



## Ford Wynn Carter

April 27, 1941 - October 4, 2013

Ford Wynn Carter, 72, of Traverse City passed away on Friday, October 4, 2013 after a courageous battle with Cancer.

Ford was born on April 27, 1941 in Pontiac, Michigan to the late Royce and Alice (Lautner) Carter. He married Bonnie Lee Howard on September 4, 1965. Together they spent their 48 years of marriage in Traverse City. Ford honorably served in the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War. His last job was driving bus at BATA. He took early retirement due to work-related injury. He loved spending time with his family and playing cards. Ford was best known for his love of music. As a child the Carter kids sang on WTCM. In High School he was TC Central's "Elvis". Later he played with many groups including the "Carter Family Band" with his two sons.

Ford is survived by his loving wife; Bonnie, two sons; Brian (Christine) Carter, Scott (Johanna) Carter, six grandchildren; Dillon, Brady, Isabella, Dominic, Isaac and AnnaMaria, two Step-grandchildren; Josh and Sara, three brothers; Royce, James (Gwyn), Michael (JoAnne), a sister; Connie (Tom) Rumbach and many other loving family members and friends, and his faithful canine companion, Bo.

Ford was preceded in death by his parents and sister-in-law, Olivia Carter.

The family would like to express their gratitude to the staff of the C4 West Wing of Munson Hospital.

A memorial service honoring Ford will take place at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 12, 2013 at the Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home, 305 Sixth St. Rev. Thomas Mansfield will officiate. Friends are welcome visit with the family on Saturday from 10:00 a.m. until the time of the service.

Military Honors conducted under the auspices of Cherryland V.F.W. Post 2780.

Those planning an expression of sympathy may consider memorials to First Baptist Church.

Please feel free to Share your thoughts and memories with Ford's family at [www.reynolds-jonkhoff.com](http://www.reynolds-jonkhoff.com)

The family is being served by the Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home and Cremation Services.



# Events

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**OCT**   **Visitation**                      10:00AM

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Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home  
305 Sixth St, Traverse City, MI, US, 49684

**OCT**   **Memorial Service**                      11:00AM

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# Comments

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“ Bonnie, Brian, Scott Sorry for your loss, When I think of Ford a couple of thoughts come to mind. Back when my mom was babysitting the boys I went swimming down at the bay and lost track of time I started to walk home and Ford stopped and picked me up I told him what had happened and thought my mom was going to blister my butt. We pulled into the yard Ford got out and talked to mom I still got grounded but not as bad as I thought. When my oldest son was king for cherry fest. all the floats line up on the street waiting, my boy has to go to the bathroom really really bad, so I look up the street and there was Ford's smiling face in his front yard we ran up asked if he could use the bathroom Ford said the house is open. Ford had a way to make everything and everybody just feel better! Pat (rick) Butrick

Pat Butrick - October 17, 2013 at 07:53 PM

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“ So sorry for your loss, we will be praying for you all at 11am on 10/12.

Lisa Tippmann

Lisa Tippmann - October 11, 2013 at 06:29 PM

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“ "When can their glory fade? O the wild charge they made! All the world wonder'd. Honour the charge they made!" - Alfred, Lord Tennyson

What a strong spirit Ford had. It will continue to live in Bonnie, his sons and grand children. You can see it in their eyes.

My love to the family who will continue to carry the torch,  
MPH

Mary - October 10, 2013 at 05:32 PM



“ oh, and Ford, have a cold one with TP for me.

MPH - October 10, 2013 at 05:33 PM

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“ It saddens me greatly to have lost my best friend. We met in Junior High School, and by 1957 we were inseparable. I loved Ford's integrity and treasured his friendship over the years. I have fond memories of his music and his love of life. He was a truly good person.

My heart goes out to Bonnie, Brian, Scott, and the rest of his family, you are all in my

thoughts, and will be each October 4 when I light a candle in Ford's memory.

Rest In Peace old Buddy,  
Elliott Weitz

**Elliott Weitz** - October 09, 2013 at 03:11 PM



“ Sorry for your loss, Elliott. Unfortunately, as we grow old this is a disease that can only be ended when others lose us.

**Dan Diamond** - October 09, 2013 at 04:00 PM

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“ So sad to hear of the loss of such a wonderful man. RIP Ford Carter.

**Shari** - October 08, 2013 at 08:15 PM

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“ We are so sorry. Gary & I send our thoughts and prayers. Have peace in knowing Heaven is Real. Gods blessing to all.

**val sheffer** - October 08, 2013 at 06:04 PM

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“ Brian Luhrs lit a candle in memory of Ford Wynn Carter



**Brian Luhrs** - October 08, 2013 at 06:00 PM

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“ So sorry to hear of Ford's death. Years ago, our families visited back and forth, especially the kids. And when Ford & Bonny decided to move into town, and offered us the opportunity to buy their house and acreage, it made possible to us a lifestyle we could only have dreamed about. We will always be grateful. Our sympathies to Bonny and all the family.

**Lucy & Fred** - October 08, 2013 at 09:08 AM

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“ Ford and I have a little known bond. I cant remember the dates of the occurrences, but My Sons name is Ford and that came about because of my friendship with Ford Carter. Always liked the name Ford, and he was a sort of a hero to me during high school, he was also our "Elvis". When we would have an "Assembly/Gathering in the Auditorium, a number of times Ford performed "Elvis " songs, and he was very good at it too! My son was our last born, so Ford couldnt be used until 1966 when he was born. My sons birthday is "October 4th" Ford Carter left us on that very day also. I dont know when Ford Carters son was born, but after we talked about these 2 names, Ford said he named his son Brian because he just always liked the name. If this related story doesnt seem to pop out at you yet, we each have a son named after each other and mine was born on Fords mo./date of departure. When I had learned of Fords passing, all of this made me shed tears, for him and all of his family. I extend my deepest sympathies to Ford Carters whole family and wish for their peace in this trying time. God Bless you all.  
Sincerely, Brian Luhrs

**Brian Luhrs** - October 07, 2013 at 10:42 PM