

## Harold Edward Ford, Jr.

November 4, 1951 - October 15, 2021

### Harold- The Beginning

Harold Edward Ford Jr. was the First of four children born to Mr. Harold and Christine Smith Ford on November 4, 1951 In Orlando Florida born and raise. He attended Jones High School in Orlando Florida. Harold and his family were faithful members of Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church in Orlando Florida. He later in life join New Bethel A.M.E church of Altamonte Springs, Florida.

### Harold- The Growing Phase

At the age of 17, Harold began working with Bruton and Zanders Funeral Home in Orlando, Florida conducting death calls for the area of Orlando and Washington Shores. They also provide ambulance for the black community during those time their wasn't a ambulance service for the black pregnant women.

After working their for serval year Harold want something better for himself. He venture out into the industry society work force. He worked for a paper company call UniJax working in the warehouse loading trucks for serval years.

Harold seeked better employment and joined the company PEC Industries of Orlando, Florida. worked his way up to Waste Waster Manager until their doors closed.

Harold then enter into trucking Driving school and obtain his A-class driver's license. he worked with serval concrete company. He excelled at every concrete company he worked always becoming the Driver Trainer Manager for all new drivers. While working as truck drive he also work part time with Marvin C Zanders Funeral Home of Apopka, Florida as a driver.

After working for Florida Rock, Bedrock and A1-Block all of Orlando, Florida for serval years he retired from driving trucks and continue working his true passion his first calling working with Late Marvin C. Zanders Funeral Home.

Harold sat on the Advisory Board of Adjustments in Eatonville Florida for serval years. He love to play horse shoes, loved his Orlando Magic, FSU (Florida State University) college football team and his favorite NFL football team of all time the mighty one and only Pittsburgh Steeler.

Harold - New Beginning

In 1988 Harold and His Harold Ford Sr. became the Father figure for Five children left behind after his youngest sister death. Eventually Five more kids came to live with them along with their mom. By 1992 all of his niece and nephew were under one roof until they moved out or when off to college. He was a great influence to all of them all always advising them to get a good education or college to get a good job or take a trade.

In 1992 Harold met the Mrs. Ford to be, the love of his life after begin a bachelor for over 40 years. On March 14,1992 Harold Edward Ford Jr. of Orlando, Florida and Lillie Ruth Mcknight of Eatonville, Florida were married and became one in the sight of God.

In this union we each had one son Richard Scott and Leshane McKnight. He was a great mentor to them both as well as the 14 nieces and nephews he helped guide and raised with his father, not excluding all the other nieces and

nephews he gained from his marriage. They all loved him and he loved them. Thank God for this union of 29 years.

On October 15, 2021 The Lord our God Jesus Christ escorted Harold Edward Ford, Jr. to his eternal home. His Departure is a great loss to his family and all those who knew and loved him, He will greatly missed by all.

Harold was preceded in death by his parents, Deacon Harold E. Ford, Sr. and Christine Smith Ford, two sisters Mary Edna Ford Williams and Cynthia Delores Ford Deme.

He leaves to cherish his memory his wife, Lillie Ruth Ford, of Eatonville, Florida, Two son, Richard Scott of Orlando, Florida, and Leshane A. McKnight of Eatonville, Florida. One Sister. Helen P. Ford of Orlando, Florida, One mother-in-law, Delores P. McKnight, Eatonville, Florida

Three sister-in-law's: Mildred E. Mcknight of Orlando, Florida, JoAnn P. Wilson (Levon) of Casselberry, Florida. Jocinda Phillips (Leroy) of Winter Park, Florida, Four Brother-in-Law's, Moses McKnight of August, Georgia, Clayton E. McKnight of Titusville Florida , Kenneth McKnight (Geanna) of Eatonville, Florida, Kevin L. (Tasha) of Delton, Florida, Eight Grandchildren, Sherick Brinson of Eatonville, Florida, Jakalyn McKnight of Orlando, Florida, Tahjah McKnight of Orlando, Florida Shaquetta Scott of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, Richard Scott Jr. of Orlando, Florida, Tysha Scott of Orlando, Florida, Tysheika Scott of Atlanta Georgia, Shacora Scott of Orlando, Florida, Two Great grand Daughters, Kyla Brinson of Eatonville, Florida and Kali Brinson of Eatonville, Florida Five Aunts, Mable McKnight of Eatonville Florida, Lucinda Johnson (James) of Eatonville, Florida, Lillie Mae Harvin (Norman) of Columbia, South Carolina, Ophelia Thomas of New York, New York, Juliann Montgomery of Washington, D.C One Uncle, James Pringle(Daisy) of Baltimore, Maryland

one special God Son Ryan Swann of Winter Haven, Florida, Three God Daughters, Satoris Fowler, Brianna, Tianna Fowler. And numerous of nieces, nephews, cousins with special longtime friends.

