



## Jean Billie Ford

September 30, 1916 - September 23, 2013

Jean Mae Freeman (Billie) was born on September 30, 1916 in Pittsburgh, PA. She was one of two daughters from the union of the late Ethel Baker and Eugene Freeman. After her mother's untimely death, she and her sister moved to Homestead and were raised by their maternal grandmother, Mamie Campbell. She attended and was a graduate of Homestead High School. In her early teens, she joined Second Baptist Church and served under every pastor of Second Baptist Church from the late Rev. J.D. Morton to the incumbent, The Rev. Donald P. Turner. Jean was a faithful steward up until her health failed and most notably, was the pianist for the well known Cross Bearers Choir. Jean worked as a housekeeper for a short time before uniting in marriage to Gerald A. Ford in a union that would last for over 60 years and produce 9 children. Her time was spent raising her family and she only occasionally worked outside of the home helping her husband with his janitorial duties of his job. With such a large family Jean's sewing skill was put to good use. She made most of her children's clothes and sewed for other family members and friends. She was a skillful quilter as well and she loved to share all of her handiwork. She was never idle; cooking, baking, canning, or working in her garden and her homemade root beer was a favorite of her children and all those in the neighborhood.

Above all, she lived a Christ centered life and on September 23, 2013, one week short of her 97th birthday, the Lord called Jean Mae Ford home. She is preceded in death by her husband, Gerald A. Ford; sons: Arthur, Bert William,

and Keith; daughters, GERALISS (Lady) THOMPSON; and sister, Doris (Dodie) Strothers.

She leaves to cherish her memory her children: Gerald (Rita) Ford; Arthurlene Phenizy; Edward Ford; Drew Ford and Drusilla Ford Irvis; 23 grandchildren; 56 great-grandchildren, 52 great great grandchildren; nieces and nephews; great nieces, and great nephews; 2 sisters-in-law; Geraldine Ford and Carletta Williams and good friends to numerous to mention.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **29**. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

SEP **30**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Second Baptist Church  
108 W 12th Avenue  
Homestead, PA

# Tribute Wall



“ *Jean Billie Ford*

January 29, 2023 at 12:45 PM



“ *Jean Billie Ford*

January 29, 2023 at 10:10 AM



“ *Please accept my sincere condolences for your loss. Death is the enemy of all mankind, yet when it touches us personally, few find the comfort they search for. The doctrines that are taught concerning death find their origins from men and not the Bible. As a result, they fail to leave those who are grieving with comfort or a hope. They do however, leave many with unanswered questions. The response that "God works in mysterious ways" or that "God needed another angel", does not satisfy the spiritual needs of those who are grieving. However, many have found comfort in the pages of God's word the Bible (2 Corinthians 1:3, 4). In God's word we find the promise that we can be reunited with our loved ones (John 5:28,29; Acts 24:15). The Bible tells us where this happy reunion will take place (Psalm 37: 11, 29; Matthew 5:5). We are told why we die (Genesis 3:17-19; Romans 5:12), and that the God of the Bible will end death forever (Isaiah 25:8; Revelation 21:3,4). Learning the truth about Jehovah, the God of the Bible (Psalm 83:18), God's Kingdom (Daniel 2:44), and the state of those who have died (Ecclesiastes 9:5), is the start to finding true comfort concerning loved ones who are sleeping in death (John 11:11-14; John 8:32. It is of vital importance to learn what the Bible really teaches concerning death. For more information please visit the website [jw.org](http://jw.org).*

A Friend - March 03, 2014 at 01:16 AM

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“ *I will never forget her laughter as a child. Now she is smiling in heaven. God Bless the Ford & Freeman Family.*

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**maureen waller** - January 23, 2014 at 10:18 PM