



George Ford, Jr.

November 2, 2021

George Ford, Jr. "Tommy", 67, of Smithfield, passed away November 2, 2021 surrounded by his loving family. He was the beloved husband of Kathleen Ford. Born in, Swissvale, PA, he was a son of the late George Ford "Sonny" and Anna Ford. Stepson of the late Barbara (Schenck) Ford. He leaves two daughters Adrienne E. Clune, Brenda Lee Wilson, two bonus children Brenda Marie Perry and Joe Perry "Junior". He was the grandfather of 7 granddaughters who were affectionally known as Peanut (Alexys), Mermaid (Ariana), Chunky Monkey (Allison), Mini Mack (Makenna), Encyclopidia (Lydia), Stormi (Tabitha) and Windy (Rebecca). He also leaves a sister Patricia (Ford) Morris of PA. Tommy was a truck driver, diesel mechanic at RIPTA and a member of Local 618. He loved his community, he was a Reserve Police Officer and a volunteer Fire Fighter for the Town of Smithfield. He had an extreme love for family, was loved by his sisters/brothers in law, past and present, his nieces and nephews and all who knew knew him. He loved Disney and trains. He was known as Papa Grumpy to his grandchildren. The family finds solace in their grief knowing that Tommy trusted his sons in law Erik Wilson and Seth Deady to care for and love them during this time. As Tommy was private in life, he wished for no fan fare in his goodbyes. At a future date his children will plan a red solo cup event as a tribute and celebration of this amazing mans life.

Tribute Wall

AT

“ My name is Annette Tessier, daughter of Yvette Schenck and the late Alfred E. Schenck. I am your father's cousin. I have been very touched by the words of sorrow here and I wanted to share something with you that may ease your mind and provide you comfort. Of course your father, your grandfather knew you loved him. And don't ever doubt his love and pride that he had for you. Saying the words and conveying the feelings does not always come easy for some but it certainly does not mean those feelings don't exist. Sometimes in our quiet times...in our own personal private times...we are beaming with pride, we are nearly exploding inside with the intensity of our love and the joy that we encounter with our family members. You each have your own uniqueness that meant something to Tommy. Saying the words may not provide value as what we feel inside. That's what counts. This was his way. It was my own father's way. Your grief at this moment is unbearable and I am so sorry for your loss. Everything that Tommy's family has said in this Tribute Wall only validates how much he loved you all and how much he was so deeply loved. In time you will find comfort in your memories and the belief that this is how God decided to write Tommy's story.

Annette Tessier - November 16, 2021 at 02:30 PM

AD

Thank you, Annette! My father loved your parents. I remember this from my youth. I ALSO remember seeing you and my father talk at family get togethers. I am so saddened over how everything seemed to fall apart many years ago. I know we all grieve in our own ways. We are on the hunt for pictures from childhood . Jessie is also looking. If you happen to know of any can you message me?

Adrienne - November 18, 2021 at 01:36 PM

AD

“ Even in death you are in my brain. How is it that I was blessed enough to have you the longest other than Auntie Pat? Your marriage to my mother was 15 yrs. Your marriage to Mom, the woman who finally showed the grace you needed was 25. I am your oldest biological child, even though I am the second youngest out of your 4 kids.

I cherish this fact but it hurts alot too. I WAS your longest constant, which also makes you mine. My number 1 my first love the only man who truly ever held my heart. We had our ups and downs our fights but we also had many many happy memories. I can't and won't ever say I loved you best but I can say I loved you longest. I can say that loving you and being loved by you was the greatest gift. I am barely treading water and keeping afloat now that you're gone.

I MISS YOU SO FRIGGING MUCH. WHAT DO I DO NOW?

Adrienne - November 14, 2021 at 10:40 AM

AJ

“ I read the comments and your obituary everyday; but through all that is still doesn't seem real. I miss you so much and I don't want to accept the fact that a huge part of my heart is heaven. I wish we could get hot wieners and coffee milk just one last time or go see fireworks and eat ice cream. So many memories that we will all cherish for eternity. You were the best grumpy I could ever ask for and I never doubted your love once and I am so thankful that I had you for 24 years. We love and miss you

alexys jalette - November 12, 2021 at 05:42 PM

BU

“ I’ve avoided writing this, because it’s just one more step that makes this all feel too final, and you always yelled at us whenever we said, “goodbye”. But here it goes. You were the most perfectly imperfect daddy for me. You never failed to make sure I knew I was loved, and that no matter what I did you’d, “always be proud” of me. I didn’t know I could miss someone this much. I am so sorry that there were so many years, I didn’t know what I had in you. That’s time I’ll never get back and memories that I’ll never get to make. I hate that I wasted so much of my life angry at you, through no fault of your own. I said it many times over your last few weeks, and I truly hope you knew how much you are loved. I couldn’t have had a better daddy, and your princesses couldn’t have asked for a better grandfather than they had in their Grumpy. I’m grateful that you never gave up on me, and loved me deeply in spite of my shortcomings. I miss you daddy, and I’ll do my best to make you proud every day for the rest of my life. ❤️

Bunky - November 10, 2021 at 10:02 PM

AD

He never blamed you Bunk. I NEED you to know that.

Adrienne - November 10, 2021 at 11:18 PM

KA

He loved you girls no matter what you girls did

Kathy - November 11, 2021 at 01:31 PM

LG

“ So very sorry to hear my old co-worker Tommy has passed, He was a really great guy and would help you out when you needed him, I have retired sometime ago and missed a lot of my brothers and when you work with guys like him he was your family brother, RIP, my old friend we will meet again in time God Bless

Lester C. Grace - November 09, 2021 at 09:37 PM

KF

“ Tom I miss you so much. You was a great man you was always so good to my mom and she loved you. You was a very caring man to my sisters. I miss you so much that it hurts so bad. I love an DC miss you so much you was such a great dad and grandpa you loved everyone of the grandkids. You was a bonus dad tobmy kids and you loved them . I love you so much. I will wait until we are United again



Kathleen Ford - November 09, 2021 at 03:44 PM

 Gretchen Adams

“ The Smithfield High School Class of 1972 remembers Tommy Ford well and with great affection. He was a classmate and a friend who was funny and kind. Reconnecting on the Facebook "Reunion" site all those years later was a gift. And, we will miss him. We all send our deepest sympathy to his family. May your memories of him be a blessing to you always.

Gretchen Adams - November 09, 2021 at 01:03 PM

AD

Thank you Gretchen. It is appreciated. He was an amazing Daddy and Grumpy.

Adrienne - November 09, 2021 at 02:30 PM

 Gretchen Adams

We will miss him and all wish you comfort and peace during this terrible time.

Gretchen Adams - November 09, 2021 at 04:58 PM

AC

“ *Daddy i miss you so much. I dont even know how to react to some of the stuff people who claim to love Bren and I are doing. You aren't here to tell me what do you. All I want is peace for our family to remember you. I love you*

Adrienne Clune - November 09, 2021 at 09:37 AM

Mary
Du Bois

“ *Tom my heart is broken have so many memory you was always there for me you was great brother in-law I will miss you so much R.I.P LOVE YOU*



Mary Du Bois - November 08, 2021 at 12:16 PM