



Henry Jay Ford

June 14, 1938 - November 18, 2022

Henry Jay Ford, also known as "Sonny" by his family, passed away on November 18, 2022 in Visalia, CA. He was 84 years old. Henry was born to Henry and Lois Ford on June 14, 1938 in Hanford, CA.

Henry grew up in Stratford, CA and was the oldest of three children. He attended Stratford Elementary School and then graduated from Lemoore High School in 1956. After high school he attended West Hills Community College in Coalinga and Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo. Before completing his college degree, Henry was drafted into the United States Army where he served as a Heavy Weapons Infantryman at Fort Ord, CA. He was honorably discharged in 1963 and continued to serve in the Army Reserves until 1967.

While attending Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo, Henry met the love of his life, Falacia "Sue" (Gaydon) Ford. Henry and Sue were married on June 27, 1964 in Carmichael, CA. They welcomed their first child, daughter Sherry, on September 7, 1967 and their second child, son Jay, on August 30, 1970. The family lived in Kingsburg, CA and Porterville, CA before moving permanently to Visalia, CA 1973. Henry worked as a delivery driver for Petrolane in Porterville, then as a maintenance mechanic for Adohr Farms in Tulare before transferring to Kraft in Visalia where he retired in 1997. After his retirement both Henry and Sue became drivers for Enterprise Rent-A-Car in Visalia. They also traveled with their RV and took many trips with family and friends.

Henry had a love for all things mechanical. He was well known as a man who could build or fix anything. He also had a love for the great outdoors. He took

his family on many memorable camping adventures throughout a lot of the country, including several trips to visit family in Arkansas. Henry also enjoyed spending time on his boat where the family spent time fishing and water skiing. He also spent many enjoyable hours riding his Honda Trail 90 with friends in the Mojave Desert. At home, Henry was an avid gardener. The Ford Family home was known to have some of the best homegrown fruits and vegetables around. He was especially known for his amazing oranges that many of his family and friends have enjoyed for nearly 50 years.

Henry was preceded in death by his parents, Henry and Lois Ford. He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Falacia "Sue" Ford; Daughter Sherry (Dan) Albright; Son Jay (Micheala) Ford; Grandson Justin (Justine) Albright; Granddaughters Shelby Ford, Samantha Ford and Danielle Albright; Brother Brian (June) Ford; Sister Betty (Ray) Dias; along with nieces, nephews and many friends.

Visitation will be held 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM Friday, December 16th, 2022 at Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel, 127 E. Caldwell Ave., Visalia. Graveside services will be held 12:00 PM Friday, December 16th, 2022 at Visalia District Cemetery, 1300 W Goshen Ave, Visalia.

Services have been entrusted to Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel. Memorial Tributes and condolences may be offered by logging onto www.salseranddillard.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 16. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (PT)

Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel
127 E. Caldwell Ave.
Visalia, CA 93277

Graveside

DEC 16. 12:00 PM (PT)

Visalia District Cemetery
1300 W Goshen Ave
Visalia, CA 93291

Tribute Wall



“ *Salsler & Dillard Funeral Chapel created a Webcast in memory of Henry Jay Ford*



Salsler & Dillard Funeral Chapel - December 16, 2022 at 10:17 AM



“ *Salsler & Dillard Funeral Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of Henry Jay Ford*



Salsler & Dillard Funeral Chapel - December 14, 2022 at 10:48 AM



“ *I remember Henry and Sue taking to movie in Santa Maria many years ago. I kept loudly saying, "They're going to kiss, they're going to kiss, bingo!" They were so kind but embarrassed also. Sue always loved my mom and would visit when ever she could. Henry was quiet and always repaired anything that needed it. He was a great man, who I had utmost respect for. He lived a good life and a job well done.*

Larry Estes - December 16, 2022 at 10:36 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Henry Jay Ford.*



December 15, 2022 at 02:30 PM



“ *Love, Brian, June and Allison purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Henry Jay Ford.*



Love, Brian, June and Allison - December 15, 2022 at 01:40 PM



“ *Our family is so very thankful that we have been able to live next to you and Mrs. Ford for the last few years. You have been very kind and welcoming to us and we miss having you in the neighborhood*

kristen jamero range - December 02, 2022 at 08:00 PM