# Cemetery Details

## Eatonville Community Cemetery Association

600 South Wymore Road  
Maitland , FL 32751

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **29**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church  
400 East Columbia Avenue  
Kissimmee, FL 34744

## Visitation

OCT **30**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Marvin C. Zanders Funeral Home, Inc.  
232 W. Michael Gladden Blvd  
Apopka, FL 32703  
(407) 886-3388  
info@zandersfuneralhome.com

## Service

OCT **31**. 1:00 PM (ET)

Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church  
412 E. Kennedy Blvd.  
Eatonville, FL 32751



# Tribute Wall



“ *Harold Edward Ford, Jr.*

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October 22, 2023 at 05:49 PM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



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**Mrs. Lillie Ruth Ford** - December 06, 2021 at 06:19 PM



“ Through the years I’ve gained great respect for the man named Harold Ford. After the passing of my father, he came to me and stated, “Miss Zanders, I will serve you, just like I served Mr. Zanders”. He stayed true to that saying all the way until the very end. I will miss the small things such as his talking a lot and countless stories (I can’t believe I’m saying that...LOL), or the road trips where he’s wondering who was paying (LOL) or the simple gentlemanly gestures such as the opening of the doors, making sure I was safe..”Saying his wife would get him if I wasn’t” safe, on down to his refusal to have me pump gas while he was present and my own personal chauffeur. Harold may have been tall in stature, but he was also a “Giant of a Man” in both character and heart. Rest In Peace my dear friend, Rest In Peace! I love you and you are forever in my heart! Rest well Harold Edward Ford, Jr. Gone but never forgotten! Helen R. Zanders



Helen R Zanders - November 02, 2021 at 10:18 PM

PD

He served and loved: (1) Our Heavenly Father (2) His Family (3) The Zanders Funeral Home Staff (4) The Greater Central of Florida Community. May this 'Mighty Gentleman Of Valour' Harold E. Ford, IRest In Peace, Eternally.

Pastor Denese Dunston - June 15, 2022 at 02:11 PM

PP

“ I am sending sincere condolences and prayers to my cousin Ruth and family. Harold was such an inspiration and cheerful person. He was loved by all the family. He was more of a Cousin than a Cousin in Law.! Whenever we saw Ruth he was always there by her side supporting her in whatever she was involved in with her family. He was my political partner. We always could talk politics!! We will miss Harold and pray the Lord provide comfort and peace to the family!!  
With all our Love,  
Patricia Pringle  
Clarendon County Auditor, SC  
and the Pringle Family

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Patricia Pringle - October 31, 2021 at 11:55 AM

PP

“ Patricia Pringle lit a candle in memory of Harold Edward Ford, Jr.



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Patricia Pringle - October 31, 2021 at 11:46 AM

PF

“ Porter Family lit a candle in memory of Harold Edward Ford, Jr.



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Porter Family - October 31, 2021 at 01:06 AM

TC

“ I met Harold Ford about a year ago, and the rest is history. He became my motivation to work for and with Zanders FH, as I type I'm teary-eyed because he was such a jewel. Mr. Ford and I laughed together, shared secrets and just had fun in such a short time. I'll never forget what he told me when I open my own funeral home. Harold you are missed so very much, I feel so empty, void without you being in the building acting like you're all that and a bag of chips!!! Love you for life, I can't even explain the hurt. Rest my friend

Timothy L Cole - October 30, 2021 at 07:26 PM

AT

“ Angela Thompson lit a candle in memory of Harold Edward Ford, Jr.



Angela Thompson - October 30, 2021 at 04:35 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Harold Edward Ford, Jr..



