



## Jerry McDonald Ford

July 19, 1940 - August 4, 2024

Jerry McDonald Ford, age 84, of the Edwina Community, went to meet his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on Sunday, August 4, 2024 surrounded by his family at Fort Sanders Regional Medical Center.

He was a member of Shady Grove Baptist Church.

He was a retired school bus driver and a lifetime farmer.

He started each day reading his Bible at the kitchen table. He loved the Lord, his family, friends, community and farming.

He could often be heard singing and whistling when he was driving his tractors.

He is preceded in death by his parents Rufus and Rachael Ford, brothers Sylvester, Bob and infant brother Lloyd, sisters Edna Crum, Dorothy Runyan, Edith Fox, and Grace James and infant sister Shirley; father-in-law and mother-in-law John and Minnie Hale; son-in-law Robert Ledford sisters-in-law, Judy Sneed and Lora Eslinger; and brother-in-law, Joe Hale.

He is survived by his loving wife of 58 years Rita Ford, daughters Vonda (Dean) Gregg, Debbie Ford, son Shaun (Susie) Ford, and daughter Vicki Ledford, grandsons who he loved dearly Shane Ledford (Alexa Dooley), Jackson Ford, great grandson Carson Ledford, brother BILL (Brenda) Ford, sisters Martha Sutton, Judy Holt, sisters in law Carolyn Ford, brother in law Tommy Hale, special lifelong friends Joy O'Dell and Jim Frazier and all his buddies at the Thinking Tree; also a host of nieces, nephews, other family and friends.

To know him was to love him that was just the kind of man he was.

He was the greatest man we ever knew.

Funeral service will be held 7 pm Thursday August 8, 2024 in Manes Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Glen Franklin, and Rev Sherman Ball officiating.

Burial will be held 11 am Friday in Shady Grove Cemetery

The family will receive friends from 5-7 pm on Thursday August 8, 2024 prior to the funeral services.

Family and friends may sign the guest register online at: [www.manesfuneralhome.com](http://www.manesfuneralhome.com).

Arrangements with Manes Funeral Home, Newport, TN.

# Previous Events

## Receiving Friends

AUG 8. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Manes Funeral Home Inc.  
363 East Main Street  
Newport, TN 37821  
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<https://www.manesfuneralhome.com/index.cfm>

## Funeral service

AUG 8. 7:00 PM (ET)

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

## Burial

AUG 9. 11:00 AM (ET)

Shady Grove Baptist Church Cemetery

# Tribute Wall



“ *Manes Funeral Home, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Jerry McDonald Ford*



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**Manes Funeral Home, Inc.** - August 08, 2024 at 04:39 PM

SP

“ *The family is in my thoughts and prayers*

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**Stephanie Price** - August 08, 2024 at 07:45 PM

JF

“ *Prayers for the family  
Jimmy Fish*

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**jimmy fish** - August 08, 2024 at 07:44 PM

LW

“ *You are in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. Jake and Linda Wood*

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**Linda Wood** - August 08, 2024 at 07:15 PM

JB

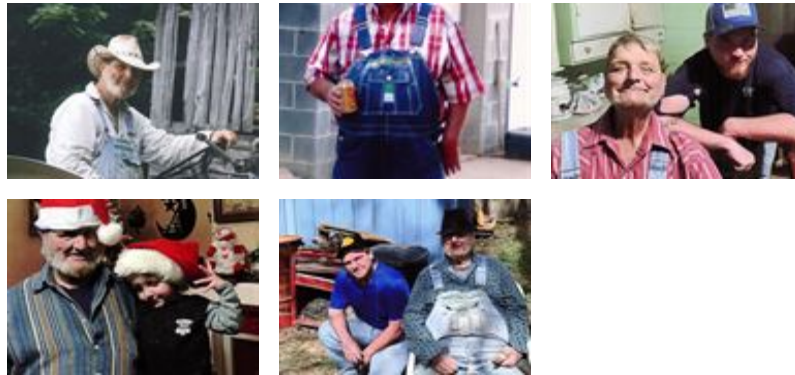
“ Debbie, Vickie, Vonda, and Rita we are so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Love you all.  
Jimmy and Charlotte Blazer



