



## Mr. Alton Thorn Jr.

September 15, 1937 - April 22, 2014

THORN, Mr. Alton, Jr. - age 76, passed away Tuesday, April 22, 2014 at his residence. Family hour 10 a.m. Saturday, April 26, 2014 at Our Savior Lutheran Church, 6901 N. Saginaw St. with funeral service commencing at 11 a.m. Pastor Randy Schultz officiating. Interment Great Lakes National Cemetery, G-4200 Belford Rd., Holly, MI. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the Church 10 a.m. Saturday. Mr. Thorn will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd. and may be viewed from 1 p.m.-7 p.m. Friday.

Alton Thorn, Jr. was born on September 15, (or October 15,) 1937 depending on whether you ask my father Alton Thorn or my mother Corene (nee) Jefferson. During those days most children were born with the help of midwives. The recording of birth information became a bit inaccurate. I was the first of three children, the only boy born in Camden, Arkansas, where we lived until I was about the age of three. We moved to Peoria, Illinois, where my brother Richard and sister Joyce were born. At the age of six we moved to Inkster, MI. At the age of 17, during the Korean War, I joined the Air Force. In 1957 I moved to Flint, got a job at Chevrolet Metal Fabricating and work there until a severe auto accident. On June 21, 1965, I met and married Helen. We had 2 sons, Keith O. and Alton III. Helen and her family were Methodist and I became a part of their church family. On August 11, 1967, while on my way to work, I was involved in a head-on collision with a flat-bed truck. My injuries

were many, and I was laid up for several months. During my recovering I developed a love for fishing and woodworking. Over the years I developed great skill in both and shared them with four dear friends, Richard Watson, Clarence McIntosh, Mary Broomfield, and Jerry. Living in the Beecher District, my oldest son attended school there encountering much prejudice. My step mother Katie working with Ben Roof who talked to her about his church and school. One thing after another and we were confirmed in 1972. I learned to know God personally through many of the members at Our Savior, who befriended my family and I. I will never forget Benn Roof, Sr. and Clyde Banks, Sr. My children grew up here at Our Savior. Keith and Alton and my niece and nephew Chanda and O'Shea, who as teenagers came to live with us. My prayer is that they will continue to all be able to "grow up" here at Our Savior both physically and spiritually.

The ground here is rich for growing saints.

I now leave to mourn my passing: my wife of 49.11 years (Cheated her out of that 50th sorry Helen buy yourself real nice), Helen; sons, Keith (Linda) Lansing, MI, and Alton III of Burton, MI; nephew, O'Shea (Kathy) of Montrose; brother, Richard Thorn; 13 grandchildren; 9 great-grandchildren; 6 nieces; 5 nephews; 2 uncles; and several cousins; brother-in-law, Dr. Rudolph D. Wheaton; and sister-in-law, Ruth Wheaton.

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

APR **25**. 1:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home Chapel, Flint  
906 W. Flint Park Blvd.  
Flint, MI 48505  
(810) 789-MOON (6666)  
lemoonfhflint@gmail.com  
<http://www.lawrenceemoonfuneralhome.com>

## Family hour

APR **26**. 10:00 AM (ET)

Our Savior Lutheran Church  
6901 N. Saginaw St.  
Flint, MI

## Service

APR **26**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Alton Thorn Jr.*

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ *Sm Thorn (arkansas } lit a candle in memory of Mr. Alton Thorn Jr.*



**sm thorn (arkansas }** - June 13, 2014 at 10:15 PM



“ *I'm sorry for your loss losing a loved one can be so tragic. So I would like to offer you encouraging thoughts at Revelation 21:4-he will wipe out every tear from their eyes and death will be no more neither will mourning nor outcry nor pain be anymore.*

**Lisa Wright** - May 29, 2014 at 08:20 PM



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**lisa wright** - April 29, 2014 at 06:13 PM



*“ I remember riding the bus at Our Savior Lutheran School while Mr. Thorn was the driver. He was strict, but always nice! A very dear man who took keeping us safe at all times! Praying for the family!*

**Sonceria Ingram-Ford** - April 26, 2014 at 04:10 PM



*“ I would like to send our condolence to the family. We are Praying that GOD WILL COMFORT you in this loss of your Husband, soul mate. Know GOD CARES FOR YOU, AND HE WILL NEVER LEAVE you.*



**linda hamilton** - April 25, 2014 at 03:06 PM



*“ I would like to give my condolences to the Thorn family. Mr.Thorn was not only a bus driver to me but also a great neighbor and father figure. I will miss visiting him every time I come home from New Jersey. I will truly miss you.....thanks for introducing me to the wonderful music of Marvin Gaye. Every time I hear his music it reminds me of all those bus rides. Sascha (Williams) Brown*

**Sascha Brown** - April 25, 2014 at 02:55 PM



*Sascha call Sonceria. 8109555389.*

**Sonceria Ingram-Ford** - April 26, 2014 at 04:12 PM

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“ Please accept my sincere condolences for the loss of you loved one. During these difficult times we can turn to our heavenly father Jehovah God (Psalms 83:18) for comfort. The bible says he is the "God of all comfort who comforts us in all our trials" (2 Corinthians 1:3&4) The bible also talks about a time when death will be a thing of the past and this is found at Revelation 21:4 "he will wipe every tear from their eyes and death will be no more neither will mourning nor outcry nor pain be anymore, the former things have passed away". Another encouraging scripture is found at John 5:28 where Jesus said, "do not be amazed at this because the hour is coming in which all those in the memorial tombs will here his voice and come out". So the bible gives us hope to also be reunited with out loved ones in the future. I hope these words will bring you comfort.

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**neighbor** - April 23, 2014 at 10:53 AM

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“ Janis Thorns lit a candle in memory of Mr. Alton Thorn Jr.



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**janis Thorns** - April 23, 2014 at 01:03 AM

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*The family have my deepest condolences in your time of grief. Look to the hills where you will find strength & the Lord makes no mistakes. Praying for our family much love.*

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**janis Thorns** - April 23, 2014 at 01:13 AM