October 30, 2021 at 01:57 PM

DH

“ Dianetra Hill lit a candle in memory of Harold Edward Ford, Jr.



Dianetra Hill - October 30, 2021 at 08:24 AM

GI

“ God's Church of Deliverance Inter. purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Harold Edward Ford, Jr..



God's Church of Deliverance Inter. - October 29, 2021 at 10:11 PM

RH

“ Renay Harris lit a candle in memory of Harold Edward Ford, Jr.



Renay Harris - October 28, 2021 at 12:15 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Harold Edward Ford, Jr..



October 27, 2021 at 05:19 PM

SW

“ Sandra J Ward lit a candle in memory of Harold Edward Ford, Jr.



Sandra J Ward - October 27, 2021 at 12:23 PM

PH

*There are no Words to express our sincerest sympathy to the Ford Family,our prayers are with you,Harold was always a light in a dark moment for the families he assisted in Kissimmee, well respected and truly loved for his kindness and gentle spirit,Weeping will endure for a night but know as you began to remember him in so many ways your joy will come,continued prayers,goodnight brother Harold,we will see you again*

*Pastor Nina Glee Hill*

Pastor Nina Glee Hill - October 27, 2021 at 07:35 PM

KJ

*I SIT HERE LOST FOR WORDS I HAVE HAD THE BLESSINGS TO BE ABLE TO WORK WITH THIS YOUNG MAN FOR YEARS AND FOR HIM TO PASS ON HIS KNOWLEDGE THAT WAS A INSPIRATION TO ME AND MY JONES AND SMITH FAMILY HE HAS BROUGHT US THROUGH SO MANY HEART ACHES AND PAIN THE CONFRONT THIS IS A VERY HARD PILL TO SWALLOW FOR ME MY TEARS ARE SO STRONG HURT MR HAROLD WE LOVE YOU AND WE ARE GOING TO MISS U WITH THE MR MARVIN ZANDER CREW LORD PLEASE TOUCH HIS FAMILY FROM OUR KISSIMMEE FAMILY AND HELEN ZANDER WE LOVE YOU AND SENDING OUR CONDOLENCE TO U AND THE FORD FAMILY*

karl Jones - October 28, 2021 at 07:56 AM

AK

*My condolences to the Ford family*

ann kingdom-howard - October 29, 2021 at 09:57 PM

MH

“ *Family, Mr. Ford was a visual image of Zander Funeral Services; For he hanhle the floral arrangements with loving care, and assisted grieving love ones with compassion beyond measures. Many heart felt condolences to all of you.*



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**Mary H.** - October 25, 2021 at 01:40 PM

EC

“ *Eziepher Coleman lit a candle in memory of Harold Edward Ford, Jr.*



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**Eziepher Coleman** - October 25, 2021 at 01:36 PM

BT

“ *Our condolences to the family. May God comfort you all in this time of need. RIH Iceberg. You will be missed but never forgotten.*



*Edmund & Barbara Taylor  
Syracuse, NY*

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**Barbara Taylor** - October 24, 2021 at 01:02 AM

MP

“ *Harold, my brother and co-worker. Oh how we miss you. You were so much to so many and I thank you for loving John and I. We love you Ruth. Praying for the family.* ”



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**Mikki Powell** - October 23, 2021 at 01:07 PM

BA

“ *Brenda Anderson lit a candle in memory of Harold Edward Ford, Jr.* ”



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**Brenda Anderson** - October 22, 2021 at 05:23 AM

B.

“ We, former Ladies Attendants of BRUTON'S FUNERAL HOME, extend our deepest Condolences and love to the family of Mr. Harold E. "Gent" Fords, Jr. along with the Staff of MARVIN C. ZANDERS FUNERAL HOME during the loss of their Beloved and dedicated Worker who exemplified values of the Funeral Industry not only on the Job but through his involvement the Communities he work and served.

May you find solace peace of God. Believing that the Almighty only takes the best for HIS ETERNAL GARDEN for rest. GOD'S grace , love and blessings to the Family and Staff of MARVIN C. ZANDERS FUNERAL HOME at this moment is our sincere Prayer.

Ms. Lou Alyce Dean, Ms. Bertha Marayne and Ms. Elowes Turner(Former Ladies Attendants)

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**B.MARAYNE** - October 21, 2021 at 08:53 PM

EM

“ To the Family. I like others share your sadness due to the Going Home of your Loved one. Upon hearing of his passing I temporarily went mute. It was not long ago we communicated with each other ad shared old time stories about our upbringing and friendship. Please accept my sincere and heartfelt sympathy. Eddie Lee Marayne



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**Eddie Lee Marayne** - October 21, 2021 at 05:51 PM

KJ

“ *Karen Jones lit a candle in memory of Harold Edward Ford, Jr.*



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**Karen Jones** - October 21, 2021 at 02:38 PM

AR

“ *Angela Rentz lit a candle in memory of Harold Edward Ford, Jr.*



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**Angela Rentz** - October 20, 2021 at 07:23 AM

CJ

“ *Cynthia Jackson lit a candle in memory of Harold Edward Ford, Jr.*



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**Cynthia Jackson** - October 20, 2021 at 04:20 AM

OW

“ *Mr. Ford you were a True Friend to Adrienne and I. Sending our condolences to Mrs. Ruth and Family.*

*Adrienne and Omar*



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**Omar Williams** - October 19, 2021 at 08:19 PM

PN

“ Pam Newsome lit a candle in memory of Harold " Iceberg" E. Ford Jr.



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**Pam Newsome** - October 19, 2021 at 07:35 PM

TD

“ Terric & Candace Durden lit a candle in memory of Harold ( Iceberg ) E. Ford Jr.



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**Terric Durden** - October 19, 2021 at 08:38 AM

AC

“ Annie Coleman sent a virtual gift in memory of Harold Edward Ford, Jr.



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**Annie Coleman** - October 19, 2021 at 01:23 AM

PN

“ So sadden to hear of the passing of Mr. Ford. My condolences. I will always remember his style and flair. I pray you will find peace in the memories of his character.

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**Patricia NiBlack** - October 18, 2021 at 08:17 PM



“ *Carlidernett Davis lit a candle in memory of Harold Edward Ford, Jr.*

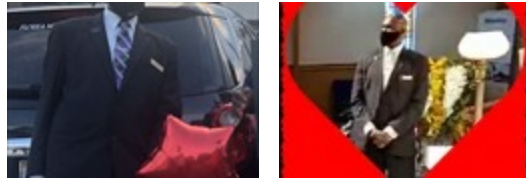


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**Carlidernett Davis** - October 18, 2021 at 08:14 PM



“ *Harold, you will be truly missed! 💕  
Love you!  
Carlidernett  
#Zandersstrong#*



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**Carlidernett Davis** - October 18, 2021 at 08:14 PM



“ *The Newsome Family lit a candle in memory of Harold E. Ford Jr.*



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**Dot Newsome** - October 18, 2021 at 06:13 PM

AL

“ Praying for the entire Ford, Zander's and McKnight family. I've been knowing Mr.Ford all my life living in Eatonville and he has always been such a nice person to me and my family. I'm going to miss him and Max riding down the street in his truck, my prayers go out to his children , grandchildren and his love wife Ms.Ruth



Adrian Leary - October 18, 2021 at 11:44 AM

GB

“ Mr.Harold was such a gentleman his love for people was so amazing he was such a joy to be around the Zanders staff have suffered a great lose but heaven has gained a new attendance now remember the good times that was shared by him I'm surely going to miss him remember the good time that was shared by him especially that smile when he hadn't seen you for awhile rest well Mr.Ford safe in the arms of Jesus?💕💕



Gussie L Baker - October 18, 2021 at 10:46 AM

CK

Praying for the entire Ford family you have my deepest condolences



Cory Kendrick - October 18, 2021 at 08:51 PM



“ Lois Morss lit a candle in memory of Harold Edward Ford, Jr.



Lois Morss - October 18, 2021 at 10:05 AM

WC

“ *Willie Coleman-smith lit a candle in memory of Harold Edward Ford, Jr.*



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**willie coleman-smith** - October 18, 2021 at 10:01 AM

DC

“ *Praying for the entire Ford and Zanders Family during this very difficult time. Deacon Charlie & Diane Coleman.*



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**Diane Coleman** - October 18, 2021 at 08:54 AM