



## ARNOLD LEE FORD

January 13, 1942 - September 26, 2019

Arnold leaves to mourn his cherished memory: his Loving, devoted wife, Naomi Ford, who was also his caregiver; two sons, Michael L. Ford and Theodore Smith; daughter, Janice Smith, daughter-in-law, Renee T. Ford (late Arnold L. Ford, Jr); his brothers, Adrian L. Ford of Fitchburg, Mark E. Malone of California and Patrick Mahone (Teri) of Fitchburg; his sisters, Leona M. Ford-Price of Fitchburg, Marlene E. Bailey, Dorcena Dean, Windale Walker (James) all of New Castle, PA, Diana Malave of Leominster, MA. and Denise Vick (James) of Tacoma, WA; thirteen grandchildren, twelve great-grandchildren and a great-great-grandchild. Proceeding him in death are: two sons, Tony L. Ford, Arnold L. Ford, Jr.; one daughter, Sharon Lane; his brothers, Doc Mahone, Jr. and Ondra Mahone; and his sisters, Opheila Gregory, Margaret Hopkins and Felicia Lewis.

Before I met you, I wasn't sure what would do,  
Therefore the best day of my life was the day I met you.

As I think of all memories, as far as I could see,  
Of all the roses in the bush, You chose me.

Devoted Wife,

Naomi

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I remember the day I met you, your welcome was not at all bad,  
I instantly said to myself, another man I could call Dad.  
I will always remember, the long Perryville Rehab drive,

Once I got the family there safe, you greeted us with that smile.

Im truly gonna miss you, it hurts so bad inside,

But know I will be here for Mom,

Dailen and I both will be by her side.

Devoted Daughter-in-law Renee and Dailen Ford

ARNOLD LEE FORD was born on January 13, 1942 in Raleigh, NC., to the late Leo Gilbert and Primma Rosebud (Thompson) Ford. However he was raised by his mother Primma and his stepfather, Doc Mahone who loved and raised him as his own.

Arnold attended the New Castle public school system and graduated from New Castle High School in 1961 after which he enlisted in the military and joined the Army. In 1964, while being stationed in Fort Meade, Arnold met the Love of his life, Naomi whom he married on December 24, 1966. They have been married for 52 years. In 1967, he was honorably discharged as a Staff Sgt. He then moved to

Baltimore to raise his family and gained employment at George Franklin & Son for 10 yrs. He then was employed at Kaydon for over 20 years as a Master Aerospace Machinist from which he retired. From this union two sons were born, the late Arnold L. Ford, Jr. and Michael L. Ford. Due to his love for Naomi he adopted her son Tony giving him his last name and loving him as his own. He also loved, care for, and raised as his own Naomi's older children the late Sharon Lane, Theodore Smith and Janice Smith. After a lengthy illness, Arnold passed away to be with the Lord.

Arnold (passionately called GRANDPA by his grandchildren who adored him) was a sports fan by nature and spread his enthusiasm throughout the family, and therefore many family members became Ravens, Orioles and Terps fanatics. Education was very important to him. He would make sure the children and grandchildren attend school regularly with passing grades by popping up at the school unannounced. He often shared his love for his family by giving them his time. He was a devoted husband and expressing his love for Naomi and his granddaughters by giving them flowers, setting the example

of how they should be honored by a man. No words can truly express the Love Arnold had for his entire family often speaking to his siblings over the phones just about every day.

# Cemetery Details

## Garrison Forest Veterans

11501 Garrison Forest Road  
Owings Mills, MD

# Previous Events

## viewing

OCT 6. 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Homes - East Baltimore  
1101 East North Avenue  
Baltimore, MD 21202  
(410) 727-3300  
info@marchfh.com

## Family Hour

OCT 6. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home -East Family Hour  
1101 E. North Ave.  
Baltimore, MD 21202

## Wake

OCT 7. 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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## Service

OCT 7. 12:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *ARNOLD LEE FORD*

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October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.*

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**March Funeral Homes** - September 27, 2019 at 07:42 PM