



## Jesse Martin Ford

December 17, 1930 - June 18, 2017

Jesse Martin Ford was born on Dec. 17, 1930 at Newkirk, Ok. The family moved to Nowata County Aug. 1939. He died Sunday Jun. 18, 2017 in the Coffeyville Windsor Place Care Center.

He was raised in the Elm Bend community. Schools attended 1937 – 1939 Newkirk, 1939 – 1941 District 55, 1941 – 1944 Elm Bend, 1944 – 1948 Nowata, graduating from Nowata High School in 1948. Attended Miami College (NEO). He married Erma Jean Epperson on Jan. 13, 1951 at Nowata Christian Church. Worked for Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, retired at the age of 55 with 35 years of service. He worked as a lineman, repairman and switchman which he liked the best. While at work he enjoyed eating sardines in the can, vienna sausages and bama pies. He was a member of the Coffeyville Catholic church.

Hobbies included rock hound (cutting and polishing semi precious stones), archery, fishing, hunting, reloading, bench rest shooting, photography, metal detectors, bicycles (riding and repair), model trains, gardening, roses, antique clocks, kites, cowboy shoots (Elm Bend Slim) Sass No. 9733.

He is preceded in death by wife Erma Jean, parents Julian and Marie Ford, brother Jay Ford and great grandchild Levi Martin Chadwell.

He is survived by one son, Don Ford and Wife Cheryl of Nowata; two daughters, Phyllis E. Drake and husband Monty of Nowata and Rena Leera and husband Dave of Delaware; eight grandchildren Jeremy Drake and wife Desery of Nowata, Jacob Drake and wife Tammy of Bartlesville, Lindsey

Sanders and husband Dewayne of Broken Arrow, Lacey Carroll and husband Lynn of Bartlesville, Kristopher Whalen of Delaware, Seth Whalen of Bartlesville, Natasha Chadwell and husband Jay of Adair and Victoria Whalen of Delaware; and five great-grandchildren Shiloh and Caleb Drake, Jade and Peyton Drake and Jaylyn Chadwell. Two cousins Artie Wayne Birdsong and wife Donna and Vern Birdsong and wife Velda.

# Cemetery Details

## Nowata Memorial Park Cemetery

1100 S. Pecan  
Nowata, OK 74048

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

JUN 21. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Nowata, OK 74048

# Tribute Wall



“ *Jesse Martin Ford*

October 23, 2023 at 04:40 AM



“ *Jesse Martin Ford*

October 06, 2023 at 03:15 PM



“ *Phyllis, Donnie, Rena and family,  
My thoughts and prayers are with each of you for peace and comfort. I know that you have many wonderful memories and let those bring a smile to your face and put a twinkle in your eye. Some of my earliest memories are at Uncle Jess and Aunt Jean's house and getting to play in the pedal car and out back under the big trees. As I got a little older I also remember the joy and excitement I felt if I got to go home from "town" with all of you to visit and stay overnight. Good memories.  
Peace and prayers from Vicki and Jessica.*

Vicki - June 20, 2017 at 01:02 PM



“ *Your sisters-in -law: Bev, Donna, Joanne & Marsha purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Jesse Martin Ford.*



Your sisters-in -law: Bev, Donna, Joanne & Marsha - June 20, 2017 at 12:25 PM

MA

“ Sending my deepest sympathy to the family, especially Phyllis and Jeremy. May God carry you along as you mourn this loss. Love and prayers sent to you all. Blessings, Marcy Alexander

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**Marcy Alexander** - June 20, 2017 at 11:07 AM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Jesse Martin Ford.



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June 20, 2017 at 10:01 AM



“ Sapphire Skies Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jesse Martin Ford.



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June 19, 2017 at 10:30 PM

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“ We wish to extent our deepest sympathy to the family as they say their goodbye for now to their Father & Grandpa. As grown adults it is still hard loosing a parent and then you are then the head of the FAMILY. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

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**Pat Parks** - June 19, 2017 at 03:29 PM

RS

*Our prayers are with you all.*

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**Renee Stewart** - June 20, 2017 at 03:33 PM