



## Franklin Ford

December 22, 1933 - February 18, 2015

Franklin Delano Ford was named after the 32nd President, Franklin Delano Roosevelt, by his parents because it represented a positive change after the great depression. Franklin, “Frankie” or “Paco”, lived touching the lives of many trying to impart a positive influence for everyone he met.

Franklin Delano Ford passed away peacefully in the comfort of his home on February 18, 2015 at the age of 81 years young. Franklin was born in Saginaw, Michigan on December 22, 1933 to the late Theodore and Martha Ford. He attended Saginaw High School where he graduated in the class of 1951. Franklin accepted Christ at a young age while attending bible study in the home of his grandmother, Ellen DeGroat, who taught her grandchildren, as well as the neighborhood kids, about Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Frank instilled that strong foundation of faith in all of his children.

Franklin married his first wife, Rosemary Jackson-Ford, in 1954 and to this union four daughters were born: Roxann, Rosalind, Rhonda and Regina. Franklin was preceded in death by the joy of his life Izora Lucille Ford, his wife of 42 years. To this union, there were two children: finally a son, Eric, and another daughter, Tacarra.

Imagine John Wayne, Joe Louis, the Pied Piper, Sandlot, a sports fanatic, history buff and Red Foxx all rolled up into one personality and you have

Frank Ford. Whenever Frank went down memory lane, recalling a childhood memory or sharing a historical event, you simply pulled up a chair and you listened as his recollection of the story unfolded. There would be colorful language and a full description of the event and you felt like you were right there. We all have Frank stories and we cherish them and we will continue to share them.

Frank's legacy lives on through his children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, family, friends and every life that he touched. He was a "life coach" with a big heart, strong, tough fighter, compassionate, fun, quiet, unassuming man that was always present in the lives of others.

Frank was preceded in death by his wife, Izora Lucille Ford; his father-in law, William Arnett, Saginaw, Michigan; his siblings; William Ford, Francis Ford, Georgina Ford, Ruth Palmer, Marion Nash and Marsha Ford of Virginia; his nephew, Michael Ford, Saginaw, Michigan; and his great-grandson, Christopher Corbin, Los Angeles, California.

Frank leaves to carry on his legacy and cherish his memory, his children, Roxann Corbin (Glenn Sterling), Rosalind Ford, Rhonda (Hugh) Butler, Regina (Stanford) Williams from California and Eric (Canciss) Ford from Illinois and Tacarra Ford of Saginaw Michigan; nine grandchildren, Bennett Corbin Jr., Reneca Corbin, Rosemary Sterling, Denisha Broderick, Dennis Broderick II, Raquel Butler, Hugh Butler III, Reginald Hughes from California, Eric Chandler Ford from Illinois; eight great-grandchildren; his sister, Leona Cofield (Ron) from Phoenix Arizona; brother, Ralph (Lynette) Ford from Houston, Texas; his special nephew, Kevan Ford of Ohio; special cousins, Willie (Sonny) Patton and Jerry White, Saginaw, Michigan; mother-in-law, Flora Arnett, Saginaw, MI; sisters-in-law, Linda Taylor, Saginaw Michigan, Sharon Arnett-Rogers, Columbus, OH, Roberta Howard, California; brothers-in-law, Leopold (Janel) Arnett, William Arnett, Jr., Saginaw Michigan, and

Lloyd Parrish, North Carolina; dear friend, George (Lena) Porter; special niece, Gina Ford-Copeland (Willie) Saginaw, MI; special neighbor, Claudia Cooper and a host of special nieces, nephews and cousins.

Franklin Ford rides off into the sunset...loving son, loving husband, loving father, loving grandfather, loving brother, loving uncle, loving man, loving friend, forever in our hearts.

Funeral service will take place at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, February 24, 2015 at Zion Missionary Baptist Church, 721 Johnson Street. Pastor Rodrick A. Smith will officiate with interment in Forest Lawn Cemetery. Friends may call at the Evans & Browne's Funeral Home, 441 North Jefferson Avenue on Monday from 2:00 until 8:00 p.m. where the family will be present to greet friends from 6:00 until 8:00 p.m.

# Cemetery Details

## Forest Lawn Cemetery

3210 S. Washington Avenue  
Saginaw, MI

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB **23**. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Evans & Browne's Funeral Home  
441 N. Jefferson Avenue  
Saginaw, MI 48607  
(989) 754-0481  
evansbrownes@gmail.com  
<https://www.evansbrownesfuneralhome.com>

## Funeral Service

FEB **24**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Zion Missionary Baptist Church  
721 Johnson Street  
Saginaw, MI 48607

# Tribute Wall



“ *Evans & Browne's Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Franklin Ford*



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**Browne's Mortuary** - February 26, 2015 at 11:30 AM

DM

*RIP Paco*

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**Debbie Murray** - March 01, 2015 at 12:08 AM

CR

*Lovely, Rest in peace Frank.*

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**Cornelia Reynolds** - March 01, 2015 at 08:11 PM



*RIP Uncle Frank. This was a beautiful tribute. Love my family.*

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**Takesha Arnett** - March 07, 2015 at 04:25 AM

MM

“ *I am sorry to hear about the loss of your dearest Franklin. My family and I wanted to send our deepest sympathy. I wanted to share a comforting thought found in God's Word at Isaiah 25:8. I hope that your family finds this text comforting as it did me and my family.*

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**Matthew Murray** - March 25, 2015 at 07:23 AM

MS

“ *Marcel H. Cormier, Sr. lit a candle in memory of Franklin Ford*



Marcel H. Cormier, Sr. - February 26, 2015 at 02:34 AM

TM

“ *Toni Murphy lit a candle in memory of Franklin Ford*



Toni Murphy - February 24, 2015 at 12:36 AM

LM

“ *Leon & Toni Murphy lit a candle in memory of Franklin Ford*



Leon & Toni Murphy - February 24, 2015 at 12:35 AM

RF

“ *Reynolds Family lit a candle in memory of Franklin Ford*



Reynolds Family - February 23, 2015 at 04:04 PM

TE

“ Praying that God comfort the Ford Family during this time of Sorrow.



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**Tembley** - February 23, 2015 at 04:03 PM

DA

“ Dona Austin-Bigby lit a candle in memory of Franklin Ford



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**Dona Austin-Bigby** - February 23, 2015 at 02:43 PM

DM

“ Dale Mitchner lit a candle in memory of Franklin Ford



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**dale mitchner** - February 23, 2015 at 02:28 PM

AE

“ Alisa Eskridge lit a candle in memory of Franklin Ford



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**alisa eskridge** - February 23, 2015 at 02:14 PM



“ *Gregory Cofield lit a candle in memory of Franklin Ford*



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**Gregory Cofield** - February 23, 2015 at 01:40 PM



“ *Lakeisha Pelt lit a candle in memory of Franklin Ford*



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**Lakeisha Pelt** - February 23, 2015 at 12:39 PM



“ *Danita Hollowell lit a candle in memory of Franklin Ford*



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**Danita Hollowell** - February 23, 2015 at 11:52 AM



“ *LaSundra Jenkins lit a candle in memory of Franklin Ford*



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**LaSundra Jenkins** - February 23, 2015 at 11:09 AM

LJ

“ *La Sundra Jenkins lit a candle in memory of Franklin Ford*



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**La Sundra Jenkins** - February 23, 2015 at 11:08 AM

DF

“ *Dorothy Ford lit a candle in memory of Franklin Ford*



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**Dorothy Ford** - February 23, 2015 at 10:54 AM

TG

“ *The Guster's lit a candle in memory of Franklin Ford*



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**The Guster's** - February 23, 2015 at 04:54 AM

JU

“ *Juvonda sent a virtual gift in memory of Franklin Ford*



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**Juvonda** - February 23, 2015 at 02:15 AM

RC

“ *Reneca Corbin sent a virtual gift in memory of Franklin Ford*



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**reneca corbin** - February 22, 2015 at 04:01 PM

DM

“ *Debbie Murray lit a candle in memory of Franklin Ford*



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**Debbie Murray** - February 22, 2015 at 12:06 AM

RF

“ *REGINA FORD-WILLIAMS lit a candle in memory of Franklin Ford*



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**REGINA FORD-WILLIAMS** - February 21, 2015 at 11:07 PM

DW

“ *Deborah Williams lit a candle in memory of Franklin Ford*



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**Deborah Williams** - February 21, 2015 at 06:35 PM

MF

“ *Ms. Brenda Bryant-Reynolds & Family lit a candle in memory of Franklin Ford*



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**Ms. Brenda Bryant-Reynolds & Family** - February 21, 2015 at 10:25 AM

PC

“ *Peter Cooper lit a candle in memory of Franklin Ford*



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**Peter Cooper** - February 21, 2015 at 03:37 AM

LH

“ *LaLanya Harris lit a candle in memory of Franklin Ford*



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**LaLanya Harris** - February 21, 2015 at 01:20 AM

LJ

“ *Lamar Kimble Jr. lit a candle in memory of Franklin Ford*



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**Lamar Kimble Jr.** - February 21, 2015 at 01:11 AM

TT

“ *Tonya Terry lit a candle in memory of Franklin Ford*



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**Tonya Terry** - February 21, 2015 at 12:27 AM

RR

“ *Reneca And Ryen lit a candle in memory of Franklin Ford*



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**Reneca and Ryen** - February 20, 2015 at 11:21 PM

RR

*We love u Paco we will truly miss u*

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**Reneca and Ryen** - February 20, 2015 at 11:23 PM

GP

“ *Gejon Ryen And Patoyn lit a candle in memory of Franklin Ford*



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**gejon ryen and patoyn** - February 20, 2015 at 11:19 PM

BF

“ *Brandon Ford lit a candle in memory of Franklin Ford*



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**Brandon Ford** - February 20, 2015 at 05:50 PM

GF

“ *Gina Ford-Copeland lit a candle in memory of Franklin Ford*



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**Gina Ford-Copeland** - February 20, 2015 at 05:48 PM

RP

“ *Family, may God bless and keep you . . each of you reflect the love that Father and Mother showed for each other . . God Bless! Rev. Parker.*



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**Rec. Parker** - February 20, 2015 at 05:39 PM

GF

“ *Gina Ford-Copeland lit a candle in memory of Franklin Ford*



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**Gina Ford-Copeland** - February 20, 2015 at 05:25 PM

TC

“ *Tracy L. Cormier lit a candle in memory of Franklin Ford*



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**Tracy L. Cormier** - February 20, 2015 at 04:17 PM

RC

“ *Ralph Culpepper lit a candle in memory of Franklin Ford*



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**Ralph Culpepper** - February 20, 2015 at 03:30 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Franklin Ford.*



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February 20, 2015 at 10:55 AM

MJ

“ *Moman Young Jr lit a candle in memory of Franklin Ford*



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**Moman Young Jr** - February 20, 2015 at 09:49 AM

MJ

*"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints" We send our condolences to the Ford Family. May God comfort you all. Love Moman and Karen Young*

**Moman Young Jr** - February 20, 2015 at 09:56 AM

LA

*Requiescat in peace.*

**larry adams** - March 01, 2015 at 06:32 PM

AM

“ *Antoine Mitchell lit a candle in memory of Franklin Ford*



**Antoine Mitchell** - February 20, 2015 at 12:11 AM

DJ

“ *DALLAS AND BARBARA JONES lit a candle in memory of Franklin Ford*



**DALLAS AND BARBARA JONES** - February 19, 2015 at 05:22 PM

HJ

“ *Houston And Elaine Jackson, Jr. lit a candle in memory of Franklin Ford*



**Houston and Elaine Jackson, Jr.** - February 19, 2015 at 07:28 AM

WB

“ *WALSEZETTA BENNETT sent a virtual gift in memory of Franklin Ford*



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**WALSEZETTA BENNETT** - February 19, 2015 at 05:53 AM