

PRESIDENT GERALD R. FORD

State Funeral Services and Ceremonies

December 26, 2006 – January 4, 2007



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Gerald R. Ford

May God bless a great
man, Gerald Ford

with respect and
admiration

Ernie Beal
and

Larry Beal

Gerald R. Ford

Betty and Family -

With thanks and appreciation
for all the Ford Family and
President Ford have meant
to America

Dick & Faye Cheney

Gerald R. Ford

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Barbara Bush

James W. Baker III
Merrill G. Baker

Gerald R. Ford

We honor the memory of
a dedicated public servant and
respected leader of the free world.

In friendship always,

Jimmie Hughes Cox

Edward F. Cox
Christopher R. Cox

Gerald R. Ford

I will be forever grateful for his
service to our nation and for his
personal kindness — when
America needed him most, he was there.

Bill Clinton

My first political experience in
Washington was as a lowly intern
for then Congressman Ford. I will
always remember his kindness and
good humor when dealing with me
and the other students. I am
grateful for President Ford's
life and service.

Hillary Rodham Clinton

Gerald R. Ford

A lovely, wonderful man
whose wisdom will be
sorely missed.

Happy Rockefeller.

With great respect and admiration
for one of the great leaders of
our country

Dain Rockefeller
—

Gerald R. Ford

We are proud of the intimate personal friendship we have enjoyed with Jerry and Betty. Jerry was always an inspiration!

Jimmy Carter
Rosalynn Carter

You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. I deeply respect the leadership President Ford gave to the country. Thank you for the outreach you have provided to my family over the years.

Wilson A. Rockefeller, Jr

Gerald R. Ford

with enormous admiration and respect!

Chuck and Lynda Robb

Mrs. Ford

Fucci Barnes Johnson

You have been in the thoughts and prayers of generations of Johnsons. Your husband was a great statesman whom we are proud to have called our friend. As always our Mother sends her profound respect and love —
Fucci

Chuck and I will never forget your kindness to our family. On the wall of my home is the darling picture of my daughter Catherine holding President Ford's hand at the dedication of the LBJ Shrine. She was jumping down the steps smiling up in admiration.

Love
Lynda Johnson Robb

Gerald R. Ford

Dear Mrs. Ford,

We join the country in mourning the loss of your wonderful husband who led our nation at a crucial time in its history. Our hearts go out to you and we pray that God will give you strength in this difficult moment.

The Eisenhower family has always had the greatest respect for your husband. I cherish the letters he wrote me over the years, the memories of meeting him and the opportunity to meet his lovely family.

Anne Eisenhower 3/11/77 TLM

Gerald R. Ford

Dear Betty and Family

The President was a great
man who honored the country
with his service.

We know the void he
leaves for you.

With much affection

Henry + Nancy Kissinger

Gerald R. Ford

Dear Betty and all the family

Susan and I are deeply honored to be asked to serve as pallbearers for your wonderful husband and father. President Ford was exactly what our country needed at its time of trial. He was a friend to all he met and a wonderful man to serve.

With deepest sympathy and respect

Jim Baker

We are so grateful for the opportunity President Ford gave me to serve -
You continue his wonderful legacy -
Thank You!

Susan Baker

Gerald R. Ford

To Betty and the Ford family -

Friends of 40 plus years now so we have a sense of the loss you feel and share in it. Certainly our relationship will be in our hearts for all the years to come. You are in our thoughts and prayers -

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Bill Ford".

we loved him too Joyce

Gerald R. Ford

To Mrs Ford & the Family

I am filled with pride and
honor to have been a part
of the President's team. He
taught me the virtues of
courage and true
patriotism.


God bless you all

Bert Sowers
Hank Sowers

Gerald R. Ford

To Betty and your wonderful family.

I have had the privilege to work for
51x Presidents of the United States. My President
is Gerald R. Ford. He had the remarkable
capability to gather together a group of
people who became so attached to him
that we continued over the years to
join him every year in celebration of the
Ford Administration. We considered him
our mentor. We will all miss him.

