



Allen Stephen Ford

January 20, 1940 - November 30, 2009

Benton Harbor – Allan S. Ford, 69, of Benton Harbor, passed away Monday, November 30, 2009, at Lakeland Regional Medical Center in St. Joseph.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m., Monday, December 7, at St. Bernard's Catholic Church, 555 E. Delaware, in Benton Harbor, with Fr. Bill Jacobs officiating. Burial will be private. Visitation will be held Sunday afternoon from 3:00 to 6:00 P.M., at the Fairplain Chapel of Florin Funeral Service, 1053 E. Napier, in Benton Harbor. Prayers will be recited at 5:30. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Allan Ford Foundation through the Band of Brethren.

Allan was born January 20, 1940, in Chicago, IL to Julian & Julia Ford. He was employed as a District Manager of Seagram's for 26 years and later for Sak's Fifth Avenue for 16 years. He recently married Paula Robinson-Rutland. Allan will be remembered for his volunteer work in the Benton Harbor Community. He volunteered at the Opportunity Center where he was known as 'Chef Ford' for his teaching of culinary skills. He served on the Board of Directors of the Band of Brethren. He gave freely of his time to help area causes in the Benton Harbor area and will be greatly missed by everyone. He was particularly concerned about the local youth. His motto was, "Reach back to pull another person forward." Allan was a family man who cherished his family.

Allan is survived by his wife Paula; children, Allan (Justina) Stephen Ford, Jr., Kevin (Inez) Ford, Lauren (William) Neece, and Jason Rutland; siblings, Janice, Pamela, Judy, Peter, Patricia, and Judy; grandchildren, David, Justin, Kevin, Jr., Ariana, Joyce, Beau, and Paula Renee; and by his great-grandchildren, Evin, Serena, Trinity, and Joseph, Jr.

In addition to his parents, Allan is preceded in death by his siblings, Sonny, Kathleen, Julian, and Craig.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 6. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Fairplain Chapel of Florin Funeral Service
1053 East Napier Avenue
Benton Harbor, MI 49022
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Service

DEC 7. 11:00 AM (ET)

SS John & Bernard Parish, St. Bernard Catholic Church
555 Delaware
Benton Harbor, MI 49022