



## Mr. Thurman L. Briggs

June 6, 1936 - October 7, 2017

In Loving Memory Of Thurman L. Briggs:

Thurman Lee Briggs was born in Detroit, Michigan on June 6, 1936 to John Anderson Briggs and Amanda Josephine Hill (both deceased) at Herman Keifer Hospital.

Thurman had seven siblings, Cecil (deceased), John (deceased), Diane (deceased – wife of Bishop of Nathaniel Edwards of Michigan), Bertha (Leonard) Michigan, Bertha May (Michigan), Mary (Michigan) and Anderson (Michigan).

After graduating from Northern High School in Detroit, Michigan, Thurman enlisted in the United States Army in July 1953, where he served as a cook in the Korean War. He earned a Purple Heart from an injury he sustained (skull fracture) while in active duty. He had a “permanent lump” on his skull from active combat unto his death. He also earned other medals while in active combat: The National Defense Service Medal, The Korean Service Medal and the United Nations Service Medal. While in the military, Thurman married his childhood sweetheart, Doris (Mays) Briggs (Ferndale, Michigan). After being honorably discharged in 1956, Thurman returned to Michigan.

He worked numerous jobs until he completed his B.A. and M.A. degrees at Wayne State University.

Thurman worked in the Wayne County Juvenile System until he retired in 1990. Although children and children's rights were his vocation, his avocation was the theater. He enjoyed acting immensely and was successful after portraying many roles in plays, movies, documentaries and television.

In 1982, Thurman renewed his friendship with Geraldine Jennings and in August 1986 they were married. Thurman and Geraldine (called Geri affectionately) traveled extensively. In 2016, as Thurman and Geri were planning another trip, he began to have extensive medical challenges which led to their trip being postponed.

On October 7, 2017, Thurman Lee Briggs went on to Glory.

# Previous Events

## Family Hour

Saturday, Nov. **25**. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Transforming Faith Ministries  
23705 Plymouth Rd.  
Redford, MI 48239

## Funeral Service

Saturday, Nov. **25**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr Thurman L Briggs was my Father’s cousin of whom we never, until recently heard of him, however is my family and I wish to send my condolences to my other family. My father was Aaron Briggs and lived in California. Although this post is years late, my heart felt emotions and condolences, and emotions are very much felt and present.*

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**My name is Flora Briggs Morgan** - May 26 at 09:01 AM



“ *Mr. Thurman L. Briggs*

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January 21, 2023 at 09:34 PM