



Roy Molitor Ford

December 18, 1939 - February 25, 2019

Roy Molitor Ford, Sr. died on February 25 in Memphis, surrounded by his family. Born in Marvell, Arkansas on December 18, 1939 to Mary and Roy Ford, he graduated from the University of Arkansas and lived, worked, and reared his family in Memphis.

Molitor will never be forgotten for the expansive and joyous manner in which he lived his life. Though gifted with great business acumen, he passionately loved the arts, all things beautiful, animals, and his family and friends. His humor was legend, and occasionally outrageous; his interest in others was deep and genuine; and his generosity of spirit and resources affected many people known and unknown.

He began his banking career at First National Bank of Memphis (First Tennessee) where he retired as Senior Vice President leading the Correspondent Banking Division. He left First Tennessee to pursue a banking opportunity in Paris, Tennessee where he served as Chairman of the Board of Commercial Bank and Trust Company. Molitor spent a great deal of time in Paris where he formed lasting friendships in the bank and in the community. The Paris Civic League recognized him with the Distinguished Service Award for his contribution to the community and his humanitarian efforts. He was also recognized by The Rotary Club as a Paul Harris Fellow. Under his leadership, CBTC expanded to Memphis, Union City and Jackson, Tennessee.

Molitor was generous with his time in giving back to the banking industry. He served as the State Vice President of The Government Relations Council and chaired the Correspondent Division of the American Bankers Association. At the state level, he served on the board of directors of the Tennessee Bankers Association and was elected Chairman of the association in 1995. He was also inducted into the TBA's Leaders in Banking Excellence for his contribution to the banking industry in the state of Tennessee.

Molitor spent his later years dividing his time between Memphis and New York City where he and his spouse, F. M. "Buddy" Stallings, enjoyed their friends, their families and their beloved dog Gretchen, who never left his side. Molitor delighted in Buddy's life as a priest

and gave unending support to his various ministries.

He is survived by Buddy Stallings, his sons Price (Minta) and Mott (Mary Call), his five grandchildren, Price, Emily, Mott, Proctor and Call Ford, and by Buddy's son, Brian and his family. He has provided an eternal treasure of memories and stories for all those he leaves behind.

The funeral service will be at 11:00 am on Friday, March 1st at Calvary Episcopal Church. A reception will follow the service in the Great Hall at Calvary.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to Calvary Episcopal Church 102 North 2nd Street, Memphis, TN 38103 or the Church Health Center in Memphis at PO Box 41527, Memphis, TN 38174 or Alaqua Animal Refuge at 914 Whitfield Road, Freeport, FL 32439.

Cemetery

**Calvary Church
Columbarium**
102 N 2nd Street
Memphis, TN, 38103

Events

MAR **Funeral Service** 11:00AM

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MAR **Reception** 12:00PM

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Comments



“ I have just sadly stumbled across the obituary of my friend of many years,

Roy was an incredibly decent person and a good friend to me,
He helped my more than I ever got to thank him for,

The world is a poorer place for his passing,

David

david - April 02, 2019 at 01:36 PM



“ Molitor always greeted everyone warmly. It didn't matter if you were entry level or obtained a high position. He treated everyone as important. He was such a good man and the real deal. He will be missed.

Andrea Dutton - February 27, 2019 at 01:54 PM



“ Molitor had a certain way of letting everyone know just how special they were. He was always kind and genuine. I am so very blessed that I had the opportunity of knowing him and experiencing his jovial demeanor.

Caleb Grissom - February 27, 2019 at 09:28 AM



“ Molitor always saw the good in people and always had good things to say to each one. I will never forget what a wonderful kind man he was. I am so thankful I knew him and worked with him. Words can't express the gratitude and respect I have for Molitor.

Lela Conger - February 26, 2019 at 11:38 PM