



Geraldine Y. Ford

August 7, 1941 - September 19, 2025

GERALDINE YARBOROUGH-FORD, affectionately known as “Gerl” to family and friends, passed away peacefully at home on September 19, 2025, in Baltimore, Maryland, at the age of 84.

Born on August 7, 1941, in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, she was part of a remarkable family whose journey from the rural South to Baltimore exemplified the strength and determination of the Great Migration.

Geraldine was the daughter of Dowd Yarborough Jr. and Annie Mae (Peak) Yarborough. Her father, a graduate of Atkins High School in Winston-Salem, tragically lost his life in Baltimore in 1947 when Geraldine was just six years old. Her mother, Annie Mae, originally from Spartanburg, South Carolina, demonstrated extraordinary resilience in raising three children as a single mother, working as a domestic to ensure they had opportunities for education and advancement.

A graduate of Dunbar Senior High School in Baltimore, Geraldine worked for 32 years at London Fog, the renowned outerwear company, before transitioning to Poly-Seal Corporation, where she worked before retiring.

In 2004, Geraldine married Ervin L. Ford, after they had been companions.

Together for 23 years total, they enjoyed traveling, socializing at their local Post, and occasionally visiting family out of town. Known for being strong-willed yet fun-loving, Geraldine balanced her serious work ethic with a genuine enjoyment of life's pleasures.

Geraldine's life represented the best of her family's legacy — hard work, determination, and the ability to find joy even in challenging circumstances.

Her hard work led to her accomplishment of becoming a homeowner, joining both her widowed mother and sister in achieving this goal in their lifetimes.

Geraldine is preceded in death by her parents, Dowd and Annie Mae; sister, Doris (Yarborough) Johnson; brother, Dr. Dowd Yarborough Jr.; and son, Kevin Yarborough, a nurse, who passed in 2016. She leaves behind her devoted husband, Ervin L. Ford; niece, Michelle Johnson (Myrna Greenfield); nephew, Michael Johnson (Audrey Egan); nephew Leland (Amy) Yarborough; nieces, Deshaun Yarborough (Jason Dotson) and Briana Yarborough; grand-nieces, Marja and Ayah Hagazy, and Julian, Kori, and Lauren Johnson; stepchildren, Michael (Rhonda), Abdul, Arthur, Gwendolyn, Jannette, Kristina (James), Kayla, and Sierra.

step-grandchildren, Jeremiah, Kayla, Sierra, Kourtney, Kalidia, Kirsten, Nova, and Veera; step-great-grandson, Caron; and a host of other relatives and friends whose lives she touched.

Her memory will be cherished by all who knew her strength and spirit

Cemetery Details

Dulaney Valley Memorial Gardens

200 E. Padonia Rd.
Timonium, MD 21093

Previous Events

Public Viewing

OCT 1. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home - East
1101 E. North Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21202

Wake

OCT 2. 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

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Celebration of Life

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Tribute Wall



“ *March Funeral Homes created a Webcast for Funeral on Geraldine Ford in memory of Geraldine Y. Ford*



March Funeral Homes - September 29, 2025 at 12:50 PM

DC

“ *To Mr. Ford and Family:*

May God bless you all!! May God grant Gerl everlasting love and peace and may each of you be comforted. May your grief be short and may your loving memories of her endure.
Denise Cato

Denise Cato - October 02, 2025 at 10:58 PM

PM

“ *My condolences to the Ford family. I just found out today about Gerri's passing. You have my deepest sympathy and prayers.*
Patricia Miller (Cato's daughter).



Patricia Miller - October 02, 2025 at 10:57 PM

DC

“ *Denise Cato lit a candle in memory of Geraldine Y. Ford*



Denise Cato - October 02, 2025 at 10:49 PM

DC

“ *Deacon Anthony Taylor Wake Chapel Church lit a candle in memory of Geraldine Y. Ford*



Deacon Anthony Taylor Wake Chapel Church - October 02, 2025 at 11:45 AM

MR

“ *To my dear brother Ervin & family: We are so very sorry to hear of the loss of your dear wife and our sister n law Geraldine. She was such a sweet and knd person and will truly be missed. praying for strength from the Lord during this difficult time that he will see you through. Love from Mary & Thurmond*



Mary Roberts - September 25, 2025 at 12:34 PM

DC

*Mr. Ford and Family:
I just heard about Gerl's passing. May she rest in God's peace and may each of you be comforted. I appreciated her kindness. I pray that your grief will give way to joy when you think about her and the wonderful times you shared. God bless you all!
Denise Cato*

Denise Cato - October 02, 2025 at 09:42 PM



“ We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.

March Funeral Homes - September 24, 2025 at 10:59 AM