



## Phillip L. Ford

May 19, 1938 - July 24, 2017

Dateline: Wood River

Phillip LeRoy Ford, 79, died at 12:42 p.m. Monday, July 24, 2017 at St. Luke's Hospital from complications of pneumonia. Born May 19, 1938 in Alton, he was the son of the late Lee Alan Ford and Deliah (Shelton) Ford Sunderland. On May 25, 1962 he married the former Joan Holland. She survives. Phillip graduated from Alton High School and Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville with a degree in accounting. He was an Army veteran serving in Germany. In 1968 he was appointed Director of Finance for the City of Wood River. He held that position for 16 years. He then became bookkeeper for Lenhardt Tool and Die for 21 years, retiring in 2005. Phillip was elected President of the Illinois Municipal Finance Officers Organization. He served on the Wood River Hartford Elementary Board and the East Alton-Wood River High School Board. He was elected President of both boards. A member of St. Paul United Methodist Church, he belonged to the Wood River Moose Lodge and was a former member of the Alton-Wood River Sportsman's Club. In addition to his wife of 55 years, he is survived by a son, Bradley Ford of Hampton, VA and his children, Alexander, Nathaniel, Katherine, and Emmaleigh, all of Hampton, VA, and a daughter, Mary Elizabeth "Beth" Whipple and her husband Lt. Colonel Jason Whipple of West Point, New York, and their daughter, Wren. He also leaves a sister, Sharon Schreiber and her husband Mike Schreiber of Alton, a brother-in-law, John Holland of East Alton,

three sisters-in-law, Judy Ford of Godfrey, Delores Copley of Godfrey and Shirley Frakes of Alton, plus many nieces, nephews and cousins and friends. Along with his parents, he was preceded in death by his step father, Levi Sunderland and two brothers, Victor Lee Ford and John Alan Ford. Visitation will be from 10:00 a.m. until time of memorial service at 12:00 noon Friday, July 28, 2017 at St. Paul United Methodist Church in Rosewood Heights with full military honors. Reverend Ed Weston will officiate. Burial will be private at Rose Lawn Memory Garden in Bethalto. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital, 1465 S. Grand, St. Louis, MO 63104, American Kidney Fund, P.O. Box 1837, Merrifield, VA 22116 or a charity of choice. Gent Funeral Home in Alton is in charge of arrangements. Online guest book and information may be found at [www.gentfuneralhome.com](http://www.gentfuneralhome.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Rose Lawn Memory Gardens

10 Erwin Plegge Blvd.  
Bethalto, AK 62010

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 28. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

St. Paul United Methodist Church  
Rosewood Heights, IL

## Memorial Service

JUL 28. 12:00 PM (CT)

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Rosewood Heights, IL

# Tribute Wall



“ *Phillip L. Ford*

January 28, 2023 at 10:19 AM



“ *Phillip L. Ford*

January 28, 2023 at 08:19 AM



“ *Sending my sympathy to Joan and family. I am out of town but have you in my prayers. Phil will be missed.*

**Dorothy Kasinger** - July 26, 2017 at 09:30 AM



“ *Kim Horn lit a candle in memory of Phillip L. Ford*



**Kim Horn** - July 25, 2017 at 02:04 PM



*Sending our sympathy to Joan & family. We live away but you are in our prayers, thinking of you Vivian & Don Franklin*

**Vivian & Don Franklin** - July 28, 2017 at 11:11 AM

TO

*Dear Aunt Joan and cousins Brad & Beth, I imagine your world just doesn't seem right during this time and am truly sorry for how you must feel. I pray that our father will blanket you in peace and make you all physically aware that he's holding you extra tight and grieves with you, but delights that he has Phil back home with Him. I'm so grateful to have seen you both so recently, and finally tell Phil what it meant for him to have spent time with me as a child without my father. Love, Tim & Lisa*

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**Tim & Lisa O'Hara** - July 29, 2017 at 09:23 AM