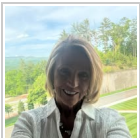
Jimmy and Charlotte Blazer - August 08, 2024 at 07:14 PM



“ 66 files added to the album Life Tributes



Manes Funeral Home, Inc. - August 08, 2024 at 11:47 AM



“ Thoughts and prayers for all the family and friends. 🙏🙏

Frankie Gray - August 07, 2024 at 05:44 PM

DG

“ Sending my Deepest Condolences to All of the family 🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏



Debra Gann - August 06, 2024 at 10:28 PM

JM

“ He will truly be missed. He was a good friend and a great neighbor.  
Always willing to help.

*John & Tosha Mantooth*

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**John & Tosha Mantooth** - August 06, 2024 at 09:43 PM

RT

So sorry.  
For your loss you are in my prayers.

*Roberta Taylor*

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**Roberta Taylor** - August 08, 2024 at 08:26 AM

JP

*I already miss Jerry so much. He was a dear friend, and after my Daddy had a stroke and passed away, Jerry stepped up and did everything he could to help me. If he seen something needed to be done, he would be doing it. I enjoyed his wit and laughter, never made a big deal out of things; considered they were just part of life or farming life that is. Love and prayers for all the family. Jerry loved you all and was so proud of each one of you.*

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**Johnnie Sue Phillips** - August 08, 2024 at 05:44 PM

SE

“ So many memories growing up with Jerry driving up and down the road and our driveway hauling hay. It was such a character. Ever after I grew up and moved away I still always watched to see if he was outside and waved when I went by. I know he was a great friend to many and will be missed.

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**sejohnson709@ymail.com** - August 06, 2024 at 09:17 PM

RM

“ Our sympathy to the family! We will be praying for you! I (Lisa) taught at NGS years ago with Susie.

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**Rob and Lisa Myers** - August 06, 2024 at 08:19 PM

FE

“ Jerry was such a sweet soul. I loved seeing him and talking to him. I'm gonna miss him. Praying that God will be with the family in days ahead. Love you all  
Felicia Evans

Felicia Evans - August 06, 2024 at 02:19 PM

AB

“ So very sorry to hear of Jerry's passing.. Enjoyed my visits with him so much... His wit and humor I will always remember.... Prayers for family and circle of friends...❤️

Abby Balch - August 06, 2024 at 12:07 PM

LG

“ We are so very sorry for your loss. Jerry will really be missed. We are keeping yall in our prayers and thoughts. Please let us know if we can help in any way.  
Wilson s Sav Mor family

Lisa Giles - August 06, 2024 at 10:20 AM

MB

“ Mattie B. purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Jerry McDonald Ford.



Mattie B. - August 06, 2024 at 09:55 AM

MT

“ Marilyn Thomas lit a candle in memory of Jerry Ford



Marilyn Thomas - August 06, 2024 at 09:10 AM

PP

“ Peggy Pace. So sorry for your loss. I thought the world of Jerry. A good man. And everytime you saw him he had a smile and always made you smile. He will be missed. Praying for the family at this difficult time.

Peggy Pace - August 05, 2024 at 09:40 PM

TC

“ My deepest condolences to all the family. Jerry was a good friend and always did a great job whether it was mowing our field or plowing our garden. We will miss him dearly. Praying for comfort during this difficult time.

Tommy Costner - August 05, 2024 at 09:32 PM

AW

“ I'm so very sorry for the loss of your sweet daddy, Debbie!! You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers ❤️

Angie Wills - August 05, 2024 at 05:38 PM

BN

“ He was a great man he will be there but he is better off than we are sending love and hugs and prayers 🙏🙏 we will see him again God Bless you all

Bert Victor Naillon - August 05, 2024 at 04:04 PM

BN

“ *Sending love and prayers for the family and friends and Blessings*  
😊😊

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**Bert Victor Naillon** - August 05, 2024 at 04:02 PM