

Ramon Ford

FORD, RAMON 78. Beloved father and husband, died at 8:40 A.M. Wednesday, August 22, 2007 at his home in Carrollton, TX. Mr. Ford was preceded in death by his wife of 46 years, Dorothy Ann Ford, in 1997. A sister, Wanda Black, and a brother, JB Ford, also preceded him. A native Texan, Mr. Ford leaves behind a host of friends and family members. Children: Lonna Marie Buchanan of Grand Prairie, TX; Ramon Ford III of Colorado Springs, CO; Jonathan B. Ford of Carrollton, TX. Sister, Doris Marie Broncato of South Oak Cliff, TX, Brothers: Royce B. Ford of Mead, OK, and Chan M. Kang of Garland, TX. Mr. Ford ("Corky" to his family) was born February 11, 1929 in McKinney, TX to parents Ramon and Zula Mae Johnson Ford. He was raised in Dallas' Oak Grove neighborhood. A 1946 graduate of North Dallas High School, Mr. Ford attended the University of Texas in Austin before moving to Houston to handle publicity for the Houston Light Opera Company. Mr. Ford confessed that it was "love at first sight" when he saw the Company's rehearsal pianist, Dorothy Ann Dunford. The feeling was mutual. Ramon and "Dotti" married in Houston in 1951. Mr. Ford soon shipped off for a tour of duty in Korea (1951-1953). Upon the Master Sergeant's return, the Fords moved to the Dallas area. Mr. Ford graduated with honors from Southern Methodist University in 1959, and embarked upon a distinguished teaching career. Although he taught English at SMU, he found his calling teaching English, French, Spanish, and Journalism at a number of Dallas Independent School District campuses. Students from Crozier Tech, South Oak Cliff, and W. T. White benefited from Mr. Ford's dedication to public education. He spent his later years in the business world before retiring in 1998. Mr. Ford had nine grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. He was a kind and decent man, blessed with towering intellect and boundless compassion. He shall be greatly missed. A Memorial Service will be held at the Rhoton Funeral Chapel at 3:00 P.M. on Sunday, September 9, 2007.

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