



Mrs. Rita M. Ford Braddock

June 11, 1959 - June 21, 2025

Rita Mae Ford Braddock was born in Forrest City, Arkansas, to Eddie Ford and Ruby Mae Ta tum Ford. She accepted Christ at an early age and was baptized at Day Temple Church of God in Christ under the leadership of Bishop J.H. Jennings. Rita was educated in the Forrest City School District and graduated with the esteemed Class of 1976. Following high school, Rita attended Paul Quinn College in Waco, Texas. Upon completing her studies, she returned to Forrest City and began a dedicated career in the education field, where she served faithfully for many years.

Rita was a gentle, mild-mannered woman with a joyful spirit. She loved western television shows, listening to The Rickey Smiley Morning Show, and laughing at Nephew Tommy's prank calls. She was an adventurous soul who enjoyed road trips, reading horoscopes, and cherishing the time spent with her children and grandchildren. A lover of cleanliness and good food, she found peace in simple pleasures and was admired for her humble, loving nature.

She was united in marriage to Jerry Braddock, who preceded her in death. She was also preceded in death by her brothers: Kenneth Ford, Eddie Ford Jr., Alvin Ford, and Danny Ford. Rita leaves to cherish her memory her beloved children: Jermaine Ford of Forrest City, AR; Deangelo Braddock of Jonesboro, AR; Lecody Braddock of Dallas, TX; Cecily Williams of Maumelle, AR; and Marina Ford of Dallas, TX. She is also survived by her devoted siblings: Linda Ford Hornsberry of Dallas, TX; Jeannette Ford (Dr. Alvin) Taggart of Forrest City, AR; Brenda Ford (David) Scott of Mansfield, TX; Bonita Ford (John) Calvin of Forrest City, AR; and Wendy Ford of Forrest City, AR. Her legacy continues through her cherished grandchildren: Jaylin Ford of Memphis, TN; Jaylin Ford of Atlanta, GA; Marrison Braddock of Jonesboro, AR; and Kaliaa Dodson and Cayden Allen of Maumelle, AR; as well as a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives, and friends.

Rita's life was a testament to quiet strength, unwavering faith, and deep love. She will be deeply missed and fondly remembered by all who had the privilege of knowing her.

Cemetery Details

Forrest Park Cemetery

2605 South Washington Street
Forrest City , AR 72335

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 2. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Miles J. Kimble Mortuary & Cremation
1900 South Washington Street
Forrest City, AR 72335
(870) 633-1914
mjkimble@yahoo.com
<http://www.mjkmortuaryandcremation.com>

Service

JUL 3. 11:00 AM (CT)

Day Temple Church of God in Christ
102 East Day Street
Forrest City , AR 72335

The family will assemble at the funeral home [Miles Mortuary] located at 1900 South Washington Street, Forrest City, AR 72335, on the day of the service. All participants are kindly asked to be prepared for departure by 10:30 AM

Tribute Wall

RW

“ Rene' Ward lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Rita M. Ford Braddock



Rene' Ward - July 08, 2025 at 10:32 AM

IM

“ Irene Moore lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Rita M. Ford Braddock



Irene moore - July 01, 2025 at 08:28 AM

JG

“ Jocelyn Gilbert lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Rita M. Ford Braddock



Jocelyn Gilbert - June 30, 2025 at 10:16 PM

BB

“ Belinda Braddock lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Rita M. Ford Braddock



Belinda Braddock - June 29, 2025 at 08:06 AM

DF

“ Dorothy Faulkner sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Rita M. Ford Braddock



Dorothy Faulkner - June 28, 2025 at 05:51 PM

ST

“ *Braddock family and friends, condolences to you at this most difficult time. Sending prayersto your family.*



Shirley Williams Thorn - June 25, 2025 at 08:52 PM

KA

“ *Kathy Atwater lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Rita M. Ford Braddock*



Kathy Atwater - June 25, 2025 at 02:24 PM