



# Martha Pauline Ford

NOV 1, 1937 - OCT 25, 2024



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**M**artha Pauline Ford was born on November 1, 1937, in Granbury, Texas. She was predeceased by her parents John Robert Hensell and Birdie Mancil Boyd Hensell; Granddaughter Lael Ford; a sister Rebecca Hildegard Hensell Gardner and a nephew David Lee Gardner. Martha passed away at Memorial Hermann Memorial City Hospital in Houston on October 25, 2024. The family would like to thank the hospital's staff for the professional care they gave to Martha.

She is survived by her 4 children: Mary Catherine Ford Dieffenbach and husband (Craig Dieffenbach); Michael Joseph Ford and wife (Ruslyn Gutka Ford); Martin David Ford and wife (Cristina Owen Ford) and Margaret Elizabeth Ford Pingleton. She also leaves behind 12 Grandchildren whom she loved and was so very proud of. She is also survived by a niece Mary Beth and a nephew James Gardner and many cousins. Joseph David Ford of Houston, Texas is the Father of Martha's children.

Martha enjoyed younger years playing her cello with the Houston Youth Symphony and the Houston Civic Symphony. She also was a very talented Sketch Artist as she frequently sketched mostly women in different wardrobe as a hobby. She loved reading fantasy and science fiction, especially the Hobbit, Lord of the Rings and Star Wars series. She recited old nursery rhymes to her grandchildren from her excellent memory.

Martha accepted Jesus Christ as her personal Savior as a youth. She sang in choir at Cypress Bible Church where she enjoyed attending for years as an adult. She was known for her warmth and hospitality, always greeting with a friendly smile and warm hug. She was tender hearted, patient, gentle, kind, and forgiving.

Funeral will be held at South Park Cemetery at 1310 N Main Street, Pearland, Texas, 77581, Phone 281-485-2711 on Saturday, November 16, 2024. Visitation will be at 9AM; Services at 10AM and Burial at 11AM. Martha's body will rest in peace next to her parents in the family plot.



## Obituary

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Pall Bearers will be Steven Dieffenbach; Ethan Ford; James Ford; Jobe Ford; Mark Ford; and Martini Ford.




# Events


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## Visitation

 **Saturday**, November 16, 2024

 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM CT


 **South Park Funeral Home**  
1310 North Main Street, Pearland TX 77581



## Funeral Service

 **Saturday**, November 16, 2024

 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM CT


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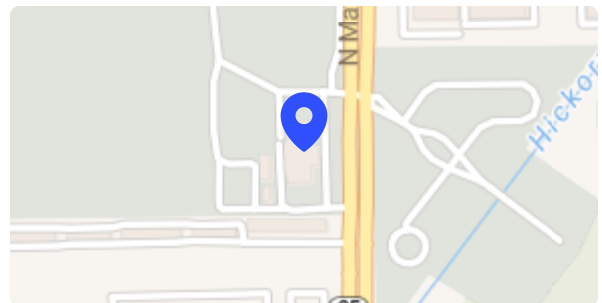


## Burial to follow services

 **Saturday**, November 16, 2024

 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM CT

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# Tribute Wall

**Martha Pauline Ford**

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**South Park Funeral Home And Cemetery** shared a **Webcast Video**.



November 16 at 4:44 AM



**From Your Utp Gen Med Family** sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Ford family.



November 13 at 2:48 PM



**Tammy C Pingleton** lit a candle in honor of Martha.

Martha was a great person I enjoyed the time I was blessed to spend with her. I know she loved her children and grandchildren with all her heart. My memories with her I will cherish. Martha is up there now with my brother who had a great relationship with her. He loved her a lot. The time they both spent together ment so much to my brother. You will be missed. Rest in peace Martha.



November 3 at 2:40 PM

**BF** **Brenda Ford** November 21 at 9:59 AM

Martha was my sister-in-law for 37 years. I have always missed that I never got to hear her play her cello. I know it gave her a lot of joy. Although we were only able to stay in touch at Family gatherings ( Birthdays, Holidays) we stayed in touch by phone and mostly texting, keeping up on what our children, grand and great grandchildren were doing. Sometimes exchanging photos with our texts. Martha was a hugger, something else we had in common. She was sweet, full of joy, never had a bad word to say about anyone. Her comments to me after the passing of my husband, Frank Ford, in 2013 meant a great dealbto me. I will miss her. She raised 4 great children, all caring, loving and Christians. May you rest in eternal peace, Martha. Love, too, is eternal. Love you. Brenda Ford.



**Anonymous** sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Ford family.



November 1 at 1:32 PM



# Tribute Wall

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**Anonymous** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Martha.



November 1 at 1:32 PM



**Pamela D.** planted a grove of 5 Memorial Trees in honor of Martha.



November 1 at 10:23 AM



**Wilson Air Center Family** sent a Strength & Solace Spray to the Ford family.



October 30 at 12:04 PM



**Wilson Air Center Family** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Martha.



October 30 at 12:04 PM



**Brenda Graham Ford** posted:

Martha was delightful as I recall meeting her for the first time when dating her brother-in-law, who became my husband, Frank Ford. She was warm hearted and a hugger, kind, thoughtful. We both shared a joy of Sci-fi (The Hobbit, Lord of the Rings, Star Wars), and though we didn't get to see each other often, when we did it was as though we last saw each other yesterday. An easy friendship. Her family and friends were truly blessed to have her in their lives. We shared our Christian faith, especially during hard times. She will be missed. Rest in peace, Martha.

October 30 at 7:17 AM



**Martin D. Ford** October 31 at 12:51 PM

Precious memories, Aunt Brenda! Thank you for sharing such kind words! I love you!



# Media

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# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Martha by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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