



## Michael Hurse Ford

August 3, 1957 - April 21, 2020

Michael Hurse Ford was born on August 3, 1957 in Milledgeville, Georgia to Helen M. Ford and the late Mal. E. Ford. At an early age, his family relocated to Queens, NY. While growing up, Michael attended P.S. 140, I.S. 8, and Andrew Jackson High School. While attending I.S. 8 and Andrew Jackson High School, Michael was active in basketball. He loved the game. At Andrew Jackson, Michael was under the coaching and tutelage of the late Coach Chuck Granby who was an inspiration in his life.

As an adult Michael believed in giving back to the community with his time and guidance. He was a coach and mentor in the New York City Police Athletic League (PAL) program and he genuinely loved his role. He loved the kids and wanted to help guide them in the right direction. In New York Michael was employed with and retired from TWA. In the early 90's, Michael relocated to Stone Mountain, GA to be with his family. While in Georgia, Mike found a career in Federal Armed Security. His last employment was with Paragon Systems of Atlanta, GA. Michael also became active in a YMCA athletic program for youth and looked forward to coaching and mentoring the kids.

Michael was a good friend to many. He was known for his smile and his kind spirit. He could find the good in people and was always willing to lend a helping hand. He enjoyed grilling and was dubbed the grillmaster at home and friends' barbecues. Michael was blessed with a daughter Shameika M. Ford

from his union with Ruby D. Johnson. The love and pride he had for his daughter was immeasurable.

On April 20, 2020 our heavenly Father called Michael home. He leaves to cherish his memory his daughter Shameika M. Ford, his mother Helen M. Ford, two sisters, Gladys Ford and Connie Ford, two nephews Bobby Brown, Jr. (Elaine), and Harry Ford, Jr., four nieces Shelia Hart, Wanda Brown, Denise Vincent (Reginald), and Melody Ford as well as a host of loving relatives and friends (Southside!). Michael is preceded in death by three siblings: Melvin Ford, Harry Ford, Sr., and Evelyn Ford.

Michael will always be remembered as a loving son, dad, uncle, brother and friend. We love you my precious brother.

A live stream link will be available later for the memorial service to be held on Monday, April 27, 2020 at 1:00 PM.

Please visit [www.levettfuneralhome.com](http://www.levettfuneralhome.com) for more information and to express condolences. Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Homes-SOUTH DEKALB CHAPEL (404)241-5656

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

APR 27. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

South DeKalb Chapel  
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# Tribute Wall



“ Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Homes & Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Michael Hurse Ford



Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Homes & Crematory, Inc. - April 22, 2020 at 07:17 PM

AA

*I worked in the Atlanta SSA office with Officer Ford. He was such a kind man and I have great memories of him. My heart goes out to his family; a good man is now gone way too soon.*

Amy Avery - April 23, 2020 at 06:47 PM

SF

*Thank you Amy!*

Shameika Ford - April 23, 2020 at 07:59 PM

JM

*Mike use to work with my husband at Paragon, he was a really nice guy. He use to bartend for us when we had parties. Mike will be truly missed by the Myers family. RIP Mike. Our condolences to the Ford family.*

Jamie Myers - April 26, 2020 at 05:03 PM

LG

*My dear brother who for many years growing up together on Union Hall Street hanging on the stoop with other childhood friends, including his sister Connie, will surely be missed by many family and friends. We attended the same schools together at P.S.140 and I.S.8 where memories of running the playground will never be forgotten. Our second home on the basketball court at P.S.40 was a daily routine for Mike, Junie, Anthony, Vernon and his brother "Doc" Darryl, myself and another brother gone too soon Craig Johnson. Those were the days where we thought playing hoop was the only thing that mattered as we grew up together. My heartfelt prayers go out to the Ford family and I'm positive Mike left a dynamic impression on all your lives. Stay Blessed and always remember Mike is still and will always be a never ending part of all your hearts.*

Lee Graves - April 27, 2020 at 06:54 AM

RG



Randall L. Graves - April 27, 2020 at 09:03 AM



*SIP Mike gonna miss you my Brother* ❤️

Basil Cadogan - April 27, 2020 at 02:03 PM

TF

“ *My sympathy & prayers go out to the Ford family, may God continue to uplift you during this sad time of sorrow.*

