



Francis N. (Frank) Ford

April 8, 1943 - June 13, 2019

Francis N. (Frank) Ford died on June 13, 2019. A native of Rahway, New Jersey and Woodhaven, New York, he was a summa cum laude graduate of Park College, Parkville, Missouri, and a cum laude graduate of the University of Georgia School of Law. He is predeceased by his parents, Francis H. and Mary Roberta Grace (Monahan) Ford and by his brother Jack. He is survived by his beloved wife, Dorothy J. Adams and his children Francis J. Ford (attorney) and Tiffany, Peter M. Ford (fire prevention specialist), Patrick J. Ford (minister) and Allison, and Deborah C. Ford (designer/architect) and five grandchildren.

A Memorial Service with military honors will be held on Friday, June 21st at 11:00 AM at Pine Grove Cemetery in Eatonton. In lieu of flowers, the family request that donations be made to the Lake Oconee Elks Lodge, earmarked for the War Veterans Home project, 1116 Lake Oconee Pkwy, Suite 2070, Eatonton, Georgia 31204.

Frank was a proud of his military service, having served in the United States, the Dominican Republic, Vietnam, Korea, and Germany. He served twice in the 82nd Airborne Division, once as an enlisted man and once as an officer. Frank had the privilege of leading and commanding American soldiers overseas and at home, in peace and in war. As a commissioned officer, he served twice as a battery executive (Vietnam), twice as a battalion executive (Ft. Bragg and Warner Barracks, Germany), and twice as a gunnery instructor

(Ft. Sill). He was responsible for company-grade and warrant office assignments for the 82nd Airborne Division. He was also Deputy Inspector General for investigations and inspections at Ft. Sill.

Frank commanded Battery B 3rd Cannon Training Battalion, FT. Sill; Battery C, 1st Battalion, 320th Airborne Field Artillery Regiment, 82nd Airborne Division Artillery, Ft Bragg; Battery D, 6th Battalion, 37th Field Artillery Regiment, 2nd Infantry Division Artillery, Camp Essayons, Korea; and 2nd Battalion, 34th Field Artillery Regiment Ft. Sill.

Franks was awarded the Bronze Star Medal, the Air Medal (two awards), the Meritorious Service Medal (five awards), the Army Achievement Medal, the Good Conduct Medal (two knots), and several campaign and service medals. He earned the Combat Infantryman's Badge, Senior Parachutist Wings, and Air Crewman Wings. He retired as a Lt. Colonel after serving in the Army for 26 years.

Frank practiced law in Eatonton, beginning in 1989. He was admitted to practice in all Georgia trial and appellate courts, federal trial courts in the Middle and Northern Districts of Georgia, the 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals and the United States Supreme Court.

Frank loved the challenge of a trial but, in the end, he loved the Army more than he loved the law, and he loved his family more than he loved the Army.

Cemetery Details

Pine Grove Cemetery

Eatonton, GA 31024

Previous Events

Service

JUN 21. 11:00 AM (ET)

Pine Grove Cemetery

Tribute Wall



“ *Sending my thoughts and prayers to the family.*

Angela Geick - September 18, 2019 at 05:56 PM



“ *Dorothy .
So sorry to hear about your loss.praying for God's peace and
comfort in this sad time!
Jim Poore*

jim poore - June 21, 2019 at 01:12 PM



“ *Dorothy and family, we were shocked and saddened to learn of
Frank's passing.
Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Jim and Sharon Thomas*

sharon Haney - June 20, 2019 at 06:16 PM



“ *Sharylle Ballengee lit a candle in memory of
Francis N. (Frank) Ford*



Sharylle Ballengee - June 19, 2019 at 11:15 AM



*Francis Ford was recognized for all his contributions to Eatonton,
Putnam County, Georgia, and our country. What an outstanding man. It
was a privilege to meet him. However, we keep Dorothy, and her
family, in our prayers. God bless all. David and Sharylle*

Sharylle Ballengee - June 19, 2019 at 11:21 AM

SA

I met Frank and Dorothy in 1997 when I was elected to the Putnam County Commission Board. Frank dedicated himself to the service of the County as he did in his service to the Country. When I was asked who would I reccomend as an Attorney, hands down it was Frank Ford. Dorothy and family, you have my deepest condolences.

Sandra Adams - June 20, 2019 at 11:12 AM

TH

“ He was a great man and attorney that I enjoyed getting to know. I loved him and love Dorothy and my prayers for comfort from God for Dorothy and all of his family are lifted today. Teresa Hunter-Stark



Teresa Hunter-Stark - June 18, 2019 at 02:47 PM

LY

Prayers for Dorothy and family! 🙏

Lisa Yates - June 18, 2019 at 04:46 PM

JD

“ Frank was always straight forward and a wealth of knowledge. Sorry for your lost. Prayers for the family. Joseph DeLoach

Joseph DeLoach - June 18, 2019 at 06:02 AM

WG

Sorry for your Family loss my prayers are with y'all The last time I got on a Jury was won Frank was trying and That's been a while back

william bubba gunn - June 18, 2019 at 06:57 AM

BR

Sorry for your loss! Our prayers go out to your family! ~the Ghants (Bridget Evans Ghant)

Bridget - June 18, 2019 at 10:03 AM



So sorry to hear of Frank's passing. Thoughts and prayers for his family.

Pat Gillespie

Pat Gillespie - June 18, 2019 at 11:38 AM

RK

“ *So sorry about your loss. my thoughts and Prayers are with you..*
Randy Kasprzyk

Randy Kasprzyk - June 17, 2019 at 08:24 PM