



## Mr. J.P. Ford Sr.

April 29, 1927 - August 1, 2013

FORD, SR., Mr. J.P. - Age 86, passed away Thursday, August 1, 2013 at Hurley Medical Center. Family hour 10 a.m. Thursday, August 8, 2013 at Greater Friendship Azusa C.O.G.I.C., G-5165 Detroit St., with funeral service commencing at 11 a.m. Pastor Anthony Tolbert, officiating, Supt. Birdie J. Shields, Host Pastor. Interment Sunset Hills Cemetery, G-4413 Flushing Rd. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the church 10 a.m. Thursday. Mr. Ford will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd., and may be viewed from 1-8 p.m. Wednesday.

A time to be born: Mr. J.P. "Jake" Ford was born April 29, 1927 in Dubach, Louisiana, the son of Dan and Willie B. Ford.

A time to plant: J.P. loved fishing, hunting and the great outdoors. He was fond of his Blues and westerns, especially Walker Texas Ranger. He was a former member of Adams Memorial Church Of God In Christ and was presently attending Glad Tidings Church Of God In Christ. J.P. worked for General Motors for over 30 years.

A time to love: In 1982 J.P. met and fell in love with Shirley Relerford and on December 5, 1997 they were united in Holy Matrimony. He loved Shirley as the Lord loved the church (Ephesians 5:25). They fulfilled their vows accordingly: "In sickness and in health."

A time to die: On Thursday, August 1, 2013 the Lord called him home.

A time to mourn: Mr. J.P. "Jake" Ford leaves to cherish his memory: loving and devoted wife, Shirley Ford; 5 daughters, Diane Ford-Broadway, Deborah Ford-Applewhite, Cheryl Fields, Lawanda "Lisa" Relerford, all of Flint and Stephanie "Fay-Fay" Clark of Indianapolis, IN; son, Brian Clark, Sr.; 4 sisters, Annie Ruth Dunn of Dubach, LA, Catherine (L.C.) McLilly, Lucille Edwards and Irene Smith, all of Flint; sister-in-law, Ozell Burns; 4 brothers-in-law, Eli (Willie) Relerford, Otis (Virginia) Relerford, Scott Relerford, Jerry Relerford and Jerome (Deborah) Relerford; 24 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; 2 great-great-grandchildren; a host of other relatives and friends including special friends, Mr. Matt (Renee) Burton and Rodney "Gip" Gibson.

Mr. Ford was preceded in death by his 2 sons, J.P. "Sam" Ford, Jr. and Antonio Relerford; great-granddaughter, Taraji Applewhite; parents, Dan and Willie Ford; 4 sisters, Dorothy Drake, Clare Dunn, Claudie B. Harris and Mary Dawson.

# Cemetery Details

## Sunset Hills Cemetery

G-4413 Flushing Rd.  
Flint, MI 48504

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

AUG 7. 1:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, Inc., Flint  
906 W. Flint Park Blvd.  
Flint, MI 48505  
(810) 789-6666  
lemoonfhflint@gmail.com  
<https://lawrenceemoonfuneralhome.com>

## Family hour

AUG 8. 10:00 AM (ET)

Greater Friendship Azusa C.O.G.I.C.  
G-5165 Detroit St.  
Flint, MI

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. J.P. Ford Sr.*

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October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ *To My Family (The Ford Family)*

*We are all in deep sorrow today because we will no longer be able to see his face (in person) nor hear his voice, but the sorrow, pain, and sickness has ended for him...the borrowed body that he occupied has been reformed. He is joined and greeted by so many loved ones who have preceded him in death. We have a great Ford Legacy to carry on (The Love of Family)...something that we've visually seen in all of them. Although, it is hard right now...GOD will ease our pain. We should always acknowledge and savor the FORD LEGACY and keep it going. Even though, we are far away... Love travels and comfort heals. We should not forget and distant ourselves from one another...let the Legacy continue! Uncle Jake, even though we didn't get a chance to see you as often as we would have liked, the memories of you will live on in our hearts.*

*Your niece*

*Rose*

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**Rose** - August 08, 2013 at 05:27 PM

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“ Dear Ford Family and Friends,  
I am so sorry to hear of the loss of your dear loved one. Please accept my sincere condolences. I too have lost several loved ones in death, and the pain is fresh, even with the passage of much time. Thankfully, I have found relief in knowing that "The Most High God" is the "Hearer of Prayer", and a source of tremendous comfort in times of grief and distress. (Psalms83:18, Psalms65:2) Please be assured, death will soon be "swallowed up forever" and we will have the opportunity to see our dead loved ones again. (Isaiah 25:8) My family and I wish you and yours peace. (Phillipians4:7)

Lisa - August 07, 2013 at 07:01 PM

TB

“ I will never forget the visits when the Michigan clan would come to Louisiana and the fun I had as a child running around playing, but I loved to see Uncle Jake smile and to hear his chuckle made me laugh. I know that where you are now, you were welcomed with loving arms. When you see Grandma Willie, Moma Dorothy, Daddy (Leon), Aunt Mary, Aunt Clara and Aunt B, give them a big kiss from all of us. We love you and you will be missed dearly!!!!

Tory Ross Beckton - August 06, 2013 at 05:04 PM

TB

“ Tory Ross Beckton lit a candle in memory of Mr. J.P. Ford Sr.



Tory Ross Beckton - August 06, 2013 at 04:54 PM

 Tamika Roshell

“ *I remember when uncle jake and my granny would sit on the porch he was always have a smile on his face u will be truly missed*

Tamika Roshell - August 06, 2013 at 12:25 PM

RG

“ *My Uncle Jake was a man that would set on our grandmother front porch and tell jokes and we would all laugh. I use to always wonder how he made it with eight sisters he loved his family. To Aunt Shirley, Debra, and Diane you have my deepest sympathy for my uncle is up there with his parents and his sisters know waiting for us to get there. We all loved him but God loved him to so he ended my uncle pain and called him home so he could rest. Love you all always in my prays Ruby Gray.*

Ruby Gray - August 05, 2013 at 11:33 PM

RG

“ *Ruby Gray lit a candle in memory of Mr. J.P. Ford Sr.*



Ruby Gray - August 05, 2013 at 11:19 PM

RG

*He will be missed but never forgotten love you always from the ford family in Louisiana.*

Ruby Gray - August 06, 2013 at 06:43 AM

FA

“ To the entire Ford family You have deepest condolences. We are all sadden by the lost of Jake's (papa smurf) physical body. But to be absent from body is to be present with the Lod. May You all find comfort in the Peace of God .

*Faith*

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**Faith** - August 05, 2013 at 10:35 AM