



## Eld. Kenneth Robert Thurman

July 9, 1951 - July 4, 2015

THURMAN, Eld. Kenneth Robert - Age 64, passed away Saturday, July 4, 2015 at University of Michigan - Ann Arbor, MI. Family hour 10 a.m. Thursday, July 9, 2015 at Perfecting Church, 7616 Nevada Ave., Detroit, MI., with funeral service commencing at 11 a.m. Bishop Elect Marvin Winans officiating. Interment Sunset Hills Cemetery, G-4413 Flushing Rd. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the church 10 a.m. Thursday. Elder Thurman will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd., and may be viewed with the family present from 2 p.m. - 6 p.m. Friday, July 10, 2015.

Elder Kenneth Robert Thurman "Bobby" was born July 9, 1951 in Flint, Michigan, the son of Mazel (Thurman) Ramey and James Edward Thurman, Sr. ten minutes after his twin sister, Katherine (Thurman) Hudson. Elder Thurman received his primary education in The Flint School System. He began his college education at Ferris State University with his best friend, Howard Walsh. He went on to receive his Bachelor degree from Eastern Michigan University. After college he was employed by Zurich Insurance Company. Having been raised by a Christian mother, Elder Thurman accepted Christ at an early age. He regularly attended Canaan Baptist Church in his early years. More recently Elder Thurman has been a member of Perfecting Church in Detroit, MI. In 1998, he was ordained into the ministry at Perfecting Church by Pastor Marvin Winans, Jr. He was a member for 25 years and

served as Department Head of the Follow-Up Department, Elder on Ministerial Alliance and he also served on Perfecting Church's Board of Directors. Elder Thurman was a fun loving and competitive person. Mother Thurman-Ramey introduced her children to the sport of bowling at an early age. That became the twin's sports events competition ground whether it was in actual bowling center or Wii bowling on TV. That competitive nature in Elder Thurman proved to be useful as his battle was transferred from the bowling lanes to the hospital bed. He fought a tough battle before and after his bilateral lung transplant last April. But now the battle is finished. As he is laid to rest until Jesus comes back to receive him let us remember the words of I Thessalonians 4:15-18 "For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep.

For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words."

Elder Kenneth Robert Thurman leaves to cherish his memory: mother, Mazel Ramey of Flint; twin sister, Katherine Hudson of Chandler, AZ; son, Kenneth Jeron Thurman; 3 daughters, Miracle Michelle and Majestic Thurman, both of Cleveland, OH and Tameka Rencher of Ypsilanti, MI; granddaughter, Londyn Thurman of Cleveland, OH; niece, Shonda Thurman of Orlando, FL; 2 aunts, Inez Heller Jones of Westerville, OH and Lillie Heller of Holly, MI; cousins, Gloria Jean Rison, Ruth Ann Henry, Carolyn Jones, Ronald (Barbara) Heller, Gregory Heller, Larry (Virginia) Heller, Oscar Wright, Burnice Wright, Diane Jemerson, Ruth Wright, Marneta Heller, Willard Heller Jr. and Howard Wright.

Elder Thurman was preceded in death by his father, James Edward Thurman,

Sr.; grandparents, Time and Essie Mae Heller; sister, Sandra Lea Thurman; brother, James Edward Thurman, Jr.; step-father, Walter P. Ramey; special aunt, Ruth "Mama Ruth" Morgan; special daughter, Dominique Gooden.

The family would like to express special thank you to cousins, Andra Jackson of Clinton Twp, MI and Evangelist Jackie Blair of Mt. Morris, MI, Shari Miller, Rita (Ozell) Waters, Dorsey Cummings, Ola Cummings, the staff of University of Michigan Hospital-Ann Arbor, MI and a special thank you to Allen Woolford, Transplant Mentor, Ann Arbor, MI.

# Cemetery Details

## Sunset Hills Cemetery

G-4413 Flushing Rd.  
Flint, MI 48504

# Previous Events

## Family hour

JUL 9. 10:00 AM (ET)

Perfecting Church  
7616 Nevada Ave  
Detroit, MI 48234  
a1funeraldirector@gmail.com  
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## Family Present

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## Public Viewing

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Eld. Kenneth Robert Thurman*

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October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ *To the Thurman and Ramey family, we extend to you our deepest sympathy and prayers. May God comfort you. Cherish the many memories that you have of your loved one.*

*The Lomax Family*

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**Sheila Lomax** - July 09, 2015 at 07:55 PM



“ *Dear Family,*

*I am glad to have had the pleasure of knowing Elder Kenneth Thurman. I remember him as a kind-hearted individual and he will be missed. I am praying for your family during this time.*

*I remember a particular situation where I was asked by our Pastor to preach at the last minute and I said no. Our Pastor then insisted that "Elder Thurman" step in. I must say, Elder Thurman was not happy with me at the moment, but we did share laughs about it. He did not let me forget it. He was a very faithful person and it was well noted. "...Well done, thou good and faithful servant..."*

*Sincerely,  
Monique Wingate*

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**Monique** - July 09, 2015 at 10:14 AM

RW

“ Rudy Ward lit a candle in memory of Eld.  
Kenneth Robert Thurman



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**Rudy Ward** - July 09, 2015 at 06:11 AM

KC

“ My Brother from Canaan Baptist Church , big friends with the family,  
my concerns go out to his sister Kathy, and Mrs Mazell Thurman  
Ramey !! love ya much.

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**keith R. Champion** - July 08, 2015 at 06:09 PM



“ Psalm 103:2 "Bless the Lord, O my soul and forget not all His  
benefits" This is the scripture that I think about whenever I think of  
Elder Thurman. He so beautifully preached this message about our  
loving, forgiving, and merciful God, way back in the nineties, and it  
has been a blessing to me ever since then. Take your rest, Man of  
Valor, you will be missed.  
Pastor Myra Jefferson

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**Myra King** - July 08, 2015 at 03:13 PM

AP

“ As both members of Ministerial Alliance and the Board of Directors of Perfecting Church, we served together in ministry until 2000. Elder was a kind and sensitive man. He loved the people of God and he loved the ministry. He blessed many people with his down-to-earth manner. He will be sorely missed. Sorry I cannot be there for his life's celebration, but the celebration down here pales in comparison to the one he revels in now in eternity. I love you Miracle and Majestic. I have not ceased to pray for you beautiful young ladies.

Aseneth Parker - July 07, 2015 at 05:50 PM

NW

“ To the Thurman family may God comfort and strengthen you during this time. I met Ken many years ago while we both attended the Bible Church, then Christian Love Fellowship Church. I have many memories of him, and will forever keep those memories in my mind. Please know that you're in my prayers, and I encourage you to look to the Lord for his help, his strength, his love and his comfort.



Naomi Williams - July 06, 2015 at 09:29 AM

SK

“ To the family of Elder Kenneth Thurman: I offer condolences to you in the passing of Elder Thurman. Elder Thurman was one of the first persons I met when I became a member of Perfecting Church. His presence will be missed! Elder Thurman has gone from labor to reward and is with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Sister Julie Koger - July 06, 2015 at 08:40 AM