

Name: Billy Ray Ford

Date of Birth: December 18, 1928

Place of Birth: Kirkland, Childress, Texas

Date of Death: November 8, 2014

Place of Death: McKinney, Collins, Texas

Cemetery Name: Humboldt Cemetery

Cemetery Location: 3744 FM 2736
Campbell, Texas 75422

GPS Coordinates: 33° 10' 44" N
95° 59' 03" W

Military Service: 19th Ord M M Co. He served in Yong-gu, Korea and Japan, he was wounded March 11, 1952, he was sent to a military hospital in Tokyo, Japan for surgery and recovery. He was struck by shrapnel, while engaged with the enemy. Most of the damage was done to his left ankle (medial malleolus), he could not return to duty and was instructed to go to a medical facility as soon as he returned to the US. Cloverleaf: 4th Army. Promoted to Cpl. October 12, 1951. While in Japan: D Battery 37AAA Gun Bn. 2nd division, Korea: Battery C 28th AAA Gun Bn. Korea D Battery 68th AAA Gun Bn.

Military Branch: Navy and Army.

Dates of Military Service: Navy: July 15 - August 7, 1946. Army: November 24, 1950 – transferred to Army Reserve: November 18, 1952. Discharged: October 8th, 1956.

Rank at discharge: Navy: Apprentice Seaman; Army: Corporal (T) 12

Era of Service: Korean

List of Military Awards: **Navy:** Two blue honorable discharge emblems and honorable service button. **Army:** Army of Occupation Medal (Japan), Korean Service Medal W/1 Bronze Service Star UN Service Medal.

Summarize Education: Neyland school through 9th grade.

Civilian Job description and major accomplishments: Billy worked in the west Texas oil fields until 1959, he then moved with his family to the

homeplace of his grandfather in Greenville, Texas. He worked as an auto mechanic, then for International Harvester as a mechanic for their farm equipment line. He built his own auto shop and worked from home for a while, then went to work for Automatic Gas, working on their appliances. Lastly, until he retired, he had his own water well service, where he dug water wells and repaired the water pumps.

Civilian Awards:

Sources: Wife, Norma Jean Bennett Ford and Sue Ford Manley, daughter. Military records owned by the family.

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