Dear Betty and family, 

It has been one of the greatest
privileges of my life to have
known the President and to have
been welcomed by all of you
into the embrace of your extended
family and friends. Your father
and husband was one of the
kindest, most honest and courageous
public servants our nation has ever
known. My deepest condolences to
you for your loss. Andrea Mitchell

Gerald R. Ford

Dear Mrs. Ford & Family:

Margaret and I extend our deepest heartfelt condolences. I am greatly honored to serve as your family representative for the D.C. portion of the funeral. The outpouring of former staff has been tremendous and the arrangements are a labor of love. So many memories have returned of the honor to have served the President in his Administration and to have had the privilege to spend so much time with him.

Tim & Margaret Bonnell

Gerald R. Ford

Mrs. Ford, Mike, Jack, Steve, and Susan,

There are no words that can adequately convey our sympathy to each of you. The Nation has lost an extraordinary leader, and you have lost an even more extraordinary husband and father. In the years ahead, our fondest hope will be to follow the example he set in every aspect of his life, and to honor him and each of you in so doing.

In the end, let us all take comfort and joy in knowing that we've been blessed to know and love Gerald R. Ford - as good and decent a man as there ever was. May God bless and watch over him.

With profound sympathy and our prayers,

Gary and Annie Willard
January 1, 2007

Gerald R. Ford

God bless President and Mrs Ford
It was a true honor to know him
even so slightly.

M/S Sincerely .

Joe Haggin

Gerald R. Ford

To the Family.

He was the best father best
husband and best friend I
have ever known.

Jeff Bob Barrett

Gerald R. Ford

To the Ford Family -

You have inspired our lives so much -
We are better people because of you and
what you and Betty have done for our world
is great.

May God bless you all

Pam & Jean Weill

Gerald R. Ford

To The Members of the Ford Family -

We all shall miss the President but treasure our memories of his dignity, integrity, candor, generosity and kindness. Rod and I extend to each of you our heart felt condolences and our enormous affection.

God bless all of you.

Carol Hill

I must add that so very much of our lifelode comes from President & Betty Ford. Your friendship & inspiration has made the County & the Hill family so very much the better. I join Carol in saying all our love

John Hill

Gerald R. Ford

To Betty and the family, our sincere sympathy
on the loss of your husband and father.
We mourn his loss too, but have so many good
memories - of Congressman Ford helping to cut
a ribbon as Amosy opened another building;
of a party for Vice-President Ford the same
night "The Tapes" were released; of visits with
President Ford in the Oval Office; and of ex-
President Ford on our fun Enterprise cruise.
Cherished memories all - never to be forgotten -
nor will he be -

With love and respect,

Rich and Helen DeWoe

Gerald R. Ford

You were truly an idol for all of us and
particularly, your siblings, nieces & nephews

God bless,

Dick + Ellen

Gerald R. Ford

Dear Mrs. Ford and Family

It was a great honor and privilege for me to have the opportunity to know President Ford. He personified great leadership. My favorite definition of leadership comes from Napoleon "The role of a leader is to define reality and give hope". He exemplifies this definition. Please accept my deepest condolences and thank you for the great honor of serving as a honorary pallbearer.

Ken Chinault

Gerald R. Ford

To The Family.

It is a great honor
to be your friend. President
Ford was one of a kind -
"a good man and a great
President."

Barry Goldwater

Gerald R. Ford

Let me join in sending deepest
sympathy, and also thanking the President, First
Lady, and family for your dedicated service to
our Country!

John D. Marsh, Jr.

Mrs. Ford and Family

What an honor to join you in paying
our respects to your husband and father who gave
Bill the opportunity of his and ~~my~~ life. With
much love we remain

Forida and Bill Coleman

Gerald R. Ford

Mrs Ford and Family:

President Ford was like a second father to me -
He loved working on the substance of what was good
for the people and the nation. I never saw him
make a decision for his own political advantage -
He was always "what's the right thing to do".

If there is anything we can ever do for you -
You only need to call -

Love from Paul and Mary O'Brien

Gerald R. Ford

To all the members of the
President Ford family.

