



Russell Wilbur Ford

February 4, 1925 - November 4, 2004

Russell Wilbur Ford was born in Richmond, Virginia on February 4, 1925 to the late William and Mary Ford. He departed this life on November 4, 2004, after a lengthy illness. Russell was educated in the public Schools of Richmond, Virginia. He attended Moore Street Elementary and Maggie L. Walker High Schools. Russell felt a commitment and duty to his country, so at the age of 18, he joined the U.S. Army Infantry Division. He served on the European Continent, where he was awarded two combat stars, the Good Conduct Medal and the Combat Infantry Badge. Russell served gallantly, and was awarded an honorable discharge in 1946. Upon his discharge from the armed services, Russell moved to Baltimore, Maryland. Following his arrival and settlement in Baltimore, Russell married the former Christine Johnson on June 9, 1947. Christine was from his hometown of Richmond, Virginia. Russell courted her during his sojourn in the U.S. Army. From this union, two sons were born, Russell and Christine moved to Day Village, a small community in Turner Station. Russell served as the maintenance supervisor. He could repair and fix just about anything. Russell was a "Jack of all trades." Until his illness, he was often called upon by friends and neighbors to repair anything from a washing machine to a water heater. Following his tenure in Day Village, Russell served as maintenance supervisor and boiler engineer for the Juvenile Division of the State of Maryland. During this period, Russell continuously sought to perfect his skills and training by attending electrical and engineering trade schools. Russell received numerous awards and

citations for outstanding service to the State Department. He retired in 1985. Shortly, before his retirement, Russell, along with Christine, joined the Epworth United Methodist Chapel. From time to time, he provided some "handyman" services to the church. Russell, aside from being a family man, man of God, and hard worker, was also an avid sports enthusiast. He enjoyed playing softball, belonged to a boat club, and loved the game of golf. He perfected his game to such an extent that he won several trophies. Russell leaves to cherish his memory: his wife of 57 years; two sons, Russell Jr., and Louis; two daughters-in-law, Carolyn and Susan; three grandchildren, Kristin, Louis, and Jessica; two great-grandchildren, Kayla and Michael; two brothers, Bernard and Lloyd; two sisters-in-law, Lillie and Doris; and a host of nieces, nephews and friends.

Tribute Wall



“ *Russell Wilbur Ford*

March 25, 2023 at 10:25 AM



“ *Russell Wilbur Ford*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *Jessica Norris lit a candle in memory of
Russell Wilbur Ford*



Jessica Norris - August 26, 2021 at 09:57 AM



“ The lost of a dear loved one is always hard to bear however in knowing God’s purpose concerning death truly brings a healing comfort. Knowing in our near future God said we would no longer have to be troubled over death neither threaten by death. Why because Is 25:8-9 said Jehovah will swallow up death. Rev 21:4-5 said death will be no more. Jehovah has promised by means of Jesus that our loved ones will be redeemed from death according to Hoesa13: 14. Yes how wonderful when soon under Gods new arrangement the dead will live again stated at Is. 26:19. Jehovah is such a loving God who cares so much about us and what happens to us according to 1Peter 5:7 that he makes it clear according to his written word what he plans to do in our behalf. I’m sending my condolences and prayers in that you may draw comfort and peace in knowing that your love ones lost to death is a temporary state and that death was never a part of God’s plan for mankind. Soon Jehovah and Jesus are going to undo all the damage Satan has done causing much burdens and inflicting all the things that cause much pain suffering and grief##imported-begin##Carter##imported-end##

July 02, 2010 at 02:21 PM



“ I am so sorry for your loss.##imported-begin##Ruth##imported-end##

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“ Dear Family of Mr. Ford, please accept my deepest sympathy for the loss of your loved one. Though a stranger, I can only imagine your pain. This enemy, death, brings pain we can't compare to any other pain. The scriptures give us hope not only that we WILL see our loved ones again here on earth, (Isaiah 26:19) but it also promises that "death will be swallowed up forever" (Isaiah 25:8). Please compare these scriptures to your copy of the bible and I hope you are encouraged as I was. My thoughts and prayers are with your family.##imported-begin##Denise Dukes##imported-end##

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“ Dear Mrs Ford, My deepest sympathy for your loss. Mr. Ford is fondly remembered as a Kerry Road neighbor.##imported-begin##Barbara Crawley##imported-end##

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“ I am sorry for your great loss. I send my condolences to the family. But the Bible gives us a hope of seeing our dead loved ones again. John 5:28,29 says "all those in the memorial tombs will hear his voice and come out". Also Isaiah 33:24 tells us about a time when "no resident will say, 'I am sick'". Thus, we must wait on Jehovah God and do his will.##imported-begin##Kendra A.##imported-end##

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