

Doug Ford, Oldest Masters Champion, Dies at 95

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Doug Ford, who honed his golfing skills on a public course in the Bronx and went on to win the P.G.A. Championship and the Masters as a leading tour player of the 1950s, died on Monday in Palm Beach Gardens, Fla. He was 95 and the oldest surviving Masters champion.

The PGA Tour announced his death.

Ford's golf roots were far afield from the more traditional Sunbelt origins of pro golfers. But his father and three uncles were pros, and he developed a brilliant short game along with superb putting.

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