



John R. Ford

May 15, 1927 - October 31, 2017

JOHN "RUSSELL" FORD, son of the late James and Edna Ford, was born on May 15, 1927 in Baltimore City, Maryland. Russell, as he was affectionately known, had three brothers and one sister, all of whom preceded him in death.

He received his education in Baltimore City Public Schools. After leaving Frederick Douglass High School, Russell enlisted into the United States Army in 1946 and was honorably discharged in 1949. Soon after his discharge, he met and married the late Helen "Delores" Burroughs. From that union eight children were born, Mark, Michael, Myrna, Monterey, Melanie and the late Maurice, Michelle and Marvin Ford. Also preceding him in death was a grandson, Gerald Commodore and an Aunt, Nellie Buchanan.

In 1956, he joined St. Cecilia Roman Catholic Church and remained a devoted parishioner for over fifty years. Russell has been recognized and honored over the course of the years and received several awards (Outstanding Achievement Award, Mother Mary Lang OSP Award, Black Hero Award, Certificate of Recognition for service in the Parish Soup Kitchen and the Legends of St. Cecilia Church Award, Two time President of the Usher Board, Vice President of the Brother's of St. Cecilia and a member of the pastoral Council).

Russell was employed at Levin's Furniture Store for over thirty years. He

worked very hard to provide stability for his family.

Russell was always in a good mood and always telling jokes. He loved cooking Thanksgiving Dinner for his family and decorating the house for Christmas.

After a short illness, John "Russell" Ford departed from this life on Tuesday, October 31, 2017 in Baltimore City, MD. at at the age of ninety. He is survived by two sons, Mark and Michael, three daughters, Myrna, Monterey and Melanie, sixteen grandchildren, Tiffany, Cory, Jada, Kasey, Gregory, Nyiesha, LaShae, Maurie, Mario, Dara, David, Taya, Brandon, Breshawna, Brittany and Breona, twenty-four great-grandchildren, niece Glenda Ford, sister-in-law, Bettye Morton, his long time best friend Daniel Johnson and a host of other family and friends who loved and will miss him dearly.

Cemetery Details

Woodlawn Cemetery

2130 Woodlawn Drive
Baltimore, MD 21207

Previous Events

viewing

NOV **9**. 8:30 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Homes - West Baltimore
4300 Wabash Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21215
(410) 542-2400
info@marchfh.com

Wake

NOV **10**. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Cecilia Roman Catholic Church
3301 Windsor Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21216

Service

NOV **10**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ I WISH I HAD A MEMORY TO SHARE. I KNOW IT WOULD BE WONDERFUL. REST IN POWER SOLDIER. YOU REMAIN LOVED AND CHERISHED IN THIS WORLD. PEACE, MICHAEL K (FORD) DOUGLAS

Michael Kevin Douglas - July 03, 2025 at 08:32 PM

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“ Hey Russell, I just wanted to say hello and i miss you so much, You would love drew she is literally the sweetest baby and looks just like me. I am going to make sure she knows who you are and how much you meant to me. 7 years later and my heart still breaks every time I think about you. No one will ever be able to replace you , a true angel in my eyes. I really hope i get to see you again, rest well my love.



Britt - October 30, 2024 at 09:46 AM

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“ hey grandpop, i miss you so much your unique and outgoing personality helped our family more than you would ever know, please continue to watch over us all! We're doing our very best to make you proud! #builtfordtough

brittany - September 01, 2023 at 11:58 AM



“ *John R. Ford*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *Missing You Grandpop* 🍷 *Love You Forever*



Dara Carroll - September 30, 2018 at 01:13 PM



“ *Mary Ihezie lit a candle in memory of John R. Ford*



Mary Ihezie - November 28, 2017 at 08:40 PM



“ *Daddy I miss you already. I always thought you would live forever. You were happy and joking and laughing with me just a few days before your death. I will never forget you. I will love you forever.*

Tiffany Ford - November 13, 2017 at 04:24 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 - November 04, 2017 at 02:44 PM