



## Daniel Ford

February 15, 1948 - June 8, 2017

Daniel Ford, 69, of Hamden passed away on June 8th, 2017 after a lengthy illness. He is survived by his beloved wife Josephine Cacioppo Ford, his sons David Ford of Hamden and Jeffrey Ford and his wife Kelly of North Haven, grandchildren Lila, Mia, Kaydence and Maddox, brothers Harold Ford of Bar Harbor ME, John Ford of Cheshire and Thomas Ford of Cheshire. Also survived by several nieces and nephews. He was born Feb. 15, 1948 in New Haven a son of the late John and Mary Pisarczyk Ford, was a graduate of Hamden High School class of 1965 and Quinnipiac College from where he earned a B A Degree in Math in 1970. Dan was a gifted baseball player and was a member of the Hamden High Class LL State Championship team and in 1966 was drafted in the first round by the Cleveland Indians but since he was only 17 he could not sign a pro contract. He went on to play at Quinnipiac and was a part of the NAIA New England Championship Teams in 1966 and 1968. He was then drafted by the St. Louis Cardinals and played for them for four years before being traded to the Minnesota twins,. He was a sheet metal worker for many years as a member of Local #40 and was the former owner of The Valley Hitting Club in Seymour where he gave hitting and pitching lessons. Besides playing baseball he coached teams in the Hamden Fathers Little League and Babe Ruth League and the American Legion Post 150 Team from Hamden. Dan also served with the Army National Guard. He was inducted into the Quinnipiac Hall of Fame in 1982 , the Hamden High School Athletic Hall of Fame in 2005 and the Southern CT Diamond Club in 2013. He was a past recipient of the Hartford Twilight League MVP award and the Gold Bar award from the West Haven Twilight League.

Funeral from Sisk Brothers Funeral Home, 3105 Whitney Ave., Hamden, Monday morning at 10:30. Mass of Christian Burial at St. Joan of Arc Church, Hamden at 11:00. Burial will follow in All Saints Cemetery. Friends may call Monday morning from 9:30 - 10:30. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Smilow Cancer Center, PO Box 7611, New Haven, CT 06519-0611. To leave online condolences go to [www.siskbrothers.com](http://www.siskbrothers.com)

# Events

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**JUN 12**   **Calling hours**   09:30AM - 10:30AM

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Sisk Brothers Funeral Home  
3105 Whitney Ave., Hamden, CT, US, 06518

**JUN 12**   **Funeral service**   11:00AM

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St. Joan of Arc  
450 W. Todd St., Hamden, CT, US, 06518

# Comments

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“ Dear Josephine and family, so sorry to hear of the loss of Dan. He was a great guy, family man and tremendous athlete. Even though he was older than me I was very glad to have gotten to know him over the years through baseball and basketball and that our kids (Jeff and Brian) were able to play together and play for Dan. I had the utmost respect for him first and foremost as a person as his athletic achievements spoke for themselves. I know he is going to be sorely missed by all of you but trust you have some very fond memories of him and will cherish those thoughts. Best wishes in the days ahead. Joe and Lynne Roche

Joe Roche - June 16, 2017 at 12:47 PM

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“ I was so saddened to hear of Dan's passing. What a great person he was. He used to call me "top cat" each and every time we ran into each other. Friends since childhood. We played baseball together in Pee Wee, Babe Ruth League, High School, College, and West Haven Twilight League. What a great pitcher he was. I don't think I ever got a hit off of him. A great ball player but an even better person and friend. To this day I still own a 1980 yellow Corvette he originally restored. Have owned it for 33 years. It still looks great. I will miss your friendship and your infectious smile. My warmest condolences to your wife and family

Thomas Coria  
Class of "65"

thomas coria - June 13, 2017 at 09:13 PM

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“ Danny was my very first friend in Kindergarten in 1952 at Newhall Street. I remember he kissed me. We lived in Newhall St and we later moved away to Mt Carmel. I always remembered him -later I caught up with him at Hamden High School. He was still the same sweet person I knew from grade school. Great person -so sorry to his family but you were all blessed to have him as a husband,father, brother, grandfather and uncle. My prayers go with you.

Anita Riccitelli Langer - June 13, 2017 at 08:30 AM

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“ My memory of Daniel will always be playing center-field for Quinnipiac with a direct view watching batter after batter whiffing as the opposing teams players attempted to hit Danny`s blazing fastball, I didn`t have much else to do out there but admire his talents.  
Fun to joke with, he was a great teammate, and above all, he was a really good man!

