



## James R. "Bob" Ford

March 1, 1947 - February 16, 2016

James R. "Bob" Ford, age 68 of Highland, IL, died Tuesday, February 16, 2016, at Saint Joseph's Hospital in Highland, IL.

He was born March 01, 1947, in Reyno, AR, the son of Cecil and Della (nee Combs) Ford.

On March 21, 1986, he married Cindy Sue Burke who survives in Highland.

He was a member of United Auto Workers #2250 in St. Louis.

Bob was born in Reyno, Arkansas where he grew up and worked on the family farm. At age 18 he moved to St. Louis and worked at St. Lukes Hospital. He started working for General Motors in 1975, retiring in 1997. Bob's passion was keeping his yard immaculate. He also enjoyed his Harley Davidson Motorcycle, camping, boating, working on old or new cars, and spending time with his family and his love for his pets.

Survivors include :

Wife - Cindy S. Ford nee Burke, Highland, IL

Daughter - Reene (Jerry) Triska, Olympia, WA

Son - Robert (Nichole) Ford, Black Rock, AR

Son - James (Jeannie) Ford, Arnold, MO

Daughter - Emily Montegna, Highland, IL

Son - Andrew Ford (Special Friend Cassie Smaniotto), Centerville, IA

Grandchildren - Nineteen

Great Grandchildren - Three

Sister - Margaret Cuevas, Mexico

He was preceded in death by:

Father - Cecil R. Ford

Mother - Della M. Ford nee Combs

Sister - Nancy Hooper

Arrangements are being handled by Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL.

Visitation will be held from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM on Monday, February 22, 2016, at Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL .

Private interment will be at Highland City Cemetery in Highland, IL.

Memorial contributions may be made to To the Family.

# Tribute Wall



“ Love Tina & Jackson purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of James R. "Bob" Ford.



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**Love Tina & Jackson** - February 22, 2016 at 02:56 AM



“ My uncle bob was very special. He never had a frown it was always smiles...and he was always there to listen and give advice. I will truly miss him. And one day we will all meet again...until than you will always be in my heart!!!! Love always your niece Casey and family!!! And to my aunt Cindy, Emily, Masen and Andrew and the rest of the loved one's my heart goes out to all of you and you all are in my thoughts and prayers!!!!

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**Casey Krummel** - February 18, 2016 at 11:38 PM



“ Mary Beth lit a candle in memory of James R. "Bob" Ford



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**Mary Beth** - February 16, 2016 at 06:33 PM



To my uncle Bob love you. And one day we will meet again.

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**La Kathy Norman** - February 17, 2016 at 08:11 PM

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“ Jim ,Jeannie and Girls were so sorry about your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

*Bill and Allison Conley*

Bill Conley - February 16, 2016 at 06:01 PM



Jeannie  
Rice-

*Thank you Bill and Allison. Means a lot. Jim, Jeannie and girls.*

Jeannie Rice-Ford - February 19, 2016 at 09:43 PM



“ Bob will be missed greatly. I remember going to family dinners with our children. Bob was fun to visit with and he has a special bond with our grandson. RIP Bob.

*Becky Montegna*

Becky Novotny-Montegna - February 16, 2016 at 05:48 PM

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“ Bob,  
*Your smile was contagious! You will be missed!*



LaDonna Utley - February 16, 2016 at 03:23 PM

PB

“ Bob was a man of great joy, never seem him angry, never mad, always a smile & a joke here & there. He was such a laid back easy going man. Bob you will be dearly missed by all. I'm sure Buzz will be looking for you beyond those gates. RIP Bob.

Patty Bufford - February 16, 2016 at 01:40 PM



“ *Bob will be truly missed by family and all that were lucky enough to know him. On a lighter memory to bring a smile. I will never forget "Hilda" and the first drive Bob took Emily, Andrew and I on, and it kept sputtering and dying... finally we were able to coast it into Motto for gas. Many laughs on that occasion. Em and I still talk about it and laugh!! RIP Bob, you will always bring many smiles to our memories! Love you always and forever*

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**Kathy Mitrano** - February 16, 2016 at 01:16 PM



“ *Kathy Mitrano sent a virtual gift in memory of James R. "Bob" Ford*



**Kathy Mitrano** - February 16, 2016 at 01:15 PM