Meredith and I were so privileged
to become part of your extended family
then - and we cherish the lasting
connection through the years.

He was a great man and our
country and lives are richer for
his presence in ways that will
only continue to grow.

With great respect and
affection.

Jim & Meredith
Bohannan

Gerald R. Ford

Dear Betty and the wonderful Ford family

Thanks you for doing the President
with the entire country. You have done
so much for so many but the most
cherished gift was you sharing his love
with our family.

Pat and Jack Rar

Gerald R. Ford

To Betty Ford and The children

I am saddened at this hour, but I appreciate fully the honor and privilege of writing for President Ford, for getting to know him, and for the opportunity to write about him.

He was a wonderful public man. He had, moreover, the qualities of every great President - a practical mind and a noble heart.

with admiration -

Jim Cannon

Gerald R. Ford

1 Jan 2007

President Ford & Mrs. Ford

Thanks for making it possible to happen what my mother &
father, Justice Felix Frankfurter & Justice Hugo Black
wished for me. You in fact made the great country a
much better place.

Thanks.

Bill Clinton

Gerald R. Ford

Dear Betty and family —

Being here today, like all my
association with the Fords
has been a joy and a
great privilege.

May God bless you all

Bob Lutzmann

We have had wonderful
days + many memories —

Love Robt

Gerald R. Ford

Ryozo Kato

Ambassador of Japan

President Ford was the first US President who visited Japan. It was in 1974.

Next year, 1975, President and Mrs. Ford graciously invited the Emperor and the Empress of Japan to the US.

President Ford also announced "the New Pacific Doctrine", which formed the foundation of peace and stability of the Asia Pacific.

The passing of President Ford will be sadly missed, but he will be most affectionately remembered by the Japanese people for the years to come.

Gerald R. Ford

Le mie condoglianze e le mie preghiere
per il Presidente Gerald Ford.

Piero Sando
Agostino Numaio

Gerald R. Ford

On behalf of the Republic of Montenegro
- deepest & sincere condolences to you
Mr. Ford & your family. Our prayers
& thoughts are with you and
American people.

Forica Marić Djordjevic
Head of Montenegro Trade
Mission to the U.S.A

January 1/06

Gerald R. Ford

President Ford is a good friend
of the Chinese People. He will be long
remembered for his efforts in enhancing
mutual understanding between our
two peoples.

Zhao Zhiqiang
Ambassador of China

Gerald R. Ford

President Ford was the very symbol of national unity in difficult circumstances, with a nobility of soul and dedication to public life that we hail today with respect and sadness.

Jean-David Levita
Ambassador of France

Gerald R. Ford

Heartfelt and sincere condolences.

I admire President Ford for his
graciousness, kindness and feeling for
the larger good. The world would
have been so much better place with
more people like him.

Samuel Žbogar
Ambassador of Slovenia

Gerald R. Ford

The heartfelt condolences of our
entire Chief of Protocol office. He
was a great American.

Anders
Ambassador
US Chief of Protocol

Gerald R. Ford

On behalf of the Russian Federation I would like to express sincere and heartfelt condolences on the passing of President Gerald Ford. He is highly respected in Russia and will always be remembered as a strong political leader who made an invaluable contribution to strengthening and development of Russian-American relations.

Alexander N. Darchiev
Chargé d'affaires, a.i.
Russian Federation.

Gerald R. Ford

With admiration for what President Ford
did for the people of the United States and with
profound gratitude for what he did for world
peace. He is remembered in Belgium as a great
and honest gentleman.

Dominique Stuyve de Swilande
Ambassador of Belgium.

Gerald R. Ford

In behalf of the Korean Government
I would like to express our heartfelt and
deepest condolences to the late President Gerald
Ford on his sudden passing away.

May God give him eternal peace and rest.
May God give consolation and courage to
Mrs. Ford and bereaved families.

God bless America.

Choi, Tae-Sik
Ambassador of the Rep of Korea.

Gerald R. Ford

On behalf of the people of Serbia and myself, deepest condolences to the people of the United States and the family of President Ford. He was a great man who did much good not just for the United States but the world. He will be remembered as a courageous leader. Our prayers are with his loved ones.

Ivan Vujacic
ambassador of Serbia

Gerald R. Ford

On behalf of President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo and the Filipino people, I wish to convey my sincere condolences to Mrs. Betty Ford and her bereaved family.

President Ford is deeply mourned in the Philippines. He is remembered for his participation in 1943 in the operations of USS Monterey in the Philippine Sea; and in the campaigns on Leyte and Mindoro. He is also remembered for his statesmanship during the transition after his assumption to the Presidency.

May his soul rest in eternal peace.

Billy C. Foa
Philippine Ambassador

Gerald R. Ford

On behalf of the people and
the government of Finland
I want to present my condolences
for the passing away of the former
President of the United States,
Gerald Ford. Mr. Ford is remembered
with appreciation in Finland
for his visits, particularly the
visit in 1975 to sign the Final
Act of Helsinki.

[Signature]
Ambassador of Finland
to the United States of America

Gerald R. Ford

We will remember President Gerald Ford
for his attachment to the values of
freedom, justice and democracy, for his efforts
to promote dialogue and cooperation
among nations.

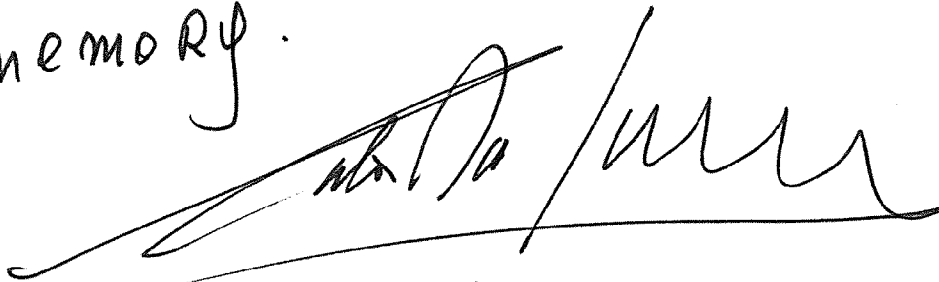
We feel privileged that he was able to
visit Poland in 1975.

Our deepest condolences to the family.

Ujczek Flue
Chrześcijanin a. i.
Embassy of Poland

Gerald R. Ford

Please accept, in the name of the people and Government of Mexico, our heartfelt condolences for the passing of President Gerald R. Ford. During his great life President Ford had always demonstrated a very keen interest for Mexico and during his Presidency he made a very important contribution for our neighborliness and cooperation as friendly nations. We all cherish and admire his memory.



Carlos de la Caza

Embassador of Mexico

Gerald R. Ford

I it is an unexpected honor to be
here to pay tribute to President
Ford. I was a very junior
diplomat in the Foreign Office when
President Ford visited Italy. I appreciate
being able to express Italy's condolences
to the family and convey the impatience
Italy and the Italian people attach
to the long lasting friendship with the
United States. President Ford's term
in office was a time of upheaval in the
world but also a time when the
bonds with allies like Italy, and with
Europe were further enriched.

Stefano Stefano
Embassy ITALY

Gerald R. Ford

On behalf of the people and the
government of America I would like
to express my condolences to you Mrs
Ford for President Gerald Ford. Your
husband is well remembered in America
for his efforts in the Middle East
Peace process and his visit in
Russia to meet President Khrushchev.
Let me thank you
for this very kind gesture of you
to have a special reception for
the representatives of the countries of
America and the
change of office
Barney of America

Gerald R. Ford

I bring the deepest condolences of all in the United Kingdom. President Ford will be remembered for his remarkable leadership not only at a difficult moment for the United States, but for the Berlin Wall. The Helsinki Accord, which contributed so much to the restoration of freedom in Europe, will always be associated with his name.

My wife and I have particularly warm memories of meeting the President in 2005, at a lunch with Lee Annenberg. He was in wonderful form. We will remember this occasion as one of the highlights of our time in the United States.

Sarah Manning
British Ambassador.

Gerald R. Ford

On behalf of the Government and the people of Romania it is with the most profound respect that I have the honor to present our most sincere condolences to Ms. Ford and the grieved family over the passing away of President Gerald R. Ford.

President G. R. Ford will always be remembered in Romania as a man of integrity, a fighter for democracy, liberty and respect of human rights. He represented the light of hope to a country engulfed in the dark ages of Communism. His most kind attitude towards the people of my country, the light of hope for a better future he inspired to a whole country will always be remembered.

With most sincere respect

On behalf of the H.O.M. of Romania



Deputy Chief of Mission

Gerald R. Ford

On behalf of the government and the Peoples of Bosnia and Herzegovina and my own name I would like to express our deepest condolences to the Ford family and the Peoples of the United States of America on this tragic occasion.

We would remember the President Ford as great leader and great man. We join the Ford Family in their prayers.

Jan 1st 2007

Darko Zelenika
Minister-Counsellor, DCM
Embassy of Bosnia and
Herzegovina

Gerald R. Ford

On behalf of the Government of Indonesia and
on behalf of Indonesia people, allow me
to extend my deepest condolence on the demise
of former President Gerald Ford

He always been remembered by our people as
one of the American Presidents who brought
the two countries closer

May God bless and let his soul rest in peace
beside Him.

Washington DC January 1, 2007



(Sudjarna Purnaningrat)
Ambassador of Indonesia

Gerald R. Ford

On behalf of the President, the Vice President,
the Cabinet and the people of America, I extend
the deepest condolences to the family of
the late President Ford. We recall his courage
to withstand pain, freedom of the cure of
human rights. We will also recall his personal
courage & his freedom of action against
to end himself in the world. His actions
& conduct will be remembered by generations
come in America & beyond.

Margaret Thatcher
Ch. i.
Jan 1, 07. Y.

Gerald R. Ford

In Germany President Ford will always
be remembered for signing the
Helsinki Accords, thus laying the
groundwork for the reunification
of my country.

With deepest sympathy,

Samuel Haindl
Chargé d'Affaires
Germany



U.S. SUPREME COURT

In Memoriam

It is a tribute to our constitutional system that, even at a dire moment, a leader of President Ford's character could emerge to reaffirm our basic principles.

Goldwater, J.

There is not enough space to say all that should be said about an extraordinary leader, an independence hunter & courageous provisioner, and a genuinely great person. One of my fondest memories is sharing a cold meal with him in Green Room a few years ago. He was one of the best in the best generation -

John Paul Stuenkel

I am enormously proud to have served in the Administration of Gerald R. Ford. No president has faced a greater challenge to the independence and vitality of the institution of the Presidency, and no one could have done a better job of meeting that challenge. The nation will forever be in his debt.

Clemente

The Founders knew that democracy presumes a virtuous and enlightened people. By his life and example Gerald Ford inspired us to renew our commitment to this fundamental principle. It has been a constant source of inspiration for me to know that his name is on the commission that brought me to the judiciary of the United States.

Edward Kennedy

Harold Louie

In Memoriam

President Ford brought calm to our country during a very difficult time. And, he did it with dignity, decency, & grace. Virginia & I will keep the entire Ford family in our thoughts & prayers.

Clarence Shuman

President Ford rose to the unsought challenge of the Nation's highest office with intelligence, caring, and uncommon decency. Among his gifts to the people of the USA, he appointed to the

Supreme Court's bench one of the finest jurists ever to serve on the Court, my dear colleague, Justice John Paul Stevens.

Pat & Peter Jimburg

President Ford appointed a merciful, dedicated group of people to high office. Whenever I come across them in my work - (as I have done continuously from

my time working as a Senate staffer to now, on the Court) I thank him for the great services he, and they, rendered to the country.

Stacy Brown

I will always remember President Ford as a pillar of level-headedness, stability, decency, and reassurance in the warring waters of the 1970s. I am deeply grateful for his long and dedicated service to our country. DCA

President Ford served our country exceedingly well at a critical time. His decency and good judgment helped restore our government and put us on a proper path.

Sandra Day O'Connor