



William James Ford III

July 9, 1934 - April 27, 2016

William "Bill" James Ford III went to be with his heavenly father Wednesday, April 27th after a short battle with pancreatic cancer. A resident of Fallbrook for the past 27 years, Bill left behind his loving wife Kathi of 42 years, daughters Julie Ford (Phoenix, AZ), Jessica Ford (Goodyear, AZ), Janna Russo (Oceanside, CA), and son-in-law Chris Russo. He is also survived by his sister Colleen Kline (San Diego, CA), brother-in-law Jim Kline and many nieces and nephews.

Born in 1934, Bill spent his entire life in San Diego. When asked whether he had ever lived anywhere else, his response was always, "Why would I, when I live in the best place on Earth?"

Bill spent 60 years as a truck driver/owner operator with the last 20 years locally for Color Spot. He was a member of the San Diego Prowler Car Club for over 60 years. In fact, his Saturday morning breakfasts in Bonsall were always the highlight of his week. He loved hot rods. This passion led to many car shows where he could rattle off the make and model of any hot rod.

Bill also loved the water and sailing. This love led to many adventures cruising throughout California and Mexico. The ocean was also home for 10 years aboard his beloved sailboat Harmony with his wife and young girls.

His wit and smart comebacks will be missed by many. Bill lived his life, and he lived it well.

"God gave us the gift of life; it is up to us to give ourselves the gift of living well." Voltaire.