



Mr. John Earl Ford

November 17, 1950 - September 3, 2025

John Earl Ford, 74, of Peoria, Il departed this life on September 3, 2025, at his residence among his loving family. John was born on November 17, 1950, in Peoria to the late John A Graham Sr. and Lillie B. Alexander.

John retired from Caterpillar after 30 years of dedication. He loved the Chicago Bears, Jazz music, and Frankie Beverly and Maze.

John is survived by: his loving wife of 30 years: Michelle Ford: six sons: John Gibson, Jonathan (Antoinette Marie) Bynum, Larry (Breona) Bynum, John Michael Ford, Pierre Glenn, and Larry Robinson; eight daughters: Latechia McBride, Monique Hendon, Toya Sanders, Kentyetta Irby, Schmicka Glenn, Sentrya Glenn, Zabrina Brown-Patterson, and Cassandra Carey; seven brothers; Jerome Alexander, Mike (Jeanette) Alexander, Joseph Alexander, Tony Alexander, Jerome "Tuge" Alexander, Gregory Graham, and Christopher Graham; nine sisters: Claudia Neal, Johnetta Graham -Ateman, Elaine Glore, Mary Graham Bracy, Regina Graham, Juanita Alexander, Joyce Ashmore, Margretta Alexander, and Charise (Brian) Oliver; a host of grandchildren, great- grandchildren, nephews, nieces, cousins, and friends who will miss him dearly.

John, in addition to his parents John A. Graham and Lillie B. Alexander, was preceded in death by two sons: Eric Clements and Dominique Alexander; five

brothers and five sisters.

John's Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, September 20, 2025, at Love and Kindness Ministries C.O.G.I.C. (603 W Nebraska Ave Peoria, IL 61604) at 11:00 a.m. with visitation commencing one hour prior at 10:00 a.m. Pastor F. Michael Watson will host, Pastor Nelson Watts will officiate, and Pastor Garfield Gaines will present the eulogy.

Arrangements were made especially for the "Ford" family and professionally directed by T.W. Parks Colonial Chapel. Live streaming can be viewed by clicking the link for TW Parks Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/tw-parkscolonialchapel>. To send flowers or a memorial gift to the family of "John Earl Ford" please visit our Sympathy Store.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **20**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Love and Kindness Ministries COGIC
603 W Nebraska Ave
Peoria, IL 61604

Celebration of Life

SEP **20**. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

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603 W Nebraska Ave
Peoria, IL 61604

Tribute Wall



“ *Rest in peace!* ”



Vickie Kingcade king - October 12, 2025 at 01:39 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Mr. John Earl Ford.* ”



September 19, 2025 at 03:32 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mr. John Earl Ford.* ”

September 19, 2025 at 03:32 PM



“ *Rena Webster Horton And Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Earl Ford* ”



Rena Webster Horton and Family - September 19, 2025 at 06:05 AM

MP

“ *Memphis VA Inpatient Pharmacy purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr. John Earl Ford.*



Memphis VA Inpatient Pharmacy - September 18, 2025 at 07:10 PM

AM

“ *Annie Cherif & John Michael purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of Mr. John Earl Ford.*



Annie Cherif & John Michael - September 17, 2025 at 08:23 PM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. John Earl Ford.*



September 17, 2025 at 02:01 PM

EL

“ *Ella Lee lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Earl Ford*



Ella Lee - September 15, 2025 at 10:20 PM

LM

“ I worked with John for many years at Caterpillar in Morton. He was a hard worker and a great person. My condolences to the family .

Larry Moss - September 14, 2025 at 07:18 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. John Earl Ford.



September 12, 2025 at 12:37 PM

DC

“ Johnnie, my fondest memory of you is listening to music and barbecuing in my backyard before we moved to Virginia! James was playing the blues and I finally wanted to listen to some different music! I switched up to Before I Let Go , Frankie Beverly and Maze and you came alive! You looked up at me and smiled and said now we got real music and a real dj! Whenever I hear Frankie's music I often think of you and I can see that smile as if it was happening today! I'm sadden by your passing, but I'm grateful to God for the memories! Sending prayers, hugs and condolences to the Ford, graham and Alexander Family: Rest easy Johnnie love you much Denise Fleming ~ Clark



Denise Fleming ~ Clark - September 11, 2025 at 04:04 PM

SJ

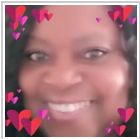
I'm going to miss the Best big Brother in the WHOLE WIDE WORLD my heart is at ease because I Truly believe that GOD took you to where Momma went and anyone that really knew her knows where that is that's why he was letting you see her during your transition I'm going to miss you being in this world with me cause I have NEVER lived in it Without you I'll never Forget and I'll Always Love You 🥹 Your Baby sister JOYCE

Sister Joyce - September 12, 2025 at 02:42 AM

SJ

Missing you Big Brother

Sister Joyce - September 12, 2025 at 02:44 AM



“ *Darlene Horton lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Earl Ford*



Darlene Horton - September 10, 2025 at 06:51 AM

RF

“ *Renessa Watkins & Family 🙏 lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Earl Ford*



Renessa Watkins & Family 🙏 - September 09, 2025 at 11:50 PM

RF

My dearest condolences to the family. Sorry for your loss 🙏

Renessa Watkins & Family 💎💎💎💎 - September 09, 2025 at 11:52 PM

SH

“ Rest on, dear friend. I'll miss you calling me Shirley girl. A real Taft soldier 💔💔💔💔



Shirley R Hughes - September 08, 2025 at 07:12 AM

AL

“ Annette Lucy lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Earl Ford



Annette Lucy - September 07, 2025 at 04:57 AM

MW

“ Our prayers and condolences during your time of bereavement 🙏 sorry for your loss.



Micheal Williams - September 05, 2025 at 05:52 PM

DB

“ Dorothe Banks- Burse sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. John Earl Ford



Dorothe Banks- Burse - September 05, 2025 at 01:17 AM

VG

“ *RIP* ”



Vicky L Gagliardi - September 04, 2025 at 10:52 PM

LD

“ *A time for every thing under the sun/
eccleiesiastes 3:1-8* ”



Larry c Douglas - September 04, 2025 at 09:12 PM