



## Rebecca Emma Keys Ford

July 5, 1929 - January 6, 2024

Rebecca Emma Keys Ford, 94, of Christiansburg, VA, passed away on January 6, 2024. She was born in Akron, OH, on July 5, 1929, to the late Johnson and Gracie Webb Keys. Rebecca was predeceased by her parents, Johnson Keys, Gracie Webb Keys Reynolds, stepfather Robert Reynolds, husband Henry Clay Ford, Jr, and one child, Dwight Ford. Three brothers, Robert Reynolds Jr., John Reynolds, and Dillion Reynolds, and three sisters, Aldora Keys Green, Mary Ann Keys, and Patricia Berger.

She was a member of First Baptist Church, Blacksburg, and Greater Mount Zion Holy Church in Christiansburg. She was also a member of the Baptist Missionary Organization, President of the garden club, multiple women's axillary clubs, and a faithful attendant of her bible study group. She graduated from the Christiansburg Institute and was often referred to by her nicknames, "The Silver Fox" and "Buzz."

She is survived by her sisters, Barbara Burton (Dr. Edward), Roanoke, VA, Estelle Hairston, Roanoke, VA; children, Elizabeth Matthews, Tampa, FL, Nancy Taliferro, Kissimmee, FL, Henry Ford, III (Nancy), Peterstown, WV; granddaughter, Laurantish Jamison, Orlando, FL; grandsons, Byrant Woodson (Trudy), Ocala, FL, Miguel Navedo, Williamsburg, VA, Maurice Carter (Amanda), Austin, TX, Michael Rule (Annie), Peterstown, WV; great-grandchildren, Olivia Perry (Monty), Victoria Revely, Rayshawn Navedo, Eden

Woodson, Jeremy Rule, Garry Navedo, Reese Cavanaugh, Kamden Carter, and Alicia Carter; children she mothered, Steve Jamison (Linda), Columbia, SC, Portia Morris (Paul), Oakboro, NC, Sylvia Bishop (Dr. Nathaniel), Christiansburg, VA, Terry Bradley, Fort Bragg, NC, Mary Claire Childress (Charles), Christiansburg, VA, Dardy Long (Amanda), Virginia Beach, VA, Louis Mclean, Dallas, TX, and a host of nieces and nephews.

Also left to cherish her memory are her special friends, Ms. Louise Harvey, Mr. and Mrs. John Nowlin, Mrs. Tiny Morris, Mrs. Mary Reynolds, Ms. Betty Day, Eulalia Mills, Pauline Palmer, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Price, and Joann Price.

A funeral service will be held on Saturday, January 13, 2024, at 2:00 p.m. in the McCoy Funeral Home Chapel with Bishop Anthony Tucker officiating. Interment will follow at Southview Memorial Gardens, Blacksburg, VA. The family will receive friends from 1-2 p.m. before the service at McCoy Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Greater Mount Zion Holy Church (385 Depot St NE, Christiansburg, VA 24073) or to a charity of your choice.

# Cemetery Details

## Southview Memorial Gardens

601 LEE STREET SOUTHEAST  
BLACKSBURG, VA 24060

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 13. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

McCoy Funeral Home  
150 Country Club Dr. S.W.  
Blacksburg, VA 24060  
(540) 552-3211  
mccoyfuneralhome@verizon.net  
<https://mccoyfuneralhome.com>

## Funeral Service

JAN 13. 2:00 PM (ET)

McCoy Funeral Home Chapel  
150 Country Club Dr S.W.  
Blacksburg, VA 24060

# Tribute Wall

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“ To the Family of Mrs. Rebecca Ford ... She will always have a special place in my heart and the hearts of my children! She was one special lady! She was a true Woman of God! She will be greatly missed by her family and her friends ... which are many! She was always a lady with the biggest smile! I am so sorry I will not be able to attend her service today but am there in spirit! When I think about Mrs. Ford I think about how she spoke with wisdom, love, care, and her faith. She always gave God all Glory, Honor, and Praise.

To her Children and Grandchildren ... May God continue to give you His Grace, Mercy, and Peace always.

We LOVE you Mrs. Ford ....  
Betty Day, Michelle, "Dougie", and Kim

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**Betty Day** - January 13, 2024 at 01:42 PM

BD

“ Betty Day lit a candle in memory of Rebecca Emma Keys Ford



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**Betty Day** - January 13, 2024 at 01:37 PM

JR

“ Sweet memories of Rebecca, Aldora, Faith and Polly riding around together. Always a kind and welcoming smile from Rebecca and a few laughs too. I am glad to have spent time with her over the years. sincere regards, Jana Ruble

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**Jana Ruble** - January 13, 2024 at 11:19 AM

DM

“ Ms.Rebecca and I shared the same Birthdays, she would make sure I got that phone call from her or was contacted to wish me Happy Birthday. I looked forward to that it was so special to me.I had the honors of fellowshipping with her at Greater Mt.Zion, Ms.Rebecca had a certain beauty about her, a classy woman and a woman of style. To the family of Ms.Rebecca Ford my love ,thoughts and prayers reach out to you.I know she is cherished in your thoughts and hearts.The times you had together are special nobody but you can value that time and nothing could ever replace it.  
May God bless  
and comfort you.  
DarleneBeasley-w Mitchell

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**Darlene Mitchell** - January 13, 2024 at 11:05 AM

TC

“ My Sincere Condolences to the Ford Family. My mother and Mother Ford, forged a friendship at GMZ UHC. She was often fondly spoken of. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this time of grief.

Teressa (MD)

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**Teressa Carter** - January 12, 2024 at 11:11 AM

TF

“ The Cook Family, Tampa, Florida purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Rebecca Emma Keys Ford.



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**The Cook Family, Tampa, Florida** - January 12, 2024 at 09:41 AM

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“ The Cook Family, Tampa, Florida planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rebecca Emma Keys Ford.

The Cook Family, Tampa, Florida - January 12, 2024 at 09:41 AM

LW

“ Our condolences to the family of Rebecca Ford. May the Lord comfort and strengthen you all. Ms Rebecca will always be remembered fondly by our family. Hold onto the precious memories she left you with. We love you:Liz,Nancy Lee and Brother..... Louise Christian Webb- family friend and old neighbor 🙏🕊️❤️

Lisa Yvette Webb - January 11, 2024 at 02:53 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rebecca Emma Keys Ford.



January 11, 2024 at 01:26 PM

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“ TO My Nana (Rebecca Ford ) What a Righteous And God Loving Women She Is a Tru Legend Of God . IM SO Amazed at this Women and How strog she really was Threw Life putting all her Faith in the Lord and leading by Example . IM truly Blessed to Have Been Her Grandson . THANK You Nana . We Will Always have You in our Hearts and Soul Its been an Honer



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**Maurice Carter \ Grandson** - January 09, 2024 at 03:07 PM