*Love Taffie & Olivia*

taffie fillingame - April 27, 2020 at 05:51 PM

ML

“ I’m still at a loss of words...I met Big Mike as many called him almost 18 years ago along with mama Helen and sister Connie. I knew Shameika but didn’t know that they were her family until a few years later. I use to fill his prescriptions and when he would come pick them up he would sometimes bring me lunch. He said he was just making sure I had lunch. He was always smiling and always so jolly! I’m praying for you Ford family and Meika thanks for sharing your daddy❤️

Monica Lee - April 27, 2020 at 03:14 PM

MH

“ My heartfelt prayers are with the family. I'll always remember Mr. Ford's smile and loving demeanor. Praying for peace and comfort and that God will cover you all with his mercy and love during this difficult time.

Mary Hinton - April 27, 2020 at 01:48 PM

RJ

“ Ruby D Johnson lit a candle in memory of Michael Hurse Ford



Ruby D Johnson - April 27, 2020 at 01:45 PM

RJ

“ Ruby D Johnson sent a virtual gift in memory of Michael Hurse Ford



Ruby D Johnson - April 27, 2020 at 01:45 PM

RJ

“ *Ruby D Johnson lit a candle in memory of Michael Hurse Ford*



**Ruby D Johnson** - April 27, 2020 at 01:44 PM

JG

“ *Shameika - I know how much you loved your father. Continue to make him proud. Love you lots...you and your family are always in my prayers. I will continue to ask God for strength and understanding. RIP Mr. Mike...you will be missed.*

**Jai Gilyard** - April 27, 2020 at 01:14 PM



“ *I have so many memories. One that stays with me is his love for the Lord. He often testified at church about how God was lifting him in spirit and life. Big Mike told me that know matter what he would always find himself back with God. I know he is with Him now. So much love in this man. I will miss him.*

**Melissa Stripling** - April 27, 2020 at 01:00 PM

IL

“ *Praying for the family right now, for I know how hard this can be. Please dear God, put your loving arms around Shameika and her family right now. Give them peace and understanding. Please God allow them to feel the pouring out of love that is coming their way. Much love and hugs to the family. I'm so sorry I can't be there in person today. - Illya*

**Illya** - April 27, 2020 at 12:50 PM

BL

“ Sorry for the lost of a friend. He was a guy that never meet a stranger who will be truly missed my prayers go out to the family.



bernard lewis - April 27, 2020 at 11:55 AM

TD

“ My sincere condolences to the Ford family for their recent losses. I am a long time, and very dear friend of Mike’s sister, Connie. I knew Mike from visiting Connie, but it was after Connie invited me to Mike’s 50th Birthday celebration, that I really got to know Mike. I’m not surprised that nearly every message speaks to what a nice person Mike was. I was glad to have known him.

Tracy Douglas - April 27, 2020 at 11:32 AM

TS

Big Mike sorry to hear about your passing. I pray you are at Peace. May God bless your soul. Blessings to Connie and your daughter, mom. Peace Mike!!! Tyrone Sams

Tyrone Sams - April 27, 2020 at 01:32 PM

RO

“ Micheal was the big brother that I never had, always had a joke and a smile. He will be missed by so many that loved him but, God loves him more. My prayers are with the Ford’s at this time that they will find peace, strength and understanding. Michael leaves many wonderful memories to hold to. God knows best 🙏

Rosalind - April 27, 2020 at 10:42 AM

SE

“ Hello to the Ford family my condolences to all of you.

Shirley Edwards - April 27, 2020 at 10:38 AM

ST

“ This is Deacon Sharell from Global Leadership Christian Center. I remember Michael, Big Mike, as being a Gentle Giant. When he came to church he was always helpful and kind. He would never let me walk by without a hug or compliment. We will miss Big Mike! Rest in Heaven my friend!

Sharell Thomas - April 27, 2020 at 10:07 AM

TT

“ Michael Ford you will be truly missed! Always so nice! Me, Olivia, You & Hassan had a lot of laughs. SIP my New York friend! New York Forever! Taren Taylor

Taren Taylor - April 27, 2020 at 08:52 AM

OC

I truly miss his beautiful spirit and his kindness that he showed to me rest in peace

Olivia b curry - April 27, 2020 at 09:42 AM

ST

Mike and I shared the same birthday. Sleep in peace my Leo brother and NY homie! May God bless the Ford family and give you strength, peace and love. Sabrina Thomas

Sabrina Thomas - April 27, 2020 at 01:05 PM



My condolences to the Ford family SIP My Brother ❤️

Basil Cadogan - April 27, 2020 at 02:00 PM

RG

“ Always my "little" bruh, until he got bigger! 🤔💖🙏

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**Randall L. Graves** - April 27, 2020 at 08:49 AM

MW

“ Sending my love and condolences to the Ford family. Praying for your peace, healing, and strength during this time of loss. Rest in Heaven Mr. Ford we will miss you.

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**Monica Wood** - April 27, 2020 at 08:35 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Michael Hurse Ford.



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April 26, 2020 at 06:29 PM

MF

“ Mike and I just spoke last week he never gave any idea that anything was wrong. I knew Mike from Far Rockaway we used to hang out at the park Beach 17th street. Mike was one of the nicest brothers I ever met. I knew Gladys and Gwenn very well I have a lot of fond memories of Mike love you my brother!

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**Michael Fields** - April 26, 2020 at 04:06 PM

PE

“ On behalf of my family and I, we would like to extend our deepest sympathy to Ford’s family and friends. Our thoughts and hearts are with you. My family and I have over forty years of Old School South Side Jamaica memories of Ford, and it’s all good. Ford was a good friend indeed and I must say that he was a confidant. Shout out to Facebook and the IS8 Basketball Legends site that we were able to connect with each other on daily basis and share and enjoy our lives in visual. Ford will be missed, dearly. RIP, Ford 🌸 May your Lord be pleased with your soul. Light and Love, my friend ❤️ Sincerely, with all of our hearts. The Edwards Family ❤️

Phyllis Edwards - April 26, 2020 at 03:42 PM

EF

“ We are saddened to learn about your family loss. God assures us that he is thinking of peace towards us to give us a future and a hope. Truly sorry for your loss.

Evans family - April 26, 2020 at 09:27 AM

EG

“ Emily Gonzalez purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Michael Hurse Ford.



Emily Gonzalez - April 25, 2020 at 06:13 PM

MH

“ I called the home often and Mike always picked up with a gracious hello Mother Hall. It use to bother me because I thought I would be disturbing him to speak to his Mom, Helen my Sister Friend. When I stated that he would say, no problem, I'll get her or give her the message you called. When I first saw him, i said to myself, He's a big man, but a gentle man of strength. He will be missed, even though I didn't know him long.

Mary Hall - April 25, 2020 at 06:06 PM

DK

I am saddened by the loss of my dear friend and brother. Mike and I have been friends for fifty years.He is such a big part of my life.It was such a painful jolt to my heart when my sister for life ,Connie told me the news.I simply could not believe it. There are events in my life that I shared with him that no one else can relate to.I am going to miss his spirit.Mike always had a smile on his face and joy to give.Peace and blessings forever Scooby Doo. Your southside brother, Muskrat (Daanaa Kenyatta.Love your Ford.❤️🖤💚🙌🏾🙏🏾💪!!!!

Daanaa (muskrat) Kenyatta - April 25, 2020 at 10:13 PM

SM

Today March 1, 2021. I was looking through so pictures and I ran across pictures of a special dear friend and client I cared for for 7 years later moved him into my home until he passed. It was Michael's uncle, his mother Helen Ford brother Roger Hurse. At that time I met Michael and Connie. It truly sadden to know he has passed. But know that the victory is won. Connie would love to here from you. My email nurseshirley7777@gmail.com. My deepest sympathies and condolences to you and the family.

Shirley McSwain - March 01, 2021 at 01:21 AM

VR

“ Verne (Danie) Fleming RIP purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Michael Hurse Ford.



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**Verne (Danie) Fleming RIP** - April 25, 2020 at 05:12 PM

TR

“ Tommy And Michelle Reese sent a virtual gift in memory of Michael Hurse Ford



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**Tommy and Michelle Reese** - April 25, 2020 at 05:07 PM

KG

“ Helen and family,  
Our hearts and prayers are with you all now and always.

All our Love,

Mary Bailey Stroud and family

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**Katie Bailey Glenn** - April 25, 2020 at 04:42 PM

KG

“ Helen and family,  
Sending our most sincere condolences to you all. May God's love strengthen and keep you now and always.

Love, Katie Bailey Glenn and family

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**Katie Bailey Glenn** - April 25, 2020 at 04:36 PM

AA

“ April Ard sent a virtual gift in memory of Michael Hurse Ford



April Ard - April 25, 2020 at 01:51 PM

AA

My buddy partner you will be missed we shared lot's of memories together while working at the Social Security office, Gone but never forgotten! Prayers for your family!

April Ard - April 25, 2020 at 01:53 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Michael Hurse Ford.



April 25, 2020 at 11:07 AM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Michael Hurse Ford.



April 25, 2020 at 10:33 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Michael Hurse Ford.*



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April 24, 2020 at 06:32 PM



“ *To big Mike-You will always have a special place in my heart. Long lasting memories, of your smile and jokes. Gone to soon Love JEAN from N. Y.*

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**Regina Glover** - April 24, 2020 at 05:28 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Michael Hurse Ford.*



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April 24, 2020 at 01:47 PM



“ *I met Mike in High school he was always the coolest laid back cat and always was cool with his sayings. I remember the first time he saw me on stage at Andrew Jackson where we both attended he couldn't believe the talent i had at such a young age. Im gonna miss his coolness and his laugh. RIP Mike im still shocked that ur gone u and i was sending videos back and 4th to each other my last one i sent to u was Monday. Once again RIP*



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**Ed Rock FUNKIESTGUITARIST** - April 24, 2020 at 09:31 AM

ES

“ Always had a pleasant spirit to witness and nice smile that would brighten up your day !! You will always be in my heart... Mr.Mike 😊

Erica Scott - April 24, 2020 at 07:59 AM

CA

My Big Mike, with a SMILE That was sooo Infectious it would be hard to stay upset with him. And above all he was my #1 guy to go to for advice, and Back in the day reminisces...MISSING U already, Always will be in my Heart!!! My Condolences to the Family Please look to GOD for Strength during this time, We were just on the Phone saying how he missed his SIS Ms Gladis...Never new the last time would be the last time....

Charlene L Armstrong - April 24, 2020 at 02:40 PM

PA

“ I will remember Mr. Mike as a friendly guy who showed face at surprising times. He will be missed!

Paige - April 24, 2020 at 07:54 AM

GD

“ Earth has no sorrow that heaven cannot heal. To be absent from the body is to be present with the lord. Please know that I am praying for you and your family. I know your pain. God got you.

Gwendolyn Devereux - April 24, 2020 at 07:08 AM

RY

“ *Shamelka, Aunt Helen, Connie & Family,  
May the Peace of God be with you at this time  
for lost of Michael ( Mike). May the life he lived  
continue to speak for him. My prayers will continue to be with you.  
Reba & Family 🙏💕  
Sharing in Love.  
continue to be with the family*

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**Reba Young** - April 24, 2020 at 12:43 AM

VH

“ *My deepest condolences go out to Big Mike's family. From Lisa and  
Frankie Harris.*

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**Valecia Harris** - April 24, 2020 at 12:13 AM

EF

“ *We can't begin to imagine what you are feeling, but please let us  
share our heartfelt condolences. In times of distress we need  
comfort that soothes our hearts. May the peace of God guard your  
hearts. With caring thoughts.*

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**Evans family** - April 23, 2020 at 07:02 PM

TC

“ *Michael Ford (Ford is what we called him) was a good person. He was our guard at the Social Security office downtown Atlanta. When I first moved out here from out west. He was fun, kind and full of life. With his NY swag it was fun to talk to him because my then boyfriend now husband is from Brooklyn, so we had fun going back and forth about east coast and west coast. I enjoyed his presence and we (the office) missed him when he was transferred to another agency. I ran into him again at the Sam Nun building and this is just unbelievable that he is now gone! To his daughter and his family, I am so sorry for your loss. Such a good loving person and he will be truly missed!*



Tara Curry

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**Tara Curry** - April 23, 2020 at 06:06 PM

SF

*Thank you Tara!!*

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**Shameika Ford** - April 23, 2020 at 06:15 PM

RJ

“ *I would like to extend my deepest condolences to Mother Helen, Shameika, and the Ford family. I pray that you are able to find comfort in each other during this difficult time. You all will be in my thoughts and prayers! Love, Robin*

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**Robin M. Jackson** - April 23, 2020 at 05:13 PM



Charles Williams

“ I remember the last 2 times I saw Mike, one was in the late 80's, it was on the basketball court when I lived in Far Rockaway... he saw me and came over and hugged me. IT made me feel good... because before that we were still in HS and we played against each other and his team always won.... the next time and the last time we saw each other was at a friend's birthday party in Atlanta. I remember after that, one time I called him on the way from work a few years ago... he answered, I say this is Charles... He said Charles? I don't know any Charles.... I said it is Charles Williams... He said where I know you from ? ... so finally I said this is Chuck as I was known then... Mike said,... What's up man with a smile in his voice. I know Mike as a nice guy from the hood, we grew up walking distance from each other in Queens. He was a class guy, It hurts to know he is not with us anymore. May he rest in peace with the Lord.



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**Charles Williams** - April 23, 2020 at 04:59 PM

SF

*Love this!! Thank you!*

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**Shameika Ford** - April 23, 2020 at 05:02 PM

SM

*Shameika I just wanted to extend my condolences to you and your family for the lost of your Dad. I worked with Big Mike at the SSA office on Marietta Street.*

*He was a gentle giant of a man that treated the employees and clients with dignity and respect.*

*Regardless of the situation, he always had a smile on his face.*

*I can honestly say that I can't recall him ever getting mad at anyone.*

*My heart is heavy knowing that he is no longer with us, but we must rejoice knowing that he is with our Lord. I pray that you find peace and comfort in realizing that he's in a better place.*

*May God bless you*

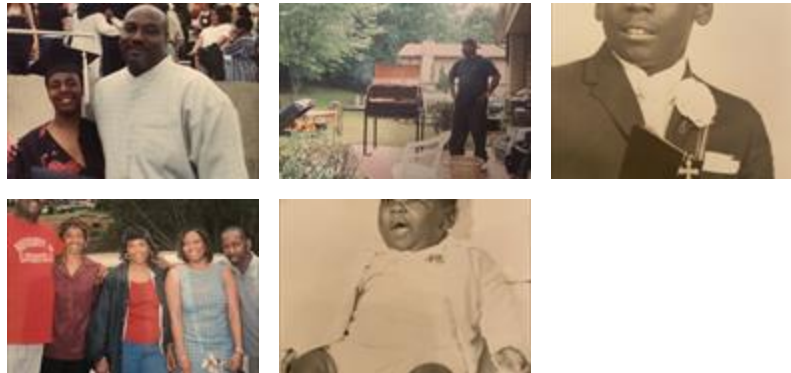
*Steve*

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**Steve Mickens** - April 24, 2020 at 05:01 PM

SF

“ 36 files added to the tribute wall



Shameika Ford - April 23, 2020 at 04:11 PM

RC

“ Rasheedah Carter sent a virtual gift in memory of Michael Hurse Ford



Rasheedah Carter - April 23, 2020 at 11:38 AM

RC

*My deepest condolences goes out to Mike Ford's mom, daughter sisters and relatives. I hope you feel the love that surrounds you all - now and always. Praying for your healing, comfort, strength and peace during this difficult time. Thinking of you with sympathy and here for you with loving support.*

Rasheedah Carter - April 23, 2020 at 11:49 AM

MG

“ I want to extend my sincerest sympathies and condolences to Shameika and your family! Love Mel

Melody Gerard - April 22, 2020 at 08:01 PM



“ *I am so happy that Michael was the type of man that loved his family, people and especially his baby girl Shameika. You will be sorely missed but your spirit is eternal. love Jane B.*

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**Jane Brewton** - April 22, 2020 at 03:25 PM