



Arnold H. Ford

April 14, 1921 - December 10, 2017

Arnold H. Ford, 96, of St. Anne, passed away on Sunday, December 10, 2017 at his home. He was born on April 14, 1921, in Cleveland, OH, to Arnold E. and Margaret Steinhauer Ford. Arnold came to Kankakee County in 1992 when he helped co-found Sunrise Farms Horse Facility in rural St. Anne.

Arnold was a veteran of the United States Navy and served in the Naval Air Corp during World War II. Arnold retired after 35 years from IBM as a Senior Advisory Engineer. He was a member of the Chebanse Masonic Lodge and was a past Master. He was a member of Asbury United Methodist Church and choir. He enjoyed trains, mountains, teaching horseback riding, and all types of music. He especially loved spending time with his family and friends.

Arnold is survived by his wife, Dorothy Ford, of rural St. Anne; four sons and three daughters-in-law, David (Linda) Ford, of Council Bluff, IA, Richard (Marcia) Ford, of Waddell, AZ, Daniel Ford, of Chicago, and Jeffrey (Kim) Wallace, of Joliet; three daughters and three sons-in-law, Holly (Martin) Cejka, of Joliet, Christine (Ken) Hassel, of Palos Park, and Karen (Rick) Hemza, of St. Anne; ten grandchildren; six great grandchildren; and one brother and sister-in-law, Carl (Ruth) Ford, of Denver, CO.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his first wife, Geraldine Ford.

Cremation rites have been accorded. A memorial visitation will be held from 4:00 pm until 8:00 pm on Thursday, January 18, 2018 at Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home in Kankakee. An additional memorial visitation will be held from 9:00 am until the 10:00 am memorial service on Friday, January 19, 2018 at Asbury United Methodist Church in Kankakee. Rev. Scott Henley will officiate. Inurnment will follow at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery in Elwood.

Memorials may be made to Sunrise Therapeutic Riding or Asbury United Methodist Church.

Cemetery Details

Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery

20953 Hoff Road
Elwood, IL 60421

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

JAN 18. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Kankakee - Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home
1480 W. Court St.
Kankakee, IL 60901
(815) 932-1214
cgfuneral@gmail.com

Memorial Visitation

JAN 19. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Asbury United Methodist Church
196 S. Harrison
Kankakee, IL 60901
(815) 933-4408
<https://www.kasbury.org/>

Memorial Service

JAN 19. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Dottie, Karen, Rick and family, sorry to hear of Arnie's passing. He was a great guy and a always a friendly neighbor. Sorry for your loss.*

*Thoughts and prayers,
Phil and Deb*

Phil and Deb - January 13, 2018 at 01:22 PM

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“ *Dottie/Karen and Family - I was beyond sad to hear the news about Arnie. He was such a big part of my childhood and very influenced so much of my life at a very early age. There was no other place I wanted to be as a kid than out at the barn with Arnie and Pepper. Thirty five years (who knew - seems like yesterday) later I still look back with so much fondness. The world is a better place having had him in it. Thinking of you all during this difficult time. He will be missed so very much. All my love - Jessica Templeton*

Jessica Templeton - December 14, 2017 at 02:40 PM

 Connie Parker

“ *I'm so sorry for your loss. I hope that you are able to find comfort in the love and support of family and friends in the coming months. Arnie was one of the old guard at the OVI and will be missed.*

*Love and prayers to all,
Connie Parker*

Connie Parker - December 13, 2017 at 07:07 PM