



## Sammie Lee Ford

September 5, 1942 - August 10, 2015

FORD, Mr. Sammie Lee - age 72, passed away, Monday, August 10, 2015 at McLaren Hospital Oakland. Family hour 10:00AM Monday August 17, 2015 at Pontiac Southside Seventh Day Adventist Church, 182 S. Sanford St., with funeral service commencing at 11:00AM. Pastor Wallace St. Louis, officiating. Interment Perry Mount Park Cemetery, 878 N. Perry St. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the church 10:00AM Monday. Mr. Ford will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 268 N. Perry St., and may be viewed from 11AM-5PM Sunday.

Mr. Sammie Lee Ford was born September 5, 1942 in Hickory, Mississippi, the son of Rufus and Opal Ford. He was a resident of Pontiac since 1966. He married Virgia Camphor in 1968. Sammie was employed by General Motors Corporation for forty two years before retiring. He was a member of the Pontiac Southside Seventh Day Adventist Church where he served as a Deacon, Elder and Choir Member. Sammie was a gentle man; he also had a forgiving heart and loved his family. His word was "Love Everybody." Sammie enjoyed watching sports, old westerns and comedies. He enjoyed life and wanted everyone to get along and be happy.

Mr. Ford leaves to cherish his memory: wife, Virgia J. Ford of Pontiac, MI; children, Antionette (Lynn) Davis of Southfield, MI and David Ford of Pontiac, MI; grandchildren, Antoine Davis and Aaron Davis both of Southfield, MI; siblings, Earnestine Ford-Lattimore, Rubia Ford, Dorothy (Bobby) Chapman, Lynda (James) Tillman, Marion Wheaton, Daphne Ford, Otha D. (LaSharonee) Ford, Oliver James Ford, Billy (Melody) Ford, Larry (Doris) Ford, James Edward (Barbara) Ford, Larry (Doris) Williamson; mother-in-law, Willie Pearl Camphor; sisters-in-law, Bertha Sledge, Bobbie Edwards, Betty Cousins, Shirley Camphor, Dorothy Hunter, Earnestine Camphor, Mary Jennifer Camphor; brother-in-law, Claude Camphor; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and other relatives and friends.

Mr. Ford was preceded in death by his son, Raymond Lawrence Ford; parents, Rufus and Opal Ford; grandparents, Dave and Caroline Ford; father-in-law, Eugene Camphor.

The family would like to express special thanks to Lynette Park, Symone Fields, Earnestine Ford-Lattimore and Otis Ford.

# Cemetery Details

## Perry Mount Park Cemetery

878 N. Perry St.  
Pontiac, MI

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 16. 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home Pontiac  
268 North Perry Street  
Pontiac, MI 48342  
(248) 758-1913  
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<https://www.lawrenceemoonfuneralhomepontiac.com>

## Family Hour

AUG 17. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Pontiac Southside Seventh Day Adventist Church  
182 South Sanford Street  
Pontiac, MI 48342

## Funeral Service

AUG 17. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

AA

“ *I loved you my grandfather  
You will be missed*

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**Aaron** - April 17, 2016 at 10:11 PM

CC

“ *Dear Virgia, I feel your loss. So sorry to get this news. May God bless you and  
bring comfort and peace to you.*

*Charlyne Calhoun  
North Port, FL*

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**Charlyne Calhoun** - August 17, 2015 at 03:21 PM

“ Dear Virginia, Teen, and all the Ford Family,

*Those of us in Denver, Colorado send condolences in the loss of your loved one. We loved Sammie (Lee) too.*

*Our connection and memories go way back to Hickory (Good Hope/Mt. Moriah), MS and the red clay dirt roads connecting our little community to the town 5 miles away, and other rural communities in South Central MS.*

*We were and are proud of our culture, history and heritage. It is what catapulted us to whatever we accomplished.....around the nation, and abroad, holding responsible positions, raising families, and making contributions to our communities of significance and impact. Sammie Lee was a part of that culture. I am thankful that we (children) and our parents were close knit. They and we shared a bond established (forty, fifty years ago) that has not been broken, and cannot be broken because of the ties that bind. They bind us in a familial love, even to this day, in 2015.*

*My last memory of being together with the Ford siblings and Opal (Mrs. Opal Ford) who was so dear to us, is the Ford Family Reunion held in Cleveland, Ohio in the mid-1990's. We reminisced and shared laughter about the "old days" and good times "downsouth!" Most of us had not seen each other in decades. What we experienced was something extra-ordinary and priceless. I will always treasure that "reunion."*

*Although we mourn the sudden, unexpected loss of Sammie, especially those of us who did not know the extent of his health challenges, we shall always cherish the precious memories of home and the special bond of growing up in a community filled with love, respect and concern for one another....and for us children. It was a time filled with going to church, playing in the red clay dirt, and having fun!*

*Rest in peace Sammie Lee. To all the family, my prayer is that God will bless and keep you and give you peace beyond all human understanding. And, as you say farewell to one whom you loved dearly, know that your loss is our loss; the happy times and loving memories that you will keep are our memories too!*

*God bless you Sammie Lee, as you spread your wings and take flight, I can only say Shalom! Shalom!*

*From the Denver, CO Community of Family, Friends, and "Home Folk"  
Dr. Dorothy Hayden-Watkins & Mrs. Salome Chapman Hayden  
The Johnsons, Pruitts, Salters/Saulters, Stamps, Chapmans, Evans, Other  
Friends & Good Hope/Mt, Moriah Community  
Denver, CO 80016  
dhaydenwatkins2@comcast.net  
August 16, 2015*

**Dorothy Hayden-Watkins** - August 17, 2015 at 12:41 AM

TC

“ So very saddened to hear of Sammie's passing. Sending much love and prayers to you, Virgia, and your family. Love you.

**Tina Conlon** - August 16, 2015 at 08:55 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Sammie Lee Ford.



August 15, 2015 at 10:57 AM

MH

“ Miss. Hurner sent a virtual gift in memory of Sammie Lee Ford



**Miss. Hurner** - August 14, 2015 at 12:56 AM

BE

“ BerniceThomas lit a candle in memory of Sammie Lee Ford



**BerniceThomas** - August 13, 2015 at 05:41 AM

PA

“ Christmas won't be the same without you. I'm going miss the times you and your family chose to spend Christmas at my home in Dolton in each year. We always looked forward to your company and just sitting around reminiscing, listen to good music, making fun of each other and having a "jolly" good time.

Sammie, you were a good man, father and husband. You deserve the gift good has granted you -- eternal life.

**Patricia** - August 12, 2015 at 08:36 AM

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“ Patricia lit a candle in memory of Sammie Lee Ford



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Patricia - August 12, 2015 at 08:32 AM