



## Mr. David(Anna) Emmett Ford Jr.

August 11, 1926 - November 24, 2014

David Emmett Ford, Jr. was born in Chicago, Illinois on August 11, 1926. He graduated from Hammond High School in 1944 and then went to the University Of Illinois. While in college, he participated on the varsity cross country and track teams, was initiated in Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. in 1946 and eventually received his Bachelors of Electrical Engineering Degree in 1948. Right out of college, Mr. Ford was drafted into the U.S. Army where he reached the rank of Staff Sergeant and performed classified duties in the developing field of RADAR in: White Sands, New Mexico.

Mr. Ford became the 1st African American to be employed at Allen-Bradley when he moved to Milwaukee in 1951, where he worked in Solid State Technologies; eventually becoming the Director of Research & Development. He was the 1st African American licensed Professional Engineer in the State of Wisconsin. He received his Masters Business Administration Degree from the University Of Wisconsin in 1968. He represented the U.S.A. in

establishing electrical standards worldwide. After 44 years of doing superior business for Allen-Bradley, he retired in 1996 where he assumed an entrepreneurial venture in Professional Engineering.

Besides being a devoted family man, he had a love for the game ' of golf and jazz music. As a member- of St. Mark AME Church, Mr. Ford was the basketball coach for the young men's church league ream. He was a co-advisor for the teen group of the Milwaukee Chapter Jack & Jill of America; on the Board Of Directors for the Milwaukee Area Television Access (MATA); the Past Polemarch and Dean Of Pledges for the Milwaukee Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., a significant contributor to -the LaVarnway

.nit Boys & Girls Club; a long time member of the "Olde Tymers" recreational golf league the Rotary Club of Milwaukee, as well' as, eta Alpha Boule/Sigma Pi Chapter.

To his friends and colleagues, Dave was very intelligent, remely focused, and one outstanding host. He was best known for ne-line quotes, jokes and storytelling. He enjoyed public speaking, ad a characteristic and infectious laugh and lived life to the fullest. He is survived by his daughter, JanElla of Pasadena, California and is son, Ronald of Dallas Texas.

# Cemetery Details

## Wisconsin Memorial Park

13235 W. Capitol Dr.  
Brookfield, WI

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 5. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Wisconsin Memorial Park-Chapel of Chimes  
13235 W. Capitol Dr.  
Milwaukee, WI

## Service

DEC 5. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Wisconsin Memorial Park "Chapel of Chimes"  
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