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Richard L. Ford, 87, of Spring Hill, FL passed away peacefully on Tuesday July 19th, 2016. Richard was born in Lewistown, Pennsylvania to James Ford and Nellie Jeffries on October 16th, 1928. Richard worked the first half of his life for the Y.M.C.A. while raising his young family. His proudest moment was building and opening the Expressway Branch Y.M.C.A. in North Buffalo N.Y. in 1968. What began as a garage with a dream became a beautiful new building. Later Richard became the Director of Parks and Recreation for the town of Huntington on Long Island. He remained in that position until his retirement in 1994. He and his wife Shirley retired to Spring Hill, Florida that year. There they enjoyed swimming, the Saint Petersburg beaches and their grandchildren until Shirley's passing in 2014. They were married for 63 years and he dearly missed her every day. He is finally reunited with his wife. He is survived by his four children ; Steve and his wife Arlene; Debra; James and his wife Sue and Sheri and her husband Larry; his ten grandchildren; Jennifer; Kristen; Dylan; Nick; Cody; Jimmy; Kathryn; Chris; Matt and Deanna; his 6 great-grandchildren; Xionen; Elijah; Sydney; Sierra ; Mackenzie and Maverick. He will be greatly missed.

A Visitation will be held at 12noon until 2pm on Wednesday July 27th, 2016 at Grace Memorial Funeral Home, 16931 U.S. Hwy. 19 North, Hudson. A Funeral Service will be held at 2PM on Wednesday July 27th, 2016 at Grace Memorial Funeral Home, (727)863-5471.




Events

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Visitation

 **Wednesday**, July 27, 2016

 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM ET

 **Grace Memorial Gardens Funeral Home**
16931 Us Highway 19 North, Hudson FL 34667



Funeral Service

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 2:00 PM ET

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Cemetery Details

 **Grace Memorial Gardens**
16931 Us Highway 19 North, Hudson FL 34667

 **(727) 233-7993**





Tribute Wall

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Jennifer Maher shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.



July 18 at 2:07 PM



Jennifer Maher shared 5 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.



July 25 at 9:25 AM



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July 18 at 2:02 PM



Karren Popowich posted:

Condolences to you Steve and your family. May the memories of your father help ease the sorrow.
Karren

August 4 at 5:28 AM



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RC

Robert Clark posted:

"Uncle Dick"he taught my brothers, Tom and Randy, my sister Cathy and I how to laugh. I think Uncle Dick invented teasing, now an art form. He was so much fun to be around. His wife, Aunt Shirley would try to keep him under control with the teasing which I think made everyone enjoy it all the more. We will ALL miss that. This past weekend I had built a campfire for my daughter and her family to enjoy. As I was sitting in the house the smoke and the smell of the campfire came into the family room. That smell of a campfire is one of those special things in life. My first memorable campfires were those experienced at Camp Iroquois when my brother Tom and I went there way back in the 50s (camp was run by Uncle Dick and Aunt Shirley.....those were the days). First summer I had to go home early due to "homesickness", a bit embarrassing. We learned a lot at Camp Iroquoisswimming, canoeing, fishing, competing at the evening games, poison ivy And roommates in those small cabins. What a great experience that would not have been possible without Uncle Dick and Aunt Shirley. Thank You! Uncle Dick will be in our hearts and minds forever.Bob

July 27 at 3:05 PM

RC

Randy Clark posted:

It has been a very long time since I've seen Uncle Dick. But my memories of him have never been stronger.I think of a very intelligent, quite accomplished, brave and daring, overly friendly, always funny, amazingly caring man with a fixed smile (OK, maybe an intermittent teasing smirk or knowing grin).In short, I guess, the perfect Dad and Grandpa.Steve, Jim, Deb, Sheri and your families.....our condolences on your great loss.Randy, Mary Clark

July 27 at 9:51 AM

CB

Cathy Barber posted:

Though I have not seen my uncle for many years, his years of working with children at the YMCA will always be an outstanding memory of mine. His devotion to his family and job were number one priority during his whole life. RIP Uncle Dick...may you now join the many friends and relatives who have been waiting for you to share a joke or kind gesture as always.Cathy Clark Barber and family

July 27 at 4:48 AM



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Kristen & Xionen Bain posted:

He was the most incredible grandpa you could imagine. Grandpa let us have fun, no matter how noisy we were. He always said "take care of yourself before you take care of others", which ended up being advice that helped me many times. It was expected that he would have an index card in his pocket ready to ask you questions to make sure you were on track with whatever you had going on. Even at 87 year old he had the best advice and best information to give. Grandpa will be dearly missed by myself and my son. He was a huge part of our lives, and he will live on in our hearts. Thank you for everything, Grandpa. We love you.- Kristen and Xionen

July 26 at 4:08 AM



Anonymous sent a Divine Peace Bouquet to the Ford family.



July 25 at 9:25 AM



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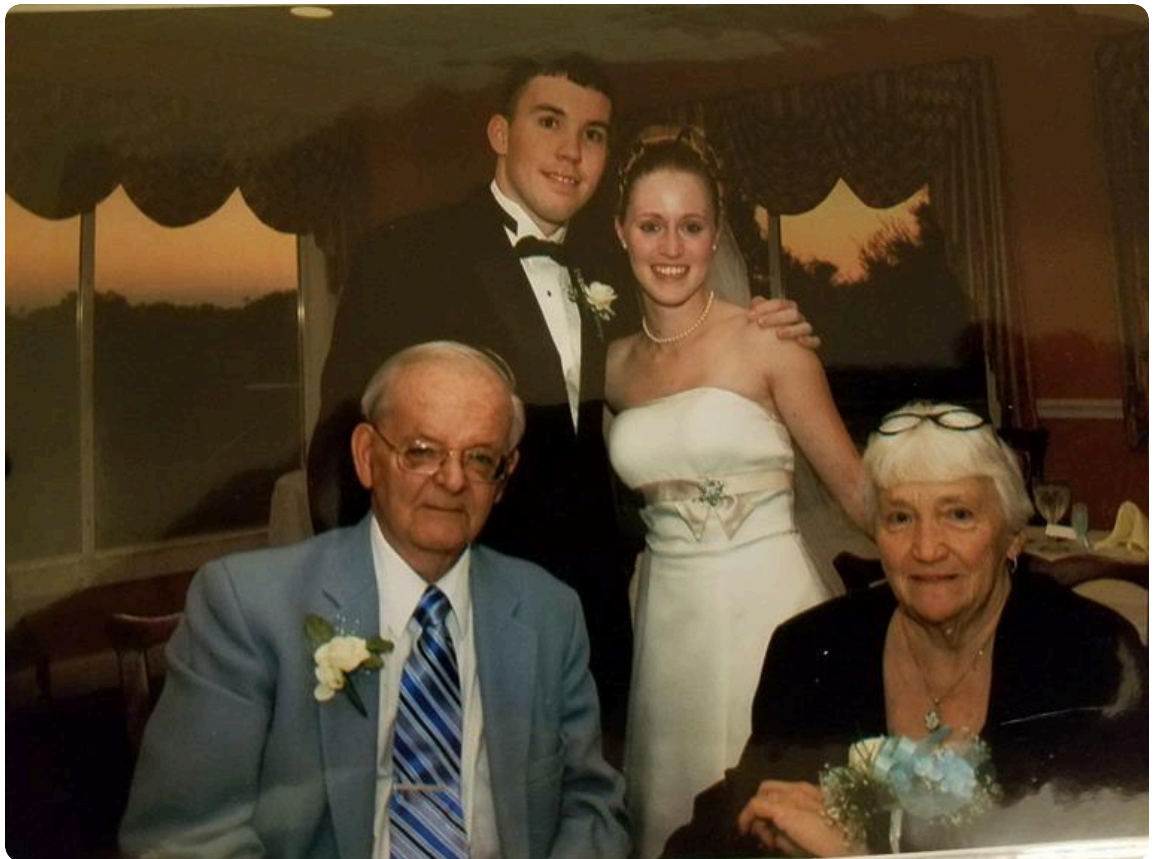
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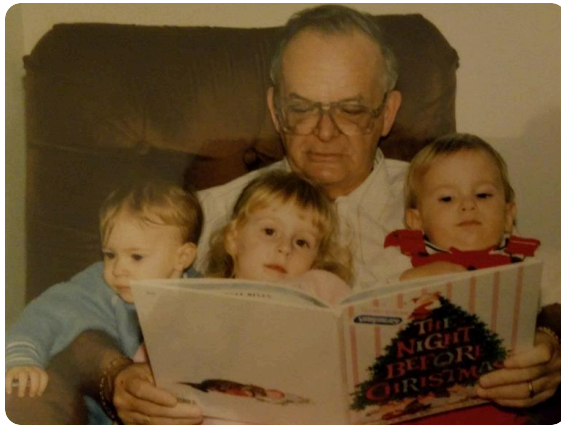




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