



Mr. James Melvin Ford

May 10, 1927 - April 10, 2021

Services for James Melvin Ford, 93, of Oxford will be held Wednesday, April 14, 2021 at 2:00pm in the Toby Miller Memorial Chapel of Miller Funeral Home with Dr. Stephen Anthony officiating. Burial will follow at Forest Lawn Gardens. The family will receive friends on Tuesday, April 13, 2021 from 6:00pm until 8:00pm at the Funeral Home. Mr. Ford passed away Friday, April 9, 2021 peacefully at home.

Pallbearers will be John David Ford, Isiah Lloyd, Milton Ford, Jr. Ronald Ford, Terry Ford, and Jeffery Thomas. He was born May 10, 1927 to John W. Ford, Sr. and Audrey Marie Ford in Eulaton.

Besides his parents, he is preceded in death by brothers Johnny Ford, Elmer Ford,

Herschel Ford, sister Audrey Montsesano, and grandson Blake Ezell. He is survived

by his wife of 75 years, Doris Allison Ford, daughter Anne Ford Key of Anniston,

sons David Ford (Jo Rhea), Glenn Ford (Rhonda), of Oxford, Mike Ezell (Bethany)

of Lithia, Fl, grandchildren Dee Dee Lloyd (Chris) of Anniston, John David Ford of

Rogers, AR, Meagan Ford of Oxford, Jacob Ezell (Keri) of Lithia, Fl, three greatgrandchildren, sisters Mary Lavender of Homewood, Sara Thomas (Lilburn) of

Anniston, brother Milton Ford (Judy) of Anniston, several nieces and nephews and his beloved fur baby, Molly. Mr. Ford was retired from Anniston Army Depot and later the Oxford School system, where he drove a school bus for many years. In earlier years, he worked at the GE plant in Oxford. He was a member of Hillcrest Baptist Church and also attended Faith Baptist Church in Coldwater. Until the pandemic disrupted life, he and his wife were part of a group that visited local skilled care facilities each week to sing hymns for residents and volunteered at the Oxford Senior Center. Over the years, he frequently attended and participated in gospel singings. He was known for his skills tossing horseshoes and won trophies in numerous tournaments. In recent years, he started taking part in 5Ks and was the oldest finisher in the Woodstock 5K for several years. His last was in 2017 when he led four generations, ranging in age from 12 to 90. The family extends thanks to Encompass Home Health and Hospice and a special thanks to private caregiver Beth Slick.

Cemetery Details

Forestlawn Memorial Gardens

730 Golden Springs Rd
Anniston, AL

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **13**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Miller Funeral Home
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Service

APR **14**. 2:00 PM - 2:30 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“Melvin was an example of FAITHFULNESS to Jesus, family, church, and community. When I was choir director at Trinity, we used a version of “Go tell it on the mountain” to open the services during Christmas. He once told me, “Do we have to keep singing this song?” He was so quietly funny. He and Doris have been an example of a faithful marriage. Melvin loaned me \$1500 in 1988 to make a recording. He said I was one of the few preachers that ever paid him back for a loan. That was sad, but also his humorous way of saying “thank you.” When I was a student at Pensacola Christian College and my wife was at home raising babies, they loaned me their Pontiac for a week at the time so Cindy would have transportation during the week. They truly knew the meaning of “paying it forward” in life. God bless their family as they celebrate this wonderful life. I am thankful that Cindy and I were able to see him in September at the funeral of Lynn Johnston. He looked so good then, and I couldn’t believe his age. And what a head of hair! Heaven is rejoicing! Welcome home, faithful servant.

Rick Ragan - April 12, 2021 at 08:04 AM

JG

“I first met the Ford family 60 years ago when I delivered their newspaper. I have always known Mr. Ford to be a kind and gentle man. I know you will miss him!

Jim Garmon - April 11, 2021 at 07:34 AM

SB

My wife, Judy, and me, Steve, sat beside Melvin and Doris many years at Hillcrest Baptist Church. Both Melvin and Doris were easy to love. During the last year with the Covid 19 pandemic, I missed seeing them so much. Rest-in-JESUS brother Melvin. Steve Batey

Steve Batey - April 11, 2021 at 02:03 PM