



Roger Wilson Ford Sr.

July 8, 1943 - May 9, 2026

Portsmouth – Roger Wilson Ford Sr., of Portsmouth, passed away at Portsmouth Regional Hospital on Saturday, May 9, 2026 surrounded by his family. He was the loving husband of Donna Ford. The two enjoyed 65 years of marriage together.

Born in Portsmouth on July 8, 1943, Roger was the son of the late Guile and Irene Ford.

His wife, children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren were the center of his world, and he poured his heart into each generation with unwavering devotion.

Known for his creative humor, he had a gift for making people smile. Whether through a playful joke, or a silly gesture, he brought joy wherever he went.

He was a man of practical wisdom – the kind learned through a lifetime of doing, fixing, building, and caring. He taught not with lectures, but with patience and hands-on guidance, always ready to say, “Come here, let me show you.” His lessons live on in the skills he passed down and the confidence he instilled in those he loved.

He leaves behind a family shaped by his humor, strengthened by his example,

and forever grateful for the love he gave so freely. His legacy is found in every smile he inspired and every life he touched

He will be deeply missed, lovingly remembered, and carried forward in the hearts of all who knew him.

In addition to his wife, Roger is survived by his children, Wendy Ford of Portsmouth and Roger Ford Jr of Portsmouth. He is also survived by his brother Ronald Ford of Portsmouth as well as eight grandchildren, Daniel, Jason, Adam, Joshua, Chelsea, Morgan, Megan, and Sarah, and eight great grandchildren, Riley, Makayla, Nicholas, Jesse, Evan, Natalie, Cooper, and Kaia. In addition to his parents, Roger is predeceased by his daughter Melissa Ford Abdallah and son Wayne Ryan Ford, and his brother, Richard Ford.

In keeping with Roger's wishes, services will be private and he will be laid to rest at Calvary Cemetery in Portsmouth. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in Roger's memory to the NHSPCA, PO Box 196, Stratham, NH 03885.