



Daniel "Dan" Ford

January 25, 1942 - March 2, 2024

Daniel Thomas Ford (Dan), age 82, of Newport, Tennessee, passed away peacefully in his home on Saturday, March 2, 2024. Born January 25, 1942, in FL, he was the son of the late Joe Tom Ford originally of Del Rio, TN and Gladys Beckham Klemons of Interlachen, FL.

Dan was a US Military veteran having served 4 years in the Air Force and 16 years in the Army Medical Specialist Corps. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Occupational Therapy from the University of Florida and a Master of Science In Health Professions from Southwest Texas State University. Upon his retirement from the U S Army, after attaining the rank of Major, he served as a professor at the University of Florida, practiced Occupational Therapy in the Gainesville, FL area and later became the Director of Hand Therapy at the Ramadan Institute. Upon moving to Newport, he worked as an Occupational Therapist for Smoky Mountain Home Health.

Dan is survived by his wife of 56 years and the love of his life, Betty Jo Bell Ford, his son Kevin Ford and wife Kelly, daughter Karen Ford Martin and husband John, grandchildren Taylor Ford, John Martin IV, Madison Ford, and Josie Kate Martin, great grandchildren Kace Porter, Blakelee-Anne Harvey and Victoria and Axel Jones. Additional survivors include his sisters Joyce Johnson (Johnny), Frieda Davis (Drew), and Bonnie Parker (Jack); Sisters-In-Law Jan Caughron (Jerry), Ginger Sue Cantrell, and Brother-In-Law Tommy Bell (Joyce), as well as Uncle Nathan and Aunt Mary Ford. He was also loved and respected by a multitude of nieces and nephews. He was preceded in

death by his parents, stepmother Beatrice Ford, sister, Debbie Etheridge (Steve), and sister-in-law Eugenia Seaton, and beloved parents-in-law Chester and ReVel Bell.

We will always remember Dan's tremendous love for his family and friends. He was always willing and available to help someone in need. It was well known that he was "Mr. Fix It" and was renowned for his skill and ingenuity, often fixing and improving things that many considered beyond repair. He will be greatly missed and forever loved by his family and special friends at Liberty Church of Cosby where he was a member. Dan was an outgoing and friendly soul who never met a stranger.

Visitation will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. at Manes Funeral Home on Thursday, March 7th. Funeral services will be held at Liberty Church of Cosby on Friday, March 8th at 2 p.m. followed by graveside services at Ogle's Chapel Cemetery to include full military honors.

Family and friends may sign the guest register online at: www.manesfuneralhome.com.

Arrangements with Manes Funeral Home.

Previous Events

Receive Friends

MAR 7. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Manes Funeral Home Chapel
363 East Main Street
Newport, TN 37821

Funeral service

MAR 8. 2:00 PM (ET)

Liberty Church of Cosby
3541 Cosby Hwy
Cosby, TN 37722-2860
(865) 383-4013

Burial

MAR 8 (ET)

Ogle Hill Cemetery
Cosby, TN 37722

Tribute Wall



“ *Manes Funeral Home, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Daniel "Dan" Ford*



Manes Funeral Home, Inc. - March 06, 2024 at 04:09 PM

DL

Sending loving thoughts and prayers today in memory of Dan, from the family of Pete "Buddy" Bell.

Donna Langlotz - March 08, 2024 at 12:47 PM

DL

“ *Donna L. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Daniel "Dan" Ford.*

Donna L. - March 08, 2024 at 12:30 PM

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“ *Praying for his family. 🙏*

Amanda Allen (Mandie) - March 08, 2024 at 11:45 AM

DR

“ *Dru,Fritz&BrianDavis lit a candle in memory of Daniel Ford*



Dru,Fritz&BrianDavis - March 08, 2024 at 09:50 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Daniel "Dan" Ford.*



March 07, 2024 at 11:09 PM

EF

“ *Eric Bell and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Daniel "Dan" Ford.*

Eric Bell and Family - March 07, 2024 at 11:09 PM

RS

“ *So sorry for your loss.your family are in our thoughts and prayers .*

*Larry and Rhonda Sane
J. and Susan Moser*

RHONDA L SANE - March 07, 2024 at 02:43 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Daniel "Dan" Ford.



March 07, 2024 at 12:27 PM



“ Charlie, Frances, Darren, Heidi, kids planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Daniel "Dan" Ford.

Charlie, Frances, Darren, Heidi, kids - March 07, 2024 at 12:27 PM



“ Goodyear Elementary School Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Daniel "Dan" Ford.



Goodyear Elementary School Family - March 07, 2024 at 10:50 AM



“ Goodyear Elementary School Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Daniel "Dan" Ford.

Goodyear Elementary School Family - March 07, 2024 at 10:50 AM

ET

“ Eric & Carol Blankenship, Caleb, Tatum. purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Daniel "Dan" Ford.



Eric & Carol Blankenship, Caleb, Tatum. - March 07, 2024 at 07:45 AM

NL

“ My most sincere condolences to your family. Dan was so much a part of our family growing up in Smithville. His and Buddy Bell's visits were a highlight for our summers and we all loved him and his sense of humor and sweet smile. We are comforted by the fact that we will see him again on the other side; for now, he's renewing acquaintances with friends and family. God bless you and your family.
Nancy (Smith) Lemieux



nancy lemieux - March 06, 2024 at 10:33 PM

RW

“ Betty, know that I have held you both in high regard since first meeting you through our county's adult education program. It's easy to appreciate people who are really good at what they do, and you are the best. I think I once received a complement (as I made notes on the back of a 'junk' mail envelope) when you observed, "You're just like Dan." I still make my daily lists on them, and I'm guessing Dan has been doing the same. So sorry for your loss.

Randy Winter - March 06, 2024 at 07:46 PM

NF

“ *Nanette and family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Daniel "Dan" Ford.*



Nanette and family - March 06, 2024 at 04:50 PM



“ *88 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Manes Funeral Home, Inc. - March 06, 2024 at 04:00 PM

TS

“ *The Page Family - Lib Page, Danise & Mike Eagan, Lori & Sam Sewell planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Daniel "Dan" Ford.*

The Page Family - Lib Page, Danise & Mike Eagan, Lori & Sam Sewell - March 06, 2024 at 02:13 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Daniel "Dan" Ford.



March 06, 2024 at 10:24 AM



“ Bart S. purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Daniel "Dan" Ford.



Bart S. - March 06, 2024 at 09:33 AM



“ Bart S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Daniel Ford.

Bart S. - March 06, 2024 at 09:33 AM



“ Betty, Karen and Kevin?
You captured Dan's essence so well in his obituary. I will always think of his kindness and sharp sense of humor. He was indeed a wonderful man, and I will always feel blessed knowing him.

Blessings to all of your family as you navigate this difficult time.

*Love,
Bryan*

Bryan and Lenora Douglas - March 05, 2024 at 08:08 PM

DO

“ *Betty Jo and Family:*
Kay and I send our condolences to you in your loss. We always enjoy our times with the Bell/Ford families. You are indeed a special group and Dan was one of your best. We pray for God to strengthen you in the coming days and for His angels to walk beside you.

Duay and Kay O'Neil - March 05, 2024 at 10:47 AM

NC

“ *Nancy and Al Cheatham, Kevin, & Charley purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Daniel "Dan" Ford.*



Nancy and Al Cheatham, Kevin, & Charley - March 04, 2024 at 05:24 PM

NC

“ *Nancy and Al Cheatham, Kevin, & Charley planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Daniel Ford.*

Nancy and Al Cheatham, Kevin, & Charley - March 04, 2024 at 05:24 PM

BP

“ *Bonnie and Jack Parker purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Daniel "Dan" Ford.*



Bonnie and Jack Parker - March 04, 2024 at 04:12 PM