



## Rodney Ford

June 9, 1943 - January 5, 2022

Age 78, of Gardner, IL, passed away on January 5, 2022 at Advocate Good Samaritan Hospital in Downers Grove. Rodney was born on June 9, 1943 in Joliet, Illinois to the late Fred and Pearl Ford.

He graduated from Gardner-South Wilmington High School. He married Sharon Ford (Austin) on January 9, 1965 in South Wilmington, Illinois. He worked as a machinist for Caterpillar for 35 years where he retired from in 1996. He was a veteran of the US Army where he served in Germany during the Vietnam Conflict. He was involved with the Knights of Columbus and the Catholic Men's Club of St. Lawrence Parish.

Rodney is preceded in death by his mother, father, sister, brother-in-law, nephew, and his infant daughter who passed away at birth, and his father-in-law and mother-in-law, John and Delores Austin.

Rodney is survived by his wife, Sharon Ford, his two daughters, Toni Schaner and Teri Ford, and his four grandchildren, Ryan Schaner, Kaylee Schaner, Julia Kevin and Jack Kevin.

Cremation rites will be accorded. Memorial Visitation for Rodney will be at the R.W. Patterson Funeral Home & Crematory, Braidwood, Tuesday, January 11, 2022 from 11:00 a.m. until the time of the prayer service at 1:00 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to GSW High School Bass Fishing Team where we hope to inspire others to find a love of fishing just like Rodney. Rodney's family wishes to extend our sincere thanks to the doctors and nurses at Morris Hospital and Burgess Square Rehabilitation Center in Westmont.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Visitation

JAN 11. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

R.W. Patterson Funeral Home  
401 East Main St.  
Braidwood, IL 60408  
(815) 458-2336  
info@rwpattersonfuneralhome.com  
<https://www.rwpattersonfuneralhomes.com>

## Prayer Service

JAN 11. 1:00 PM - 1:20 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

DS

“ *David Sorensen lit a candle in memory of Rodney Ford*



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**David Sorensen** - January 11, 2022 at 01:00 PM

PU

“ *Sharon, I am sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*

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**Pat Urbelis** - January 11, 2022 at 08:48 AM

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**Pat Urbelis** - January 11, 2022 at 08:39 AM

KB

“ *So sorry for your loss.*

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**Karen Bumpous** - January 09, 2022 at 11:00 AM

PD

“ *My heartfelt condolences to Sharon and family. I was deeply saddened to hear of Rod's passing. We shared many great times together. Rod, just remember, the fish are always biting!*  
*Phil Dinelli*

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**Phil Dinelli** - January 08, 2022 at 07:50 PM

AF

“ Rodney was a good friend to Arden and I going way back.. from hunting with their beagles to catching the biggest bass, the friendship was special. Always a smile and kind word. He was a good man. Our sympathies to his family.

Arden Humbert family - January 08, 2022 at 08:59 AM

LH

“ Sharon, I am soo sorry to hear about Rodney's passing. My sincere condolences to you and your family. 🙏

Lou Ann Himes - January 07, 2022 at 10:55 PM

GN

“ The picture is perfect. It says it all about Hot Rod. Nice and funny to all. Gail and Guy will forever miss him.

Guy Nowak - January 07, 2022 at 01:34 PM

CP

“ Rodney going to miss you more than you know you were one of my best friends. We had a lot of good times and laughs 🤔🤔 catch some big fish my friend. Love you 💕💕

chris phillips - January 06, 2022 at 02:51 PM

RP

“ We will certainly miss Rodney and his infectious smile. A good friend, school friend, euchre partner and door opener for our ladies group after cards at Rurys. Our Sincere Sympathy to Sharon and Toni and Terri and their families. RIP Rodney

Rob and Sharon Pickles - January 06, 2022 at 01:38 PM