



Henry Ford

August 2, 1944 - February 22, 2026

HENRY FORD earned his wings to join his parents and siblings to be with the Lord on Sunday, February 22, 2026, with his wife Barbara and son Henry II by his side.

Henry was born in Detroit, Michigan on August 2, 1944, to Roosevelt Ford, Sr. and Carrie (Bruce) Ford. He was the tenth child of the Ford family.

Henry was educated in the Detroit Public School System, attending Barber Middle School, Cass Technical and Eastern High Schools. He played in the band at both high schools. Henry was a proud veteran. He served as Sergeant in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War era.

Henry started work at Chrysler Corporation through the Henry Ford Community College apprenticeship program. He enjoyed hands on work as a skilled tradesman and took part in many development programs at Chrysler. Henry was promoted and enjoyed a career as Supervisor in the Metal Model Prototype shop. Also, during a downtime at Chrysler, Henry had an opportunity to work in the General Motors Design Center for one year. He eventually returned to Chrysler and encouraged young African Americans to join the trade.

Henry married Barbara Grady in June 1968 at Peoples Baptist Church in Detroit. They had one son, Henry Ford II.

In 1976, Henry accepted Jesus Christ as his Lord and Saviour at St. Philips Lutheran Church where he served as Elder and was a member of the choir. Whenever special projects were needed to be done at the church, the

president would call Henry, and he got things done with no fanfare.

Henry participated in many activities; golf being his all-time favorite. In fact, Henry started making his own set of golf clubs before he became ill. He traveled to Florida for golf lessons from golf pros; he was in Heaven! Henry enjoyed bowling and hunting in season. He would travel north on I-75 to new places to hunt. They were his go to sports.

Henry's love of music was an understatement as he enjoyed writing music and played many instruments.

When it came to travel, Maui, Hawaii was his favorite spot. Henry and Barbara enjoyed their time share for 30 years. Their last big trip was to the Panama Canal, very humid but enjoyable.

Henry's parents and siblings Dorothy, Roosevelt, Jr. (Sonny), Carl, Delores, Alvin, Herbert, Sam, Kenneth, Walter, Roy and William Michael (Mickey) pre-deceased him.

Henry is survived by his loving wife Barbara, devoted son Henry II, brother Charles (Frederike), sisters-in-laws Mildred Ford (Carl), Geraine Ford (Sam) and Gilda Ford (Roy). Grady in-laws include Joanne West (Alvin), Rosie Chapman, Jacqueline K. Williams of Atlanta, GA, Donald Grady of San Diego, CA, Daniel Grady of Maui, HI, and Minnie Evans of Alliance, OH. Henry will be fondly remembered by a host of family members cousins, nieces, nephews, friends and colleagues.

Previous Events

Family Hour

MAR 7. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Phillip's Evangelical Lutheran Church of Detroit
2884 E. Grand Blvd
Detroit, MI 48202

Funeral Service

MAR 7. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

KH

“ I met Henry when I hired in at Chrysler in 1973. Over our careers together (40) plus, we ended up being partners on many projects. His skills and love to complete every project on time and to perfection was a great tribute to his devotion to succeed. He was responsible for me getting hired at GM when times were bad, Together we both went back to Chrysler and after he went on Management he was instrumental getting me also promoted. Together we served on Management working together to improve our department. I say all this to say "HE WAS MY FRIEND" Loyal and steadfast. May our lord and savior hold him in His arms till I can shake his hand again. May our Lord and Savior give peace and comfort to his loving and devoted wife Barbra and son Henry11
Ken Huyghe

KENNETH J. HUYGHE - March 31 at 09:12 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Henry Ford.



March 06 at 10:12 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Henry Ford.

March 06 at 10:12 PM

CK

“ Chris, Natalie, and Jonas Kiesling planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Henry Ford.

Chris, Natalie, and Jonas Kiesling - March 06 at 07:45 PM

CK

“ Chris, Natalie, and Jonas Kiesling purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Henry Ford.



Chris, Natalie, and Jonas Kiesling - March 06 at 07:45 PM

CD

“ Charlotte G. Durante & Lori J. Durante planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Henry Ford.

Charlotte G. Durante & Lori J. Durante - March 06 at 11:42 AM

CD

“ Charlotte G. Durante & Lori J. Durante purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Henry Ford.



Charlotte G. Durante & Lori J. Durante - March 06 at 11:42 AM

CG

“ Cool Cats cycling group planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Henry Ford.

Cool Cats cycling group - March 04 at 10:57 AM

CG

“ Cool Cats cycling group purchased the Pretty Ple
ase for the family of Henry Ford.



Cool Cats cycling group - March 04 at 10:57 AM

AS

“ Angela S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Henry Ford.

Angela S. - March 03 at 02:12 PM

MT

“ As friends and neighbors Ron and I have happy memories of
spending time with Henry and Barbara. We are so sorry,

Mary & Ron Tomas - March 01 at 06:45 PM

MT

“ Mary T. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Henry Ford.

Mary T. - March 01 at 06:33 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Henry Ford.

February 28 at 09:43 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Henry Ford.

February 28 at 11:58 AM



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



February 28 at 11:58 AM



“ *Barb, we are so sorry for your loss. We are praying for your comfort and peace. Love, Rosalind and David Cox*

Rosalind Cox - February 27 at 10:34 PM



“ *Rosalind C. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Henry Ford.*

Rosalind C. - February 27 at 10:25 PM



“ *I will always remember the handsome safety patrol boy who helped us cross the street while attending Smith/Bunche School. Even then he took his job quite seriously. His professionalism was shining through, even as a young man.*

Barb, 58 years of marriage is a fete. But to be with the person you met in elementary school is very rare. To God be the glory.

Delli Van Buren - February 27 at 08:52 PM



“ I'll always remember him as a gentle giant. Soft spoken with a constant smile, and a fellow lover of music. May he rest in peace.
Tom (Poky)

Tom Pokladowski - February 26 at 08:25 AM

DK

“ Doug & Darlene Kay planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Henry Ford.

Doug & Darlene Kay - February 25 at 07:43 PM

DK

“ Doug & Darlene Kay purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Henry Ford.



Doug & Darlene Kay - February 25 at 07:43 PM

L

“ I was just reminiscing how many years Henry and I work together at Chrysler engineering, and years as neighbors on Picadilly Street.



Lawrence Coffee ☕ - February 25 at 09:46 AM

XZ

“ Xzena lit a candle in memory of Henry Ford



xzena - February 25 at 09:13 AM

RO

“ *Condolences to the Henry family.*

Ros Haskins



Ros - February 24 at 11:15 PM

XZ

Sorry to hear of your loss. May he rest in peace.

xzena - February 25 at 09:08 AM

YM

May Allah Abundantly Bless and Comfort Henry Ford's family. A Man of Peace and a True Believer / Defender for Allah.... »Lord make me a means of Your Peace... »

Yon Muhammad - February 26 at 02:48 PM

RH

Sorry for your loss

Ronald Hamilton - February 26 at 05:59 PM