



Lois Spivey Ford

February 1, 1931 - April 3, 2025

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of our cherished Mimi. Lois Spivey Ford, age 94, of Forrest City died Thursday, April 3rd, 2025, at the Forrest City Medical Hospital. She left this world peacefully & surrounded by family.

Mimi was a woman whose love knew no bounds, whose spirit could light up a room, who spoke of Jesus and left a gospel tract wherever she went. Mimi had a fiery spark that lit the world around her with her beautiful smile and sense of humor. She was passionate about the Lord, and she loved to dance a “jig,” especially with her great grand kids.

Mrs Ford was born to Oscar and Myrtle “Bobo” (Hill) Hutchison in 1931. She lived in Forrest City most of her life, where she enjoyed serving at First Baptist Church and was an active member of the Musical Coterie Club. She had a business degree and used it as she worked inside and outside the home. She used her business smarts to open up The Nature Nook in Forrest City. Mrs. Ford was the owner of the property that would eventually house the first Auto Zone and she worked at Planter’s Bank. She was a part of the 1950 Forrest City High School Lady Basketball District Championship Team. With her sense of humor, she loved to entertain with stories of her basketball playing days, laughing about playing ball in her high heels.

Mrs. Ford married Ike Spivey in 1951, and he preceded her in death in 1985. She married Archie Ford in 1989, and he preceded her in death in 2007.

She is survived by her daughter, Vicki Skelton and husband Tommy, of Forrest City, two sons; Ike Spivey Jr, and Bonnie, of Washington, Ben Spivey, wife Suzi, of California, one step-daughter, Maribeth Chism of Forrest City, one step-son Bernard “Butch” Ford, of Tennessee, six grandchildren Missy (Skelton) and Lance Green, Elizabeth “Libby” (Skelton) and Matt Owens, Addison Spivey, Tate Spivey, Cayden Spivey and Emily Rose Spivey, and six great-grandchildren, Tom Owens, Austin Owens, Harrison Green , Hannah (Green) and Rider McClendon.

Mimi was a force of nature — spunky, strong-willed, and full of sass and class. She had a quick wit, and willing arms for warm hugs for everyone. She could be found with a shovel in her hand digging in the dirt and planting flowers, or sending a card to someone who needed encouragement or best wishes. She possessed a contagious, spirit lifting laugh. Her love for her family was unwavering, always having a listening ear and eager to offer her opinion.

Mimi was never one to take herself too seriously, except when it came to sharing the gospel of her Savior and her Estée Lauder.

We will miss our Mimi, the matriarch of our family dearly. We are forever grateful for how she always taught us from The Word, how she lived her life as a shining example of how the gospel of Jesus Christ brings joy to the soul and forgiveness of our sins. Our hearts are broken, but we know Heaven just got a lot livelier.

The family would like to express their love and appreciation to the staff at the St Francis Assisted Living and Crestpark Retirement Home in Forrest City, for their exceptional care of Mrs. Ford during her stays there for the last 7 years.

There will be a graveside service at 2:00pm, Wednesday, April 9th, 2025, at the Forrest Park Cemetery in Forrest City. A Celebration of Life will be scheduled at a later date.

Stevens Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. In Lieu of Flowers, memorials are requested to be given to First Baptist Church , 507 N.Rosser, Forrest City, Arkansas, 72335 or The Musical Coterie, 151 SFC 310, Forrest City, Arkansas, 72335. You may log on to stevensfuneralhome.net for the online registry.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, November 8, 2025, 2:00 P.M., at the First Baptist Church in Forrest City.

Cemetery Details

Forrest Park

Hwy 1 South
Forrest City, AR

Previous Events

Graveside Service

APR 9. 2:00 PM (CT)

Forrest Park
Hwy 1 South
Forrest City, AR

Interment

APR 9 (CT)

Forrest Park
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Forrest City, AR

Tribute Wall

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“ I was managing the Auto Shack store at the time it shared the small building with the Nature Nook. I was never one for health food, but I ate a multitude of bean sprouts sandwiches on whole grain bread. I think the main reason I did it was to share a few laughs and a lot of serious conversations. Well, that along with the fact that many times she did not charge me for them and even threw in some baked chips! I have not seen her for years, but I still miss those days, her kindness, humor, and encouragement. Vicki, I am sorry I will not be able to attend her service as I am and will be out of town. I share your loss and will pray for all the family's comfort and peace, knowing she is in the arms of our Savior.

N B Dennis - April 05, 2025 at 10:40 PM

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“ Lois was a lovely lady! Thankful for her long and happy life. Love and prayers for all her sweet family. ❤️

Virginia Greene Collins - April 05, 2025 at 06:40 PM