



Duane B. Ford

May 5, 1946 - January 1, 2025

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Pickens, South Carolina

Duane B. Ford, age 78, loving husband of 33 years to Joyce Coleman Ford, passed away on Wednesday, January 1, 2025, at his home.

Born May 5, 1946, in Rochester, New York, Duane was the son of the late George Edgar Ford and Elizabeth Frances Bentley Ford. Mr. Ford was a member of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Greenville, SC. He was a United States Navy veteran who served two tours in Vietnam. While serving Duane was awarded the National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal with three Bronze Stars and a Combat Action Ribbon. After his honorable discharge he went on to earn his associate's degree with Rochester Institute of Technology and worked for Eastman Kodak as a technical engineer. His passion for sailing and being on the water lead him to achieve his 100-ton Captain's License and took many folks on fishing, backwater, and eco tours on his boat, Odyssey Boat Tours. Prior to his retirement he was employed with Wilson Miller Associates in Naples Florida where he further learned GIS. His favorite project was locating and mapping of the protected Black Panthers of the Southern Florida Everglades. In 2005 Duane and his wife moved to Pickens where he finished his career with the county tax department as GIS engineer.

Survivors include his wife, Joyce Coleman Ford of the home; children, Michael Ford of Minneapolis, MN, and Jennifer Hobbs of California; four precious grandchildren; sister, Marilyn Eck of Rochester, NY; special niece, Tracy Bruce Schafer; and many other loving family members.

Mr. Ford was predeceased by his parents.

A funeral service will be held on Saturday, February 1, 2025, at 11:00 AM in the sanctuary of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Greenville with a reception to follow.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in Mr. Ford's honor may be made to St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 1002 S Main St, Greenville, SC 29601.

Mountain View Funeral Home – Pickens Chapel is serving the Ford family.

Previous Events

Funeral Service

FEB 1. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Andrews's Episcopal Church
1002 S Main St
Greenville, SC 29601

Tribute Wall

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“ *Michael Anthony sent a virtual gift in memory of Duane B. Ford*



Michael Anthony - January 03, 2025 at 07:01 PM

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Thank you for your gift.

Joyce Ford - January 16, 2025 at 07:42 PM



what a gentle, kind and caring man Duane was. We will surely miss him. Rest in peace, Duane.

*Love,
Leona*

Leona Muhleman - January 29, 2025 at 04:30 PM

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I was very sorry to hear about cousin Duane's passing. Although I hadn't seen him in years, I have many fond memories of getting together at our grandmother's house when we were young. Also, I know my parents (Ron and Evie) thought a great deal of Duane and Joyce. Wishing you many happy memories and our thoughts and prayers are with you and the family. Shirley (Sutorius) and Rob Noble

shirley sutorius - February 01, 2025 at 12:25 PM

JF

I just now came across your kind note on my phone. Thank you so very much for your love and prayers...we thought of Ron and Evie many times in our remembering special events we had time with them

Joyce Ford - March 01, 2025 at 02:21 PM