



## Mr. John Timmes

February 19, 1925 - July 27, 2015

John Timmes, 90, of Peoria, Ill., passed away Monday, July 27, 2015, at HCR Manor Care.

Born Feb. 19, 1925 in Jackson, Miss. to Ophelia Rembert and Charley Timmes, he married the love of his life, Kathryn Williams, Aug. 11, 1956, in Ashland, Ky.

He was educated in the Jackson, Miss. school system and was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II, serving from 1943 to 1945.

He began a long career in law enforcement as a patrolman in the Peoria Police Department in December 1958. Promoted to sergeant in 1966, he worked in the juvenile and civic affairs division for the next 16 years.

John and his partner and long-time friend, George Shadid, were the first integrated partners on Peoria's police force.

After retiring from the police department, he worked security at Caterpillar Inc., as head of security at the Peoria Civic Center, and at Peoria School District 150, where he worked security at Manual High School and Trewyn Middle School.

He also provided security for Carver Community Center and at the Riverplex, as a Peoria Park District police officer, until his final retirement in 2005.

John was named Peoria Policeman of the Year in 1970 and was inducted into the Peoria African-American Hall of Fame Museum in 2000. His many other awards include the Lifetime Service Award from the Peoria Afro-American Police League in 2006.

He was an avid tennis player who won many city tournaments with his favorite partner, Dr. James Stafford.

He served on the board of directors of Carver Community Center and was a member of Bradley University Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Tri-County Urban League Guild and Bethel United Methodist Church.

John leaves to cherish his most precious memories his loving and devoted wife, Kathryn W. Timmes of Peoria; daughters, Johnna N. Timmes of Portland, OR and Carolyn Collins of Chicago; sisters, Doris (Walter) Nelson of Chicago and Ida B. Kelly of Jackson, MS; nephews, Charles (Valerie) Timmes of Peoria, Vanness Nelson of Chicago; nieces, Cynthia Long and Patricia Timmes both of Chicago; a great niece, Brittany (Steve) Graves and great nephew, Trenton N. Timmes both of Peoria; and a host of other family and friends who adored John. He is preceded in death by his parents; one daughter, Janique Timmes; one brother, Elbert Timmes; a niece, Joan Timmes and nephew Milton Timmes.

Visitation will be 4 to 6 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 2, 2015, at Bethel United Methodist Church. Services will be 11 a.m. Monday at his church with visitation at 10 a.m. Pastor Gary Wilson will officiate. Burial will be at Historic Springdale Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made The Urban League's TSTM program, or the Bethel United Methodist Building Fund.

Simons Mortuary is in charge of arrangements. Online condolences may be made to [simonsmortuary.com](http://simonsmortuary.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 2. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Bethel United Methodist Church

210 N. Richard Pryor Pl.

Peoria, IL 61605

[http://www.peoriabethelumc.org/index.php?page=About\\_Us§ion=welcome](http://www.peoriabethelumc.org/index.php?page=About_Us§ion=welcome)

## Visitation

AUG 3. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Bethel United Methodist Church

210 N. Richard Pryor Pl.

Peoria, IL 61605

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## Funeral Service

AUG 3. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Simons Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. John Timmes*



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**Simons Mortuary** - July 31, 2015 at 04:35 PM



“ *Mr. John Timmes*

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January 29, 2023 at 06:10 AM



“ *Mr. John Timmes*

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January 29, 2023 at 03:12 AM



“ *I am so sorry to learn of Mr. Timmes passing. I enjoyed hearing stories about him from Johnna. My deepest sympathy and love. From all of the Kassissiehs.*

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**Julia Kassissieh** - August 22, 2015 at 02:14 AM

RW

“ *Reta Williams-Doss lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Timmes*



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**Reta Williams-Doss** - August 03, 2015 at 11:58 AM

RW

*Mrs. Timmes you have been in my prayers for some time and I will continue to remember you and your family in prayers. I love you. Reta Williams-Doss*

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**Reta Williams-Doss** - August 03, 2015 at 12:01 PM

MB

“ *I'm so sorry for your loss-my thoughts and prayers are with you at this time.*

*-Maria J. Palm Bishop (AOL class of 1968)*

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**maria bishop** - August 02, 2015 at 06:49 PM

JQ

“ *Kathryn, with heartfelt condolences to you and your family. We remember how we worked together to help young people in the Peoria community. Our WHS Staff can look back and 😊 . Our Heart and Soul was in our Profession! It is with that same passion I think of you today ,Kathryn. The Peace and Love of above be with you in this special time. Hope to talk with you again someday. Q & The Querciagrossa Family (Jan, Jamie, Jayson).*

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**Jim Q.uerciagrossa** - August 02, 2015 at 06:33 PM

VC

“ *Johnna and Family, you're in my thoughts and prayers. May He bring you peace during this difficult time. - Victor Cato*

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**Victor Cato** - August 02, 2015 at 05:30 PM

EJ

“ *I was so sorry to red about John's passing. I am in Canada so will miss Sunday's visitation and the services Monday. I met John back in the early-sixties when he and George Shadid walked into my office, introduced themselves. I, and so many others in the Manual community owe so much to John and his influence on young people to do what they know they should be doing. I never knew him to shy away from a challenge—be it with a young teenager with a loaded shot gun looking to get even or parents totally at odds with their young teenager or others. He was always calm, supportive and objective, His influence lives on within anyone who ever had the opportunity to meet him. Mrs. Timmes and family, our prayers are with you as they are with John. Take care and I know I will see you around in the near future. Eric Johnson*

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**Eric Johnson** - August 01, 2015 at 11:11 PM

MB

“ *Dear Kathryn, I was sad to read of John's passing. Just know that you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. John was a Good Man. xoxo Mary Ellen Van Burkirk*

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**mary ellen van buskirk** - August 01, 2015 at 08:54 AM

AM

“ *The Matthews-Knighten send their condolences to the Williams family. Love Mrs. Timmes. Never will forget what you taught the community.*

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**Almetter Matthews-Knighten** - July 31, 2015 at 01:11 PM

HL

“ Kathryn: So sorry for your loss. It is a loss for the entire community.  
Hank and BJ Lawrence

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**Henry Lawrence** - July 31, 2015 at 08:41 AM

MW

“ I pray that God, the Father comfort you.

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**Ms. Pat Ward** - July 30, 2015 at 12:19 PM

DH

“ Barbara and I would like to express our condolences to the Timmes family for the loss of John. I worked with John for many years and found much to learn from his experience and leadership qualities. He will be missed by all who knew him.

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**Davvid R. Hoffman** - July 30, 2015 at 10:23 AM

SB

“ Dear Kathryn,  
You and John were great neighbors to my parents on Bourland, the Baers and my mother always enjoyed you both! John is a great loss to Peoria and I will remember you both in my prayers. Blessings Sister Cecile Baer, Rock Island, IL.

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**Sister Cecile Baer** - July 30, 2015 at 10:14 AM