



## Mr. Ralph Tibbs

October 31, 1933 - December 31, 2014

TIBBS, Mr. Ralph - Age 81, passed away Wednesday, December 31, 2014 at Genesys Health Park-Grand Blanc, MI. Family hour 10:30 a.m. Thursday, January 8, 2015 at Christian Love Faith Center, 3202 Flushing Rd., with funeral service commencing at 11 a.m. Interment Great Lakes National Cemetery, G-4200 Belford Rd., Holly, MI. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the church 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Mr. Tibbs will lie in state in the chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd., and may be viewed from 12 noon-8 p.m. Wednesday.

Ralph Tibbs was born on October 31, 1933 in Columbia, Missouri to the parents of Ellis and Christine Tibbs. He accepted Christ at an early age and was a member of The Second Baptist Church in Columbia, Missouri. After graduating from Fred Douglas High School in 1951 he furthered his education at Ohio State University where he was pursuing a degree in interior decorating. In 1953 Ralph joined the US Marine Corps. During his service he traveled all over the world and received an Honorable Discharge in 1956. After moving to California, Ralph married Hazel Carpenter where they had six children. Later he moved to Dallas, Texas where he pursued his career in interior decorating at Dallas Drapery. He was a deacon at New Birth Baptist Church under pastoral leadership of Pastor Pryor. In 1999 Ralph moved his residency from Dallas, Texas to Grand Blanc, Michigan and married Mary Ellen Hicks. He became a deacon at Christian Love Faith Center as was a

faithful member. Ralph was an entrepreneur in upholstery making, installing window treatments and photography.

Mr. Ralph Tibbs leaves to cherish his memories: wife, Mary Ellen Tibbs; sister, Faye Jackson of San Diego, CA; daughters, Constance and Monica Tibbs, both of California, Tracy Tibbs of Ponte Vedra Beach, FL, April Tibbs of Sanford, NC, Ann (Keith) Tillage of Baton Rouge, LA; son, Larry Tibbs of California; 5 step-children, Cheryl Lee of Nashville, TN, Timothy (Shirley) Hicks of Grand Blanc, MI, Eric (Lisa) Hicks of Oak Park, MI, Marcia (Michael) Wiley of Crowley, TX and William Hicks of Detroit, MI; a host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins, and many friends including special friends, Al Malone, DeWayne & Willie McAllister Sr., and Special group, The Dudes & Dolls Square Dance Club.

Mr. Ralph Tibbs was preceded in death by: his parents, Ellis & Christine Tibbs.

# Cemetery Details

## Great Lakes National Cemetery

G-4200 Belford Rd.  
Holly, MI 48442

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

JAN 7. 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

## Family hour

JAN 8. 10:30 AM (ET)

Christian Love Faith Center  
3202 Flushing Rd.  
Flint, MI 48504

## Service

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JAN 8. 11:00 AM (ET)

Christian Love Faith Center  
3202 Flushing Rd.  
Flint, MI 48504

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Ralph Tibbs*

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ *Our heartfelt sympathy to the family of our class brother Ralph. Although we only saw him every three years at our class reunion, we enjoyed spending time with him, Mary Ellen and Faye. The beautiful pictures and T-shirts he provided for our class were greatly appreciated.*

*Mary Ellen and Faye, may God bless and comfort you and your family.*

*Douglas High School Class of 1951, Columbia, MO*

**Marilyn Marshall** - January 08, 2015 at 04:54 PM



*Mary, Faye and family, so happy Remy and I had the opportunity to have had breakfast with you guy's in San Diego previously. Remembered it as a grand time. Events make memories. Hold those memories of Ralph close, they will be with you always.  
Beverly and Remy*

**Beverly Collins** - January 11, 2015 at 09:14 PM



“ *Ralph you week truly be missed cousin. I love you and tell my grandmother and granddaddy your cousins hi and they are missed as well.. Dear family you all are in my prayers love you all. Jaza Colbert and family*

**Jaza Colbert** - January 07, 2015 at 07:54 PM

MB

“ Maurice And Wanda Ballenger lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ralph Tibbs



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**Maurice and Wanda Ballenger** - January 07, 2015 at 01:31 PM

CH

“ Cherri Higginbotham lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ralph Tibbs



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**Cherri Higginbotham** - January 07, 2015 at 11:59 AM

CH

*Deacon Tibbs will truly be missed at Christian Love. Praying for Mother Tibbs and Sis. Faye. Love you. Sis. Cherri*

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**Cherri Higginbotham** - January 07, 2015 at 12:02 PM

DL

“ *I met Ralph 8 yrs ago and during that time I married into the family, Ralph then made me the number one son and I smile as I write this because he's such a good man with beautiful wife with a beautiful family my prayers are with you all at this time..*

*We laugh together prayed together and that spirit of love was always there where ever we were so yes I'll miss you Ralph but we know it's not good bye it's see you later buddy, I love you... Darrell Lee*

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**Darrell Lee** - January 07, 2015 at 11:12 AM

WJ

“ Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family of Mr. Ralph Tibbs. May the prayers and caring thoughts of friends and family help you through this time of sorrow.

*Bill, Robert & Staff of Wilson & Reives*



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**William T. Wilson, Jr.** - January 07, 2015 at 09:07 AM

JH

“ Deacon Tibbs always had a quiet, gentle spirit. He will be missed. We love you Mother Tibbs and Sis. Faye...We will continue to keep you in our prayers. The Holbrooks.

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**Janice Holbrook** - January 06, 2015 at 05:53 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mr. Ralph Tibbs.



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January 06, 2015 at 02:08 PM

CJ

“ Charlotte Clady Jackson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ralph Tibbs



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**Charlotte Clady Jackson** - January 05, 2015 at 05:49 PM

CJ

*Faye, we know that you have many precious memories and we prayerfully express our sympathy for the family. Mt. Zion MBC, San Diego*

Charlotte Clady Jackson - January 05, 2015 at 06:03 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Ralph Tibbs.*



January 05, 2015 at 01:17 PM

CP

“ *R.I.P. - May love, peace and blessings surround all the family*

Charles P - January 04, 2015 at 08:41 PM

BH

“ *Mary Ellen, Faye and family members. Ralph will be missed. How do we have pics for B and W ball without Ralph. Be blessed for the time he was here. God Bless and give you peace.*



Barbra and David Horrell - January 03, 2015 at 01:24 PM