Mr. William "Sonny" Lester Ford Jr. a lifelong resident of Mount Clemens, Michigan passed away Friday, September 6, 2019.

Sonny was born April 5, 1947, in Mt. Clemens, Michigan to the union of the late William L. Ford Sr. and Celestia P. (King). He was the only child of this union.

At a young age, Sonny lived with his maternal grandparents Willie and Nellie King. Sonny graduated from Mount Clemens High School in 1965 were he was an all state athlete. He went on to play collegiate basketball while obtaining his Bachelors of Science from Parson College in Fairfield, Iowa.

After over 30 years of employment, Sonny retired from Ford Motor Company in 1998. He coached basketball and lacrosse at L'Anse Creuse North High School. He also coached the youth basketball in Mount Clemens and later became a referee of the Youth League. His love of the game was infectious to all those he encountered. He was a car enthusiast and avid drag racer. His passion of racing took him competing all across the country, gaining lifelong friends.

After his father's death, Sonny continued to run the family electrical company "Ford Electric". He was an active member in his community and in 2015, Sonny ran and won a seat on the Mount Clemens City Commission where he served until his untimely death.

He is survived by and leaves to cherish in his memory his daughter, Knigia (Cortez) Tolbert of Birmingham, Alabama; sisters Vanessa Capps, Casandra M. Capps; brothers Linwood G. Capps lll, Christopher S. Capps all of Mount Clemens; grandson Cortez R. Tolbert ll of Birmingham Alabama; three nieces, Rosalyn D Capps, Rosie S. Capps, Karrenea L Capps; three nephews; Kalrico D Ford, Karmone L Ford, Kyle Capps, great nephews, and nieces and a host of uncles, aunts, cousins and friends; a long time partner, Karen (K.C.) Curatolo.

He was proceeded in death by his parents William Ford and Celestia P. Adams; his Maternal Grandparents Willie and Nellie King and his sister, Lela M. Ford.

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