



## Richard E. Ford

March 1, 1938 - January 11, 2019

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Ford, Richard E, of Cedar Hill, Missouri was born March 1, 1938, in St. Louis, Missouri, to James and Doris (nee Pardee) Ford and entered into rest, Friday, January 11th, 2019 at the age of 80 years, 10 months and 10 days.

He is preceded in death by, his parents, his wife, son Mark Ford, and sister, Jean Scarpino,

He is survived by,

Six (6) children, Debra (Allan) Meyers, Rebecca (John) Leboube, Cynthia Williams, Teresa (John) Trask, Paul Ford, and Eric Ford,

Twelve (12) grandchildren, Joseph Leboube, Kurtis Hografe, John Leboube II, Mark Wade, Luke Wade, Heather Trask, Esther Wade, Chelsea McLain, Lydia Wade, Eric Ford, Alexis Marshall, and Ava Ford,

Fourteen (14) great-grandchildren,

Four (4) siblings, Johnny Seipp, Bobby Seipp, Susan Seipp, and Sandy Ford,

and many other family and friends.

Richard's journey began at the Big River Ambulance District as a Volunteer Fire Fighter in Cedar Hill, MO. Which is when he determined the need for an ambulance district. In 1975 he started the Big River Ambulance District. Through his life he was a baker, meat cutter, radio host, taught gun safety, and was a political activist and ran his own bait and tackle shop as well as Ford Floats. Richard will be fondly remembered and dearly missed by all who knew and loved him.

Visitation Wednesday, January 16, 2019 from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at CHAPEL HILL MORTUARY, 6300 Highway 30, Cedar Hill, Missouri. Service Thursday, January 17, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.. at CHAPEL HILL MORTUARY. Memorial donations may be made to Big River VFW Post 5331. Family and friends can review and share stories, photos and condolences online at [www.stlfuneral.com](http://www.stlfuneral.com) and follow details of this event and others in the community at [www.facebook.com/stlchapelhill](http://www.facebook.com/stlchapelhill).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 16. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Chapel Hill Mortuary - Cedar Hill  
6300 Highway 30  
Cedar Hill, MO 63016  
(636) 274-4100  
info@stlfuneral.com  
<https://www.stlfuneral.com>

## Service

JAN 17. 10:00 AM (CT)

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## Graveside Service

JAN 17. 10:45 AM (CT)

Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens  
6300 SR 30  
Cedar Hill, MO 63016  
(636) 274-4100

# Tribute Wall



“ *Richard E. Ford*

January 06, 2023 at 10:46 PM



“ *Finding out Mr. Ford is gone has me in shock. I met him when I was about 8 years old, and started going to his bait shop with my mom or dad to buy crickets at least once a week for my pet frogs. Continued to go visit and get crickets for the next 16 years. Once my frogs passed away I didn't go as often to see him, but every time I did he'd tell me all about his travels and experiences for at least an hour. He had so much to say about his time spent with the different Native American tribes and down in Louisiana. I say experiences because when I'd tell him I could listen to his stories forever he'd correct me and say that they weren't stories, every word was true. He'd dote on his collections of artifacts and clocks, and tell me about the dozens of family photos in his walls. I'm so honored that I got to know him. I only wish I'd have spent more time with him these last few years. There was still so much for me to learn from this amazing person, though I know that I'm lucky in learning from him the things that I did.*

**Kara** - March 11, 2019 at 11:08 AM



“ *As far back as I can remember my dad took me to his bait and tackle shop every time we went fishing. He had it all and was always such a nice man when we came around. I didn't know him very well, but he still had a huge impact on my child hood. RIP Mr. Ford we'll miss you sir.*

**Abygail cody** - January 19, 2019 at 07:28 AM

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“ I am so sorry to hear of the passing of Richard E. Ford, he was so funny and welcoming to me and my daughter when we met him way back when my daughter and his grand-daughter, Heather, were in school and played basketball together. I also enjoyed his editorials in the "Green Apple"! He has always been a fixture of Cedar Hill as long as I can remember. My sympathy and prayers goes out to all of his family.

Love and prayers to the entire Ford family,  
Connie Payne and family

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connie payne - January 16, 2019 at 10:48 PM

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“ So sorry to hear about the passing of Mr. Ford. He was a treasure to our neighborhood, and I will always enjoy my memories of his conversations. Thank you for those annual Christmas cookie deliveries and sharing your awesome, ornery dog, Blue, with the community. Sending prayers for comfort and peace for his family.

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Shannon Streif - January 16, 2019 at 09:41 PM



“ Rose Tribute was purchased for the family of Richard E. Ford.



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January 15, 2019 at 03:51 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Richard E. Ford.*



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January 15, 2019 at 12:45 PM



“ *Rich was my landlord for a couple of years in one of his river houses in the early 2000's. I always admired him because he didn't pull any punches. You always knew where he was coming from. Fair, honest, intelligent, and kind. Actually kind of like my Dad. I loved seeing his Native American artifacts he had collected and the stories that went with them. He was a very good man and I am glad to have known him. May he RIP. Condolences to his Family and Friends. Lorraine Wilson (Hartwig).*

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**Lorraine Hartwig** - January 15, 2019 at 12:29 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Richard E. Ford.*



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January 15, 2019 at 11:21 AM



“ *John, Karen and Mark Seipp purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Richard E. Ford.*



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**John, Karen and Mark Seipp** - January 15, 2019 at 09:10 AM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard E. Ford.*



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January 15, 2019 at 07:33 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard E. Ford.*



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January 14, 2019 at 07:47 PM