



## Julius Rudolph "Cuge" Thurman

December 5, 1926 - January 21, 2025

Mr. Julius Rudolph "Cuge" Thurman, age 98, of Pridgen, Georgia passed away Tuesday morning, January 21, 2025 at his residence following a recent decline in health.

Mr. Thurman was born December 5, 1926, in Sapps Still, Georgia to the late Thomas W. Thurman and Lilla Traynam Thurman. Immediately after his 18th birthday Mr. Thurman enlisted in the United States Army. After basic training in Paris, Texas he served as a Combat Engineer in the Pacific Theater of World War II. Following the Japanese surrender he spent two years as part of the occupation forces rebuilding bridges in the historic port city of Yokohama, Japan.

He returned in 1947 and settled in the community of Pridgen, Georgia beginning a family with his wife Betty Blount Thurman. A life-long farmer he produced over 50 seasons of tobacco, corn, and soybeans. During this time he and his older brothers worked as carpenters, building barns and houses throughout the community and surrounding counties. Afterwards he enjoyed over 30 years of retirement as a cattleman.

Mr. Thurman was an avid fisherman and quail hunter. He never missed an opportunity to enjoy the outdoors with his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He was a devoted member of the Broxton Methodist Church,

where he regularly taught Sunday School and was a member of the choir.

Along with his parents, he was preceded in death by siblings Louise Spell, Allie Pridgen, Elbert “Buster” Thurman, Terrell Thurman, George Thurman, and Francis Edward.

Mr. Thurman is survived by his loving wife of 73 years Betty Blount Thurman of Pridgen, Georgia; 4 children: Pat Williams (Jack), Johnny Thurman (Patricia) of Douglas, Georgia, Marie Davis (E.F.) of Pridgen, Georgia, and Lisa Beadleston (Dave) of Longmont, Colorado; sister, Rita Vickers of Ambrose, Georgia; grandchildren Shannon Thurman, Randy Rathburn (Amy), Jennifer Davis, Meagan Williams (Brad), Rand Merchant (Traci), Carissa Merchant, George Thurman (Caitlin); 5 great grandchildren; and numerous nieces, nephews, and extended family.

Mr. Thurman’s family will receive friends on Saturday afternoon, January 25, 2025 from 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM in the chapel of Ricketson Funeral Home. His funeral will be at 2:00 PM in the chapel of Ricketson Funeral Home with Rev. Casey Wright officiating and Rand Merchant delivering the eulogy. Interment will follow in the Pridgen Cemetery.

The family hopes that you will join them in celebrating his long and fulfilled life. In lieu of flowers please consider making a donation to the Douglas World War II Flight Training Museum or your favorite charity in his honor.

Condolences and fond memories may be left for Mr. Thurman’s family at [www.ricketsonfuneralhome.com](http://www.ricketsonfuneralhome.com) (<http://www.ricketsonfuneralhome.com/>).

Mr. Thurman’s arrangements have been entrusted to the compassionate staff of Ricketson Funeral Home, Inc.



# Cemetery Details

## Pridgen Cemetery

5570 US Highway 441 N  
Broxton, GA 31519

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**JAN 25.** 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Ricketson Funeral Home Chapel  
305 West Ward Street  
Douglas, GA 31533

## Funeral Service

**JAN 25.** 2:00 PM (ET)

Ricketson Funeral Home