



Marcus Raphael Ford

February 20, 1970 - July 1, 2023

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Celebration of Life

JUL 16. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

MW

“ I knew Marcus from our time in our high school band and our soccer team. I would be lying if I said we were good friends, but we were friendly and he probably had a much bigger impact on me than I could imagine having on him.

Rarely is anything easy in life -- even if appears as such to those on the outside looking in. Even so, Marcus made a lot of things look easy when we were kids. I remember him as friendly, kind, joyful, playful, and creative.

Marcus might have been the most talented soccer player on our team. He inspired me to compete with him in practice. Whether it was running laps or scrimmages, whenever I could (occasionally, at best) I could present some competition for him, it was a highlight of my day--even if I kept that private. It was never a negative thing--he was gracious and encouraging to others.

When my dad found out he was expecting another son--when I was 16--he broached the topic of names for the boy. I offered up Marcus, largely due to what I thought of Marcus Ford.

My youngest brother Marcus grew up in Colorado, took me flying as the pilot of the plane on his 18th birthday, taught high school calculus at South Atlanta high school for a time, and eventually earned his PhD. There's a lot about him that is representing the name of the young man I knew in high school.

I hope Marcus's relationships with others during the rest of his life beyond high school were at least as joyful and inspiring. I'll always remember Marcus fondly. Rest in peace and love and blessings to his family.

Matt Waldman - July 27, 2023 at 02:00 PM

CA

“ Marcus was a kind person who was a friend to everyone. He was smart and had a smile that could light up a room. I have very good memories of Marcus in high school. RIP and God Speed.

Cappi Arneson - July 26, 2023 at 08:59 PM

CB

“ I spent 5 years sitting next to Marcus during Band practices, rode the bus to football games, and other activities; my fondest memory is that Marcus and I were always hungry before the end of band practice at around 12:15am Our lunch period was from 12:15-1:00pm and there was a strict rule of no eating during band practice. So, being trumpet players and located on the back row and above the floor level, we could eat of lunches one bite at a time and in-between starts and stops and hope that the band director didn't catch us. I think I got caught more than Marcus, but always laughed about.

Marcus was my friend in high school, he had the funniest sense of humor, he was always messing around and had everyone laughing. I miss his smile and friendship. Bottom line: he is a great human being that is surely missed. God bless you Marcus and your family!

Chris Byler - July 26, 2023 at 03:54 PM

JM

“ Marcus was a great friend, classmate and teammate. His positive and jovial attitude was contagious and uplifted everyone around him. RIP ole buddy.

Jeff Mixon - July 26, 2023 at 02:54 PM

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“ *Marcus Raphael Ford was one of 80+ trailblazers that were the first to integrate Henderson High School of Chamblee, Georgia in 1984. He was in the band, played baseball, and soccer for the school. He was voted best dressed male our senior year c/o 1988. He was one of the smartest guys in our class and always said he wanted to be an attorney; and there was no doubt because he had what it took. He made an impression with everyone he met. Thanks to his mother, Alma Ford who loved him beyond words, and her firm guidance, Marcus was best dressed from the inside, out. He was not only smart, he was kind, empathetic, peaceful, keen, insightful, and loved life. He never met a person that he couldn't converse with and appreciate. He was a true friend to his friends. His presence in this world will be missed.*

Tracy Hagler (Grimes) - July 26, 2023 at 01:20 PM

TG

“ *Our hearts and prayers are with your family. Our condolences, Dorothy & Kelvin Ford, Pat Parkman, Mary Belton, & Theresa Gilstrap*

Theresa Gilstrap - July 16, 2023 at 09:58 PM

EJ

“ *Will continue to lift my family members up in prayer daily, this is a difficult time. Ella Johnson and family members.*



Ella Johnson - July 14, 2023 at 03:56 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Marcus Raphael Ford.

July 14, 2023 at 08:49 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Marcus Raphael Ford.



July 14, 2023 at 08:49 AM



“ The news of Marcus passing has greatly saddened the hearts of us all here at Clorox. I am speaking on behalf of Process and his team members of C shift that truly enjoyed working with Marcus over the years. Beyond a co-worker, Marcus has always been a good friend to us all. Our hearts go out to the family, Marcus will be deeply missed.



Jeffrey Ragsdale - July 12, 2023 at 08:58 PM



Picture was taken June 23, 2023

Jeff Ragsdale - July 12, 2023 at 09:06 PM

LD

I am deeply saddened by the passing of Marcus. Clorox has lost a fine team member and friend to many. Marcus always seemed cheerful and brought a ray of sunshine to me and many others. His positive attitude will be gratefully missed.

*Larry Durand
Process Lead/ Resource
Clorox
Atlanta Main*

Larry Durand - July 14, 2023 at 09:42 AM

MG

With our deepest condolences to the Ford family and those closest to Marcus. He'll always remain in our hearts."

Signed,

*Your Brothers of Sigma Delta of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity,
Incorporated forever. 🤝👊*

Maurice Gardner - July 14, 2023 at 02:41 PM

DC

Marcus's family has my deepest condolence. He was truly a great person. Going to miss giving you daps every time we seen each other. Rest in peace and fly high my brother.....

Derick Chapman - July 15, 2023 at 02:47 PM

OW

I give my deepest condolences to Marcus family most of all his Mother!!!! Marcus and myself (Orlando) was one of my closest friend which I can say My Best Friend!!! I'm so sorry to be informed of Marcus passing late. But I will never forget our bond and the Blessing of being friends.. I will continue to still love and cherish our time together... My God be with Your Mother and your Wife and kids..

Orlando Williams - July 16, 2023 at 09:53 PM

BA

“ I am so saddened by this news. Alma poured her all in to her baby boy. Marcus family is nothing but love and joy. I can't imagine what they must be going thru. Marcus was always filled with smiles and joy. And I'm praying for his family during this time and trust God to guide them.

God bless you all
Barkue

barkue - July 12, 2023 at 10:26 AM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Marcus Raphael Ford.



July 12, 2023 at 10:22 AM

EB

“ Some of my favorite high school memories are of the days when Marcus and my brother played basketball together. We share many great memories together. I'm truly saddened by this news. 💜

Eumika Body-Griffin - July 12, 2023 at 09:01 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Marcus Raphael Ford.

July 10, 2023 at 06:16 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Marcus Raphael Ford.*



July 10, 2023 at 06:16 PM



“ *I remember Marcus from high school. He played soccer and played trumpet in the band. Although we didn't always run in the same circles we we knew each other cause he played in the band and I football and him being a year behind Marcus was a cool individual.*

Vinson Brown - July 08, 2023 at 06:34 PM