



## Jan Jerome Ford

December 8, 1956 - May 4, 2025

It is written that when life begins it is like an open book with many blank pages. Each day as we live, our deeds are recorded page by page until we close our eyes in death and await that great getting up morning... The pages of his book began for Jan on December 8, 1956. He was born in Denver, Colorado to the late Eddie and Lucille Ford. Jan was raised in Denver; however, he and his sister spent their summer months in Niles, Michigan with their grandmother. Jan was raised by a phenomenal group of women, who raised him with strict but loving hands; his mother, Lucille Ford, grandmothers, Lorina Mitchell and Lizzy Washington, and his aunt, Juanita Quattlebaum.

As a young child Jan and his family attended New Hope Baptist Church. During Jan's teenage years, he worshiped at Agape Christian Church. At the youthful age of 16 he devoted his life to Christ, and he was baptized at Agape Christian Church. Later in life Jan reunited with New Hope Baptist Church, where he served in the church for many years. Initially, Jan served on the Usher Board, after which he focused his efforts by assisting his sister in the Repast Ministry, a promise he made when she agreed to join the Ministry.

Jan was an active child with a strong interest in sports activities. In elementary school he was a marbles champion, played little league football with the Owls and he spent his weekends on the basketball court at Whittier Elementary School and in vacant lots throughout the neighborhood playing various sports with a group of friends whom he remained close friends with throughout the remainder of his life. During his freshman and sophomore years in high school Jan played the position of starting guard for the Manual High Thunderbolts basketball team. During his junior and senior years, he played the position of starting guard for the East High Angels. Jan went on to receive a basketball scholarship to the University of Cumberlands in Kentucky, where he played the position of starting point guard. As an adult, Jan became an avid tennis player. Jan competed in various tennis competitions; to include the USTA League, Berkeley Park Tennis League, and the City Park Tennis League. Jan was a strong competitor, winning multiple tournaments throughout the city.

Jan's greatest accomplishment was the birth of his daughters, Ajaa and Sunni. Jan was a proud father and grandfather. He beamed with joy when he spoke of his girls and their many accomplishments. To quote Jan, "family first." Additionally, Jan often voiced his appreciation for his ex-wife, Rise. He consistently stated she was an exceptional mother.

Jan had a life partner, Hilda. Their relationship lasted for over 20 years. They lived a blessed, happy, loving life together. They believed they would grow old together, but God had other plans.

Jan's professional accomplishments are many, but his proudest accomplishment was obtaining his real estate license. Jan worked in the Real Estate industry for over 25 years. Jan strived to develop trusting relationships with his clients, and he served as a strong advocate to achieve their goals.

Jan prided himself on his appearance, often dressed in a suit and fine hat, when others were dressed in casual clothing. Being a sports fanatic, Jan also wore stylish athletic attire. Jan adorned himself in fine jewelry, wearing multiple chains around his neck, oversized watches and beaded bracelets, which never compromised his masculine persona. Jan's smile had a noticeable presence in every room he entered. His laugh would reverberate throughout the room. He never met a stranger he could not charm. He loved and supported his family and friends unconditionally.

Jan departed this life on May 4, 2025, in Aurora, CO. Those left to cherish his memory and mourn his loss include, his life partner, Hilda Lozano; his two daughters, Ajaa Long (New York) and Sunni Jones-Ford (California); 3 grandchildren, Giselle Long, Sienna Long, and Sean Long Jr.; sister, Deborah Ford; nephew, Evan Samples; niece, Ebony Samples; great niece and nephew, Brianna and Taylor; and a host of relatives living in Texas and Michigan and many friends. A phenomenal man. You will be missed, but you will live in our hearts and memories forever. Rest now loved one... Job well done.

# Previous Events

## Service

MAY **23**. 11:00 AM (MT)

New Hope Baptist Church  
3701 Colorado BLVD  
Denver, CO 80205

*Service to Conclude.*

# Tribute Wall

RR

“ To the Family of Mr. Jan Ford may God Bless you and give you peace and comfort, throughout this difficult time

Richie Reese - May 23, 2025 at 12:28 PM

MD

“ Jan when I first heard of your passing my heart stopped momentarily understanding the reality of the word forever and that's just what we have been through the years friends for over 60 years I truly am going to miss our conversations your earlier morning or late Night calls with your madness LOL... I never had a bad time with you and that will live in my heart forever my heart goes out to your daughters and Rise and sister Debbie and my friend Hilda a true "80205 Soldier" May God keep you In his arms I love you Man!