That 66 NE Championship team all got together last year and I was happy to see Danny there once again.  
God Bless Daniel Ford,  
Teammate - Billy Santillo

**William A. Santillo** - June 12, 2017 at 09:00 PM

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“ Steve Cohen lit a candle in memory of Daniel Ford



**steve cohen** - June 12, 2017 at 08:01 AM



“ I was shocked to see this posting. Know Danny since jr high. I am sorry to see this and my condolences with the family

**steve cohen** - June 12, 2017 at 08:02 AM

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“ While their sorrow is profound and shared by our family as well, the Ford family can take consolation in the fact for so long they had the companionship and counsel of this quiet, strong and most thoughtful man. Dan was a remarkable person and we were so blessed to call him our friend. He knew shortcuts to every baseball field in Connecticut (often they turned out to be long cuts but we didn't mind since we enjoyed his company so much). He knew how to fix things as big as a car or house and as small as a model train. Never one to boast or take credit, I was always amazed at the scope and depth of his understanding of so many things-and his willingness to share this knowledge. I can recall playing baseball and basketball with him, his sons and my sons. My wife Kathy, our children Becky, Matt and Mark share the sorrow and sadness of the Ford family. He was special to us and will always be in our memories. The Zawalich family

**walt zawalich** - June 11, 2017 at 03:12 PM



“ If I had a dollar for every time Danny struck me out,blocked my shot and dunked on me I would be rich.Im rich just having him as a friend since grammar school.

**Dennis Jarman** - June 12, 2017 at 08:53 AM



“ They must have needed a good relief pitcher up there . I'll miss you , my hand still hurts from catching you.You were a great ball player and a better person, knowing you was a great honor.



“ Philip Curran lit a candle in memory of Daniel Ford



Philip Curran - June 11, 2017 at 11:34 AM

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“ I am so sorry to hear of Danny's passing.I will always remember his smile

God be with you

Sissy (Sorvillo) Izzo

sissy izzo - June 10, 2017 at 03:09 PM

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“ Anthony Giudice lit a candle in memory of Daniel Ford



Anthony Giudice - June 10, 2017 at 10:53 AM

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“ I remember DAN since Jr High and High School he was also part of my cousin Josephine's life and family member for over 55 or more years. I am truly sorry we lost him so young.

My prayer are with you.

Love and Prayer

Anthony Giudice - June 10, 2017 at 10:52 AM

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“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Daniel Ford.



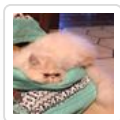
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“ Years ago, when we were young kids, my brother and I used to walk down to the Ford house on Birchwood Drive to play football, baseball, or board games. Three things invariably happened when we arrived: first, Mr. Ford (Dandy Dan) would call out to us, "Boy, is it Halloween or are you wearing a mask today?" and we would instantly crack up. The second is that Mrs. Ford would at some point make us sandwiches while we played sports for hours on end. The third was that Mr. Ford -- quiet, stoic, a man of action, not of words -- would be walking around outside the house, making improvements and additions that to this day seem impossible for a layman. He would be fixing a car, installing a window, working on the roof, or doing some other thing that would be hard for a team of professionals to do much less one man. And yet the Ford house always seemed immaculate and perfectly constructed, and it was Mr. Ford who must have done so much of the work of building it -- how? It boggles the mind. I also can remember the sound, every night, of Mr. Ford throwing baseballs to Dave and Jeff and hearing the swing of their bats and the crack of the ball even up the street. And I'll always remember the exceptional detail that Mr. Ford used a screwdriver, not a key, to start his pick-up truck, yet another sign of his great ingenuity. But he was not a braggart, just a humble, hard-working, quietly brilliant man who raised a great family. I think they don't make them like Dandy Dan Ford anymore. I send my deepest condolences to the Ford family and I am so sorry he is gone; he will be sorely missed by all I'm sure. RIP, Mr. Ford, and my thoughts and prayers with the Ford family. --Stephen Barbara

Stephen Barbara - June 09, 2017 at 09:02 PM



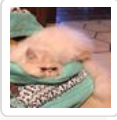
“ Thanks for the great post, this was amazing and captured the Ford's on Birchwood perfectly!!

David - June 10, 2017 at 03:48 PM



“ You are absolutely welcome, Dave. We had great times at Birchwood. I miss those days!

Stephen Barbara - June 11, 2017 at 12:25 PM



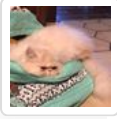
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David Ford - June 09, 2017 at 03:15 PM

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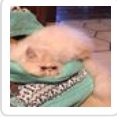


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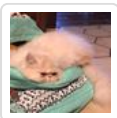


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