



## Gerald "Baby Gerald" Ford

November 27, 1938 - July 17, 2015

Gerald G. Ford, was born on November 27, 1938 in Homestead, Pennsylvania. He was the oldest of 7 children from the union of Jean and Gerald A. Ford. "Baby Gerald" or "Babe", as he was forever called by family and friends alike, and his siblings were raised in the then extremely closeknit community of Homestead in the midst of dozens of cousins, aunts, uncles, and childhood friends whose bond would last a lifetime. Gerald was educated in the Homestead Public School System and a graduate of Homestead Senior High School where he excelled in football. While still in High School he went to work for K&E Automotive and maintained a relationship with them over the years. He was united in marriage to Delores (Petey) Phenizy. Gerald, with his strong work ethic and never a stranger to hard work philosophy, worked his entire life. Over the course of his working career he was employed in the steel industry working at United States Steel's Edgar Thompson plant. From there he gained employment at the new Volkswagon Plant. For a time he relocated to the west coast, but returned to his Homestead roots in 2000. He continued to work until retirement and kept busy jitneying, bowling, and playing golf. He was a member of the Garden City Methodist Men's Golf League. Gerald loved wearing his straw hats especially when golfing, and he loved his large family. In October 2005 he was united in marriage to Rita Hudgins and they resided in West Mifflin until his passing on July 17, 2015.

He is preceded in death by parents, Jean and Gerald A. Ford; siblings: Gerliss Ford, and Keith Ford; and daughter, Michelle Ford.

He leaves to cherish his memory devoted wife, Rita Hudgins Ford; children: Gerald (Trish) Ford, Amanda Jean Ford, Delores (Eric) McGuire, Sonya E. Ford, Jerome J. Ford, Iris Scruggs, Garrett A. Ford, Andre L. Ford, and stepson, Charles Tierce; 26 grandchildren; 16 great grandchildren; 4 siblings: Arthurlene Phenizy, Edward Ford, Drew Ford, and Drusilla Ford Irvis, nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends too numerous to mention.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL **27.** 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Tunie Funeral Home, Inc.  
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Homestead, PA 15120  
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## Service

JUL **28.** 11:00 AM (ET)

Second Baptist Church  
108 W 12th Avenue  
Homestead, PA

# Tribute Wall



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January 29, 2023 at 12:45 PM



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January 29, 2023 at 10:10 AM