



Pastor Johnny Ford

August 19, 1958 - December 27, 2019

Pastor Johnny William Ford, III, beloved Pastor, husband, dad and friend, passed away peacefully into his Heavenly reward on December 27, 2019 with family by his side. He was born Aug. 19, 1958 in Plant City, Florida to Johnny, Jr. and Betty (Davis) Ford, both of whom preceded him in death along with his brother, Keith Hightower and sister, Brenda Futch.

Johnny grew up in Florida and graduated from Tampa High School. After graduation, he moved to Terrell in 1976 and on January 7, 1977, he married the love of his life, Grace Hawkins. Johnny surrendered his life to the call of preaching the Gospel and for many years he pastored and preached to many congregations as well as sharing his faith with others he met daily. He loved to help people and was the first to look for ways to exemplify the unconditional love of the Holy Father for others who needed to hear the Good News. His latest calling to serve as pastor to Restoration Church in Terrell filled his heart to overflowing as he was able to minister and share God's healing and powerful words to so many friends, neighbors and his community. He was a selfless man who gave willingly and often without expecting anything back. Johnny's humbleness was easily seen every day as he often worked behind the scenes to assist others with no need or want of praise or attention-he simply, and wholeheartedly, loved to serve. Along with his love of the Lord, Johnny was also known to be a "pancake connoisseur" and many visits and times of fellowship were spent over a good meal with pancakes that Johnny could assess the best qualities of that pancake and no matter his opinion,

Johnny still always enjoyed eating his fill! A loving, kind, generous man who wanted everyone to grow closer to the Lord above all else, Johnny will be forever missed until the great reunion one day with all of us and our Lord and Savior!

Johnny is survived by his wife of over 42 years, Grace Ford of Forney; son, Johnny Ford, IV and wife, Dechen, of Crandall; daughter, Amber Ford of Forney; grandchildren: Gracie, Johnny V, Kristin, Logan and Jesse; sister, Debbie Tallant; brother, Kenny Hightower and wife, Teresa as well as numerous nieces, nephews, extended family and a host of friends.

Funeral service will be at 11:00am, Tuesday, Dec. 31, 2019 at First Assembly of God in Terrell, 203 Main St. with interment to follow at Morrow Chapel Cemetery in Kaufman, Tx. The family will receive friends 5:00pm to 7:00pm, Monday, December 30, 2019 at Max Slayton Funerals and Cremations. Memorials are being requested in honor of Johnny's remembrance to Restoration Life Church, PO Box 2097, Terrell, TX, 75160.

Cemetery Details

Morrow Chapel Cemetery

9720 E State Highway 243
Kaufman, TX 75142

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **30**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Max Slayton Funeral Chapel
642 N. Rockwall Ave.
Terrell, TX 75160

Funeral Service

DEC **31**. 11:00 AM (CT)

First Assembly of God
203 Main St.
Terrell, TX

Tribute Wall



“ *Pastor Ford saved my life in more ways than one. If it weren't for him I wouldn't be here today. I love you pastor Ford!* ”

Leona - May 13, 2025 at 04:00 AM



“ *He was a man if I ask him a question about the bible, he was always quick with an answer.* ”

Bill Clark - April 19, 2025 at 08:39 PM



“ *Pastor Johnny Ford* ”

October 08, 2023 at 07:43 PM



“ *I have no words to express the sadness in my heart regarding the loss of such a great person. So many memories with my family growing up in this church. Those were the best times of my life. Pastor Ford you were a great impact in our lives and you may be gone but you will never be forgotten. May you Rest In Peace. My prayers go out to the family. Love, Loli, Pete, & Tito.* ”

Dolores Diaz - December 31, 2019 at 02:30 PM

AM

“ Sending you all my love and prayers Grace, John and Amber. Johnny done so much for my family in our times of need and comfort with all his family by his side during those times to show support from everyone. We were all family and I remember so many great memories. Love to all
Albert Dale Morgan
Tempe Arizona

Albert Dale Morgan - December 31, 2019 at 12:26 AM

PS

“ You will be greatly missed by so many lives that you have touched over the years. I know you prayed for every single child that rode your bus and as a result my life was changed too. You were instrumental in helping me draw closer to the Lord and renewing my walk with Him. My heart aches as I know your sweet precious Grace heart is breaking. We do have the confidence that you are in the presence of the ONE you served your whole life. Prayers for Grace, Johnny, Amber, Gracie, Lil Johnny, Christina, Logan, Lil Jesse and all the other family members. Rest in peace and we will see you again one day. We love you more than you could ever know! Pam Sitzes & family.



Pam Sitzes - December 30, 2019 at 05:19 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Pastor Johnny Ford.



December 30, 2019 at 01:54 PM

RJ

“ Rodney & Kathy Johnson purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Pastor Johnny Ford.



Rodney & Kathy Johnson - December 30, 2019 at 11:00 AM

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“ Dental Plus Laboratory Family purchased the Divine Light for the family of Pastor Johnny Ford.



Dental Plus Laboratory Family - December 30, 2019 at 10:47 AM



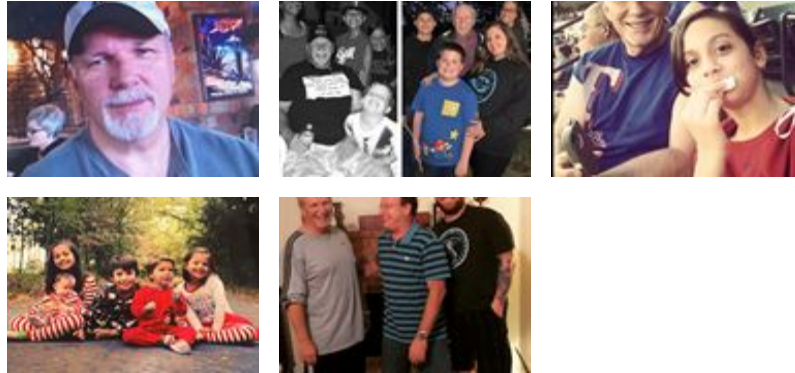
“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Pastor Johnny Ford.



December 29, 2019 at 11:19 PM



“ 205 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



Max Slayton Funerals & Cremations - December 29, 2019 at 04:06 PM

JH

“ *I remember catching the bus every morning at 6:30 in 20 degree snow and ice and the first time your butt hit that cold vinyl made you wish you didnt have to do that ever again. Then Mr Ford would treat us on fridays with a surprise ranging from him letting us bring food and drinks to having paper ball fight.*

Jamie Hodges - December 28, 2019 at 11:36 PM



“ *Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Pastor Johnny Ford.*



December 28, 2019 at 09:50 PM

PM

“ Prayers and love are sent to Grace, John and Amber. Johnny was a true man of God and made the word known to all who would receive it. We love you Grace and will continue to pray for you all
Patricia and Jimmy Martin

Patricia Martin - December 28, 2019 at 07:35 PM

BB

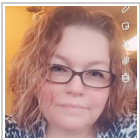
“ Our hearts are broken
Our thoughts and prayers are with Sister Grace, Johnny Jr, Amber, and the entire family.
There are not enough words to say just how much he meant to us.
He left footprints on our hearts
He will be missed immensely
Pastor was a Great Man and a Beautiful Soul
We love y'all
Love, Brent, Barbra, and Braden Barker

Barbra and Brent Barker - December 28, 2019 at 05:10 PM

DL

“ My heart and prayers go out to Grace and John and Amber and family. I loved Bro. Ford, he was a wonderful pastor and friend and will be dearly missed by all.

Duff Lowe - December 28, 2019 at 04:53 PM



“ I am so sorry. I love Pastor Ford so very much. He was the one who showed me how to truly love God. He will forever be special to me and my family.

Michell Maness - December 28, 2019 at 04:52 PM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Pastor Johnny Ford.*



December 28, 2019 at 04:45 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Pastor Johnny Ford.*



December 28, 2019 at 04:10 PM



“ *Pastor John, you will be sorely missed. Such good memories from being a member of your congregation for many years. I pray that you are resting peacefully with Jesus. Now you are strong and healthy again. Looking forward to seeing you again my friend. Condolences to all the family. You dear;y loved. were loved.
Jerry and Dorit Flowers*

Dorit Flowers - December 28, 2019 at 02:27 PM



Will always be Grateful To Brother Johnny for Heavenly Christ Jesus On Earth Teachings And His Joy To Be A Witness Of God's Love To Others. My Heartfelt Compassion Prayers Goes To God For All His Loved Ones.

Gail Brantley - December 29, 2019 at 06:35 AM



Our thoughts and prayers are with the Ford family, Grace, Amber & John Jr and the other family members.

The things about Bro. Johnny Ford, was his ability to connect with people and his ability to teach. He had that ability to keep everyone attention through the message.

He will be greatly missed.

Mary & Leslie Johnson

Leslie Johnsin - December 30, 2019 at 12:59 PM