



Judge Larry Grant Ford

June 8, 1935 - June 19, 2021

Judge Larry Grant Ford, 86 of Salisbury, passed away Saturday, June 19, 2021 at the Lutheran Home at Trinity Oaks.

Born June 8, 1935 in Kannapolis, he was the son of the Neva Overcash Ford and Robert Clay Ford.

Graduated from Landis High School, Class of 1953, the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill in 1957 and Wake Forest University School of Law, Class of 1965 where he was President of the Phi Delta Phi Fraternity.

Attorney Chips Franchise; Assistant US Attorney Eastern District; Associate Counsel NC Utilities Commission; General Counsel NC League of Municipalities; President NC Association of Municipal Attorneys. Partner Davis & Ford, Ford & Weinhold, Ford Parrott & Hudson, Woodson Ford Sayers Lawther Short Parrot & Hudson Attorneys all in Salisbury. In 1998 he was elected Senior Resident Superior Court Judge for District 19-C and retired in December 2006. He was a Certified Superior Court Mediator.

He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Salisbury where he served as an Elder for sixteen years, four of which he was Clerk of Session. He also served as Chairman of the Executive, Worship, Education and Personnel Committees. Judge Ford was a member of the Maxwell Chambers

Trust and taught junior high Sunday school. Member and Past President of the Salisbury Kiwanis Club. Trustee 8 years at Rowan Cabarrus Community College, and member of the Rowan ABC Board for 4 years. Chairman of the Rowan County Democratic Party. He was a 32nd degree Mason and member of the Andrew Jackson Masonic Lodge #576, A.F. & A.M., Scottish Rites and an Oasis Shriner. He was a member of Salisbury Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors.

In 1982 he was honored with the Long Leaf Pine Award by then Governor James Hunt.

Those left to cherish his memory are his wife of 56 years, Lawana Hunter Ford, his children, Kimberly Ford Haldopoulos and husband Brig. Gen. Emmanuel Ike Haldopoulos of Peachtree City, GA, Grant Hunter Ford and wife Ella Myers Ford of Marietta, GA; grandchildren, Marina Evelyn Haldopoulos, Emmanuel Jacob Haldopoulos, Hunter Myers Ford and Sloane Elizabeth Ford.

A Memorial Service will be held 1:00 PM Friday (June 25) at the First Presbyterian Church with Rev. Josh Musser-Gritter, officiating. The family will receive friends following the service.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to First Presbyterian Church Building Fund, 308 W. Fisher Street, Salisbury, NC 28144 or Rowan Helping Ministries, 226 N. Long Street, Salisbury, NC 28144.

The family would like to thank the caregivers that helped in the care of Larry.

Summersett Funeral Home is serving the Ford family. Online condolences may be made at www.summersettfuneralhome.com.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUN **25**. 1:00 PM (ET)

First Presbyterian Church
308 W. Fisher St.
Salisbury, NC 28144

Tribute Wall

BM

“ Dear Mrs. Ford and family,
I am so sorry about Judge Ford. I learned to know him a little when he was at Autumn Care nursing Home and he was such a nice person to know and he loved your peach cobbler. When I saw his picture it was hard to believe. May God Bless you and your family in the coming days ahead. He had such a good sense of humor and was so nice.

Brenda Mahaley - July 10, 2021 at 11:10 AM

JC

“ Larry was a great colleague. I always enjoyed his company and good humor.

Judge David Cayer - June 24, 2021 at 01:58 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Judge Larry Grant Ford.



June 24, 2021 at 11:12 AM

BW

“ My thoughts and prayers are with y'all!! Judge Ford was a wonderful and caring person who loved his family!! I enjoyed knowing Larry all these years and talking and listening to him. He was very witty and had a wonderful personality. Judge Ford had many wonderful stories to share.

Bob Wood - June 23, 2021 at 03:59 PM

BW

“ *Bob Wood lit a candle in memory of Judge Larry Grant Ford*



Bob Wood - June 23, 2021 at 03:40 PM

CR

“ *So sad to hear...gonna miss seeing Larry and listening to his stories...probably miss him more than he missed his hair...nah...he loved showing that picture of himself when he had hair...dang...what a good guy....I don't care what the quack doctor said about you....*

Clifford Rabon - June 23, 2021 at 02:01 AM

JD

“ *to lawana larry was a very good friend to me and my family at the death of my son and i will greatly miss him went spent a lot of good times together untill all of our reunion in heaven. thank you for being good friends to me and my family. jimmy dockins*



jimmy dockins - June 22, 2021 at 06:35 PM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Judge Larry Grant Ford.*



June 22, 2021 at 05:32 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Judge Larry Grant Ford.*



June 22, 2021 at 05:20 PM



“ *So sorry to hear of Judge Ford's passing. He was always a delight to be around, whether in or out of the courtroom.*

Judge April Wood, NC COA and Jeffrey J Berg, Lexington, NC

JEFFREY J. BERG - June 22, 2021 at 05:14 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Judge Larry Grant Ford.*



June 22, 2021 at 03:45 PM



“ *Larry was one of a kind. He will be missed. Our condolences to the family.*

-Kelly and Evans Ballard

Evans Ballard - June 22, 2021 at 10:34 AM

JR

“ *He was such a decent person. Thank you for your service sir*

JR - June 22, 2021 at 08:14 AM

CM

“ *Calvin & Meleah purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Judge Larry Grant Ford.*



Calvin & Meleah - June 21, 2021 at 05:36 PM



“ *Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Judge Larry Grant Ford.*



June 21, 2021 at 05:10 PM

TL

“ *He must have been a great man, because his son Grant is such a fantastic human being in every respect.*

tommy leflein - June 21, 2021 at 03:10 PM

HI

Truer words have never been spoken

hillery - June 21, 2021 at 05:27 PM

JM

*Dear Kim and Manny, E.J and Marina,
So sorry to hear of your Dad's falling asleep, Kim. May his memory be eternal. Prayers are going forth for you and your precious family. Your Dad had to be a great guy because you are such a delight, Kim. We love you and ask God to fill your hearts with peace in the coming weeks.*

*Love,
Tony and Jeanie McGee*

Jeanie and Tony McGee - June 24, 2021 at 06:56 PM

SC

Lawana and family I'm so sorry for your loss. Larry was a good friend and colleague of my late husband.

Sherry Corriher

sherry corriher - August 01, 2021 at 12:14 PM