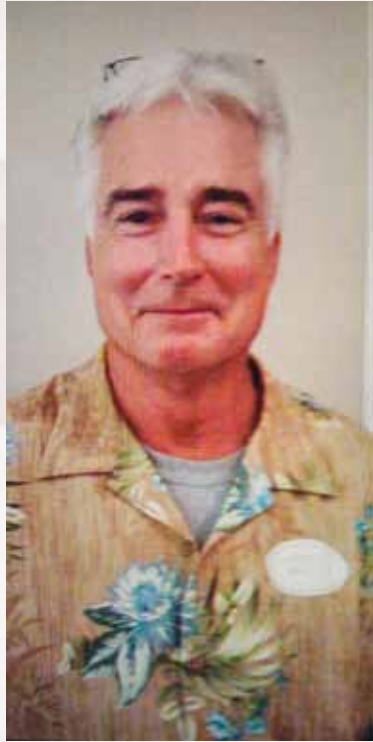




Stephen Vincent Ford
June 27, 1954-August 25, 2026

Stephen was born in Coral Gables, FL. He graduated from Nova High School where he participated in multiple athletic programs. He went on to attend some community college. He moved to Key Largo not long after, along with his parents Joan and John (Jack) Ford and brother Richard Ford. Stephen then went on to join the United States Navy, and after being honorably discharged, returned to Key Largo, where he was employed at different businesses throughout the community. An avid fisherman, he loved to be outdoors and on the water and surrounded by family and friends. Stephen moved from Key Largo with his mother to Sebring, FL, married in 2014, and adopted his son in 2023. Hedied peacefully at his home in Inverness, FL. He is survived by his wife, Lynda Holt Ford, his son Jace Ford, his nephews John and Christopher Ford and his cousins Paul and (Laura) Struve, Christine Fletcher and John and (Vanessa) Struve. The family will return his cremated remains to his beloved Keys at a later date. Stephen was a wonderful husband, friend and father. He had the kindest heart and was very caring and giving. Stephen will be greatly missed by all who loved him and knew him.

Key Largo Branch Library *Free!*
Concert Series

First
FRIDAYS
6-7 PM



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| Oct 2 | Brian Smalley |
| Nov 6 | Daniel Gallup |
| Dec 4 | Mike Fuller |
| Jan 8 | Bing Futch |
| Feb 5 | Patchouli |
| Mar 5 | The Kennedys |
| Apr 2 | Sarah McCulloch |

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Things I've Learned from Watching The Movies

1. If staying in a haunted house, women should investigate any strange noises wearing their most revealing underwear.

2. If being chased through town, you can usually take cover in a passing St Patrick's Day parade - at any time of the year.

3. It's easy for anyone to land a plane, providing there is someone in the control tower to talk you down.

4. Once applied, lipstick will never rub off - even while scuba diving.

5. The ventilation system of any building is a perfect hiding place. No one will ever think of looking for you in there and you can travel to any other part of the building without difficulty.

6. Should you wish to pass yourself off as a German officer it will not be necessary to speak the language. A German accent will do.

7. A man will show no pain while taking the most ferocious beating but will wince when a woman tries to clean his wounds.

8. When paying for a taxi, never look at your wallet as you take out a note - just grab one at random and hand it over. It will always be the exact fare

9. During all police investigations, it will be necessary to visit a strip club at least once.

10. Cars and trucks that crash will almost always burst into flames.

11. A single match will be sufficient to light up a room the size of a football stadium.

12. It is always possible to park directly outside the building you are visiting.

13. All single women have a cat.

14. One man shooting at 20 men has a better chance of killing them all than 20 men firing at one.

15. It does not matter if you are heavily outnumbered in a fight involving martial arts - your enemies will wait patiently to attack you one by one by dancing around in a threatening manner until you have knocked out their predecessor.

16. When you turn out the light to go to bed, everything in your room will still be clearly visible, just slightly bluish.

17. Dogs always know who's bad and will naturally bark at them.

18. Rather than wasting bullets, megalomaniacs prefer to kill their arch-enemies using complicated machinery involving fuses, pulley systems, deadly gases, lasers. etc.

19. No matter how fuzzy the photograph, it can be enlarged and enhanced to show the finest detail.

20. A million dollars in cash or cocaine will invariably take up exactly the amount of space available in your briefcase.
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- You have Friends at the Key Largo Branch Library... and your Friends have been busy!**
- by Karen Beal
- October begins the "Busy Season" for library events. In addition to the many programs run by staff that include children's reading and teen STEM and gaming opportunities, art classes, guided discussion groups and singer-songwriter concerts are sponsored by the Friends of the Key Largo Library. Six free concerts are being hosted by the Friends starting on October 2 (Brian Smalley, then November 6 (Daniel Gallup) and again at the beginning of each month through April. The singer-songwriters come from all parts of Florida and have won awards or been featured on Michael Stock's Folk & Acoustic Guitar program. New talent and some returning favorites will begin playing at 6pm each month on the first Friday night.
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- Six art classes each using the skills of a different master artist are scheduled between October 23rd and the end of February. During the month of March the students' work will be on exhibition at the library. There is no charge for the
- classes but they are limited to 20 students; registration starts 2 weeks before and fills up fast!
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- Creative Monday (1-3pm) each week will offer a mini-class to loosen up your creative spirit. Members from the Art Guild of the Purple Isles generously volunteer to lead each meeting.
- Great Decisions is an informative discussion exercise. Dates and topics will be announced. The Foreign Policy Association created the program covering eight topics of worldwide interest. We are hoping for a return of the Beginner Ukulele class and Conch Shell Blowing class in 2027, to be announced with much fanfare, no doubt. Watch for more programs and dates and come visit your Friends at the library! The Book Sale and your donations make these programs possible.
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- Friends of the Key Largo Library
- Check Out What's Happening at the Upper Keys Libraries!**
- October is a hauntingly perfect time to visit your local library and open a book to find the specter inside. There is always something happening at your local library. Don't miss out as there is something for everyone!!
- KEY LARGO BRANCH LIBRARY**
- 1st Friday Concerts** return at 6pm, every 1st Friday from October to April, see ad on page 6 for headliners.
- Creative Mondays** are back! Join in and release the artist within.
- Wednesday nights bring excitement: **Reel Deal: Movie Club**, every 3rd Wednesday at 5pm October to April, **Cuentame con Café**, every 2nd & 4th Wednesday of the month.
- Plus: Crafting, Gaming, LEGO Club, Tech Support, Sit & Sew, STEM Lab, Poetry, Story Time, Creative Writing and more... follow the link to find out!*
- MM 101.4 OCEANSIDE •TRADEWINDS PLAZA
- Scan the QR or use the link for loads of information about these and many other free activities at your branch libraries!
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- bit.ly/upper-keys-calendar
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- ISLAMORADA BRANCH LIBRARY**
- Crafting Co-op** offers an evening of fun, October 6th & 20th at 5:30pm, all ages are welcome to enjoy an evening of crafting from jewelry to painting!
- Kids Programming**, every day, Monday through Friday.
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- Plus: Stem Stuff, Dungeons and Dragons, Tech Support, Gaming, Book Club, Art Adventures, Creative Writing, Crafting, Homeschool Activities and more... follow the link to see!*
- MM 81.8 BAYSIDE ON OVERSEAS HWY.