

On January 10, 1952, Ralph was united in marriage to Ella M. Jackson at the Vienna First United Methodist Church parsonage. She survives.

Other survivors include: their children – Cathy Tanner of Vienna, Curtis (Janice) Ford of McLeansboro, Nancy (Roger) Emery of Herrin, and Larry (Terrie) Ford of Madisonville, Kentucky; 6 grandchildren – Dale (Tose) Tanner, Jeremiah (Heidi) Ford, Chance Ford, Cailynn (Rob) Creevey, Christa Ford, and Calvin Ford; great grandchildren – Tristan Ford, Lucky Ford, Jasper Ford, Harmony Ford, Leon Creevey, Axel Creevey, Annie Garza, Louis Cortez, and Tiana Metzler; several great-great grandchildren; as well as a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and many friends.

In addition to his parents, Ralph was preceded in death by his siblings – Gertrude Brown, Robbie Ford, Loren Ford, Jr., Wilma Brown, Bill Ford, Betty Phillips, and Donald Ford.

In his youth, Ralph worked at Funk's Orchard. He also farmed and worked in the construction trade. During the time that the family lived in northern Illinois, Ralph was employed as an assembler by Roper Appliance Company as well as Gould Battery Company in Kankakee.

Ralph was a member of the First Baptist Church in Vienna. He and Ella enjoyed camping and traveling together. Ralph also enjoyed fishing.

A graveside service honoring the life of Ralph Ford will be conducted Friday afternoon, November 13, 2020, at 2 PM at Vienna Fraternal Cemetery. Pastor Travis Wilson will officiate. Interment will follow.

Visitation will be held Friday afternoon from 12 Noon – 1:45 PM at Bailey Funeral Home in Vienna.

Memorials may be made to First Baptist Church, P.O. Box 727, Vienna, Illinois 62995.

Those attending the service are reminded to observe customarily accepted social distancing guidelines. The wearing of a face mask or covering to both the visitation and graveside service are strongly encouraged.

Cemetery Details

Vienna Fraternal Cemetery

N. 6th Street
Vienna, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 13. 12:00 PM - 1:45 PM (CT)

Bailey Funeral Home
705 North First Street
PO Box 695
Vienna, IL 62995
(618) 658-2311
baileyfhinc@hotmail.com
<https://baileyfh.com>

Graveside Service

NOV 13. 2:00 PM (CT)

Vienna Fraternal Cemetery
N. 6th Street
Vienna, IL

Tribute Wall



“ Bailey Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Ralph D. Ford



Bailey Funeral Home - November 14, 2020 at 05:10 PM



“ *Ralph D. Ford*

January 30, 2023 at 12:19 AM



“ *Ralph was such a happy person. It was always a joy to see he & Ella. Dad cared a lot for all of the Fords. It was like they were family. I'm so sorry for your loss.*



Sondra Goins - November 12, 2020 at 07:19 PM

PG

“ Aunt Ella & family he will be missed. I remember riding with Uncle Ralph from up north & we had car trouble, so stopped at a gas station that had a service bay. The man told Uncle Ralph "You have a really cute & polite little girl," uncle Ralph then replied "I'll sell her to you, how much will you give me." He started to laugh when I tried to hide & ran & jumped in the car. It has been a standing joke with us, I never forgot & everytime we saw each other, he would always ask "You ready for me to sell you yet?" I loved his joking personality.

Pat Green - November 12, 2020 at 03:45 PM

BJ

“ Sorry for your lost Aunt Ella. Praying for you and family members. From Bob, Joyce and Lenora Jackson.



Bob Jackson - November 12, 2020 at 11:43 AM

SH

“ Steve & Jeannie Housewright lit a candle in memory of Ralph D. Ford



Steve & Jeannie Housewright - November 11, 2020 at 08:39 PM

RE

“ Rick Emery lit a candle in memory of Ralph D. Ford



Rick Emery - November 11, 2020 at 07:13 PM

SL

“ Steve&Kathy(Whiteside) Lay lit a candle in memory of Ralph D. Ford



Steve&Kathy(Whiteside) Lay - November 11, 2020 at 06:47 PM



“ Debbie Stewart lit a candle in memory of Ralph D. Ford



Debbie Stewart - November 11, 2020 at 01:26 PM

LK

“ Sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.



Lois Kerley - November 11, 2020 at 01:09 PM

TR

“ *Teresa Richerson lit a candle in memory of Ralph D. Ford*



Teresa Richerson - November 11, 2020 at 08:42 AM

BM

“ *Beth Meinders lit a candle in memory of Ralph D. Ford*



Beth Meinders - November 11, 2020 at 04:52 AM

TA

“ *Teresa Anderson lit a candle in memory of Ralph D. Ford*



Teresa Anderson - November 11, 2020 at 03:46 AM

JT

“ *Janis Tapley lit a candle in memory of Ralph D. Ford*



Janis Tapley - November 11, 2020 at 02:22 AM

WJ

“ Prayers for comfort during this time of your loss.

Wayne and Kathy Jennings



wayne jennings - November 10, 2020 at 09:00 PM

DB

“ Dorothy Bacon lit a candle in memory of Ralph D. Ford



Dorothy Bacon - November 10, 2020 at 10:14 AM