Michael R Davis - May 23, 2025 at 12:00 AM

JO

“ Jan was a great friend, competitor and person. May his daughters remember him always. R.I.H. my brother from another mother... ❤️🙏🥹

Johnson - May 22, 2025 at 09:22 PM

PM

“ Pol, Michelle and Mona purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Jan Jerome Ford.



Pol, Michelle and Mona - May 22, 2025 at 02:05 PM

PM

“ Pol, Michelle and Mona planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jan Jerome Ford.

Pol, Michelle and Mona - May 22, 2025 at 02:05 PM

SJ

“ Solwazi J. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jan Jerome Ford.

Solwazi J. - May 20, 2025 at 11:23 PM

SJ

“ Growing up, Jan was one of my best friends. He could light up a room with his smile, and his laugh was unforgettable.

We spent countless hours playing basketball and listening to music down in my basement, where I believe Jan fell in love with Jazz music. We also played on the Owls' little league football team together, where Ernie Wright was the star player. I can imagine Ernie and Jan are laughing together right now in heaven. Jan would often come to my house and pig out on whatever my mother cooked that day. I can hear him saying, "Sam, what did your mother cook today?"

May you rest in peace, my brother. Your friendship, laughter, and spirit will always be remembered by everyone you touched...Sam (Solwazi) - Aka -Beechie

Samuel Solwazi Johnson - May 20, 2025 at 11:20 PM

CC

“ Coach Gene Cisneros purchased the Decadent Delights Chocolate Gift Basket for the family of Jan Jerome Ford.



Coach Gene Cisneros - May 20, 2025 at 12:42 PM

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Coach Gene Cisneros - May 20, 2025 at 12:42 PM

FS

“ Jan Ford was my real estate broker and he said one thing to me that I wanna make it possible for every person of color to be able to afford the American dream a home. That Resonated with me. He made it possible for me to be a homeowner here in Colorado and for that I'll never Forget him.

People like Jan Ford come along only once in a lifetime. If you have an opportunity to meet, people like him embrace them for being who they are rest in Paradise, my friend.

Floyd Sutton - May 20, 2025 at 08:24 AM

FL

“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



Floyd - May 20, 2025 at 08:13 AM

MC

“ My sweet brother, Jan Ford from another set of parents will forever be loved and missed. My natural brother Sam Combs, my parents, my daughter all loved you so much. Your loss is like losing Sam again. It breaks my heart that I never kept our promise to each other to have lunch together and share funny stories of you and Sam. Now that you are in heaven together I know you two will laugh together for eternity. Always your other sister...  
Marion Combs 🙏❤️😭🌹🙏



Marion Combs - May 20, 2025 at 01:16 AM

DW

“ Donna Washington lit a candle in memory of Jan Jerome Ford



Donna Washington - May 18, 2025 at 09:08 AM

CM

“ Carlton & Sabrina Mathis lit a candle in memory of Jan Jerome Ford



Carlton & Sabrina Mathis - May 17, 2025 at 10:27 PM

MF

“ I’ve known Jan through his youthful years...Whittier, Morey, Manuel and East. Although our paths didn’t cross more than a few times per year in the past few decades, each time we saw each other it was like we just saw each other yesterday. That’s how Jan’s easy going personality and demeanor was...once you met him, he was a friend for life. Jan excelled in sport’s with basketball and tennis being his favorites. As a side note, I think I could take him in marbles. You will be truly missed.

Michael Fleming - May 17, 2025 at 02:28 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Jan Jerome Ford.



May 17, 2025 at 11:20 AM

DN

“ Donna Norris lit a candle in memory of Jan Jerome Ford



Donna Norris - May 15, 2025 at 08:52 PM

GG

“ Jan was a tremendous person, real estate agent and friend. Rest in peace buddy.

greg geller - May 15, 2025 at 08:25 PM

NA

“ To the Family of Jan Ford, God blessed him to be a great man. He will be truly missed, for his kind and loving way! May God bless each of you with His strength and peace during this time!



Nina Amos - May 14, 2025 at 06:53 PM



“ *My condolences and prayers for Jan's family. He was a great guy  
He will be missed*



Toni Broussard - May 14, 2025 at 03:42 PM



“ *Psalms 116:15*

Wayne Robinson - May 14, 2025 at 09:54 AM

ME

“ *Inwill keep Jan in my memories as a beautiful brother, from his sartorial elegance to his generous and compassionate acts. My dear sister Deb...I grieve with and for you, for all his loved ones. We were fortunate to have him in our lives. Rest in body and may your spirit always move among us Dearest Jan.*

Melanie - May 13, 2025 at 06:28 PM

GW

“ *Gina W. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jan Jerome Ford.*

Gina W. - May 13, 2025 at 01:03 PM

GW

“ *I was Jan's Closer for a number of years, and I can tell you he was a special light! I loved him as not only my agent but also a friend. I will miss his calls saying, "You know you my Girl". I am so sorry for your loss, know he will truly be missed!*

*Gina Wilkins*

Gina Wilkins - May 13, 2025 at 01:00 PM

GW

“ *Glenn Wright purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Jan Jerome Ford.*



Glenn Wright - May 13, 2025 at 11:06 AM

GW

“ Glenn Wright planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jan Jerome Ford.

Glenn Wright - May 13, 2025 at 11:06 AM

PT

“ I just wanted to say I'm going to wish my friend, I remember I how much his mother and mine use to admire us being together. How they would fix food for us to eat. How they would just smile and laugh when we were together. Rest in peace my friend, love you Bro.

Big Sonny

Phillip Taylor - May 13, 2025 at 10:24 AM

NJ

“ Jan was the absolute best, he had the most infectious laugh. His loyalty and kindness were unmatched, It was an absolute pleasure working with him for so many years. We always had each other back and kept each other working. I will miss Jan deeply.

Nyeasha Johnson - May 12, 2025 at 05:10 PM

JH

“ My condolences to the family, Jan a real business man honest at his craft, just a good man and friend rest easy you ran a good race my friend.

James Hite - May 10, 2025 at 06:52 PM

TR

“ JAN ,li'l sis Deborah Inseparable..  
JAN CHAMPION:Marbles,Sports Business, Community. God Bless your family.  
You ran your race, you finished"  
Rest in peace my brother.

Tony Roberts - May 10, 2025 at 08:55 AM

J-

“ Wow, just spoke to my brother Gilbert he asked if I knew you passed? I was like no. But, I'm glad he told me.  
You know you were family.  
Sending prayers to your family.  
Janis Hammons -Haggerty



Janis Hammons -Haggerty - May 09, 2025 at 08:18 PM

GL

“ Jan and I worked together for 8-9 yrs. He was like a brother, and we would go back and forth like brothers. I won't get the 6-7 calls a day anymore and will miss our interactions. He thought I was his IT guy, and I was always having to walk him through something on the computer. He was my boy, and I will miss him greatly. Until we meet again my brotha...

Gene Lang

Gene Lang - May 09, 2025 at 06:34 PM

GC

“ It was perpetual smiles and laughs whenever in Jan's company. I'll miss him greatly. He was my tennis doubles partner in several tournaments. That was a hit or miss deal but always fun and memorable. See you in heaven my brother - keep working on the game!

George Cummings - May 09, 2025 at 05:03 PM

DP

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Derrick Glenn, Melvin Phil the posse - May 08, 2025 at 09:27 PM

PT

I'm going to miss my friend smile and laughter, his self confidence, and his desire to the best at whatever he's doing. My best wishes to him and the family.

Phil Taylor

Phillip Taylor - May 09, 2025 at 07:17 PM

MW

My friend, my brother from another mother and my family. RIH J.Ford. Love you man

Melvyn Wright - May 12, 2025 at 07:13 PM

HW

THIS WAS A CLOSE FRIEND OF MINE WE GRUE UP TOGETHER IN THE SAME NEIGHBORHOOD AS KIDS AND WAS VERY CLOSE THIS BREAKS MY HEART TO LOSE MY CLOSE FRIEND GOD BLESS HIM AND HIS FAMILY

HAROLD WILSON - May 14, 2025 at 10:32 PM

VJ

“ To the Family of Mr. Jan Ford, please accept my sincere heartfelt condolences to you. Jan was an amazing Man, everyone loved him and he loved everyone. He will be truly missed, I mean TRULY missed! The Manual Class of 1975 had a luncheon so we can discuss our 50th Class Reunion and he was the only Male to show up! That was typical of him to participate in our functions. Look at the picture, we had him front and center. See you later my Brother on the new Earth!



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**Venita K. Johnson-Myres** - May 08, 2025 at 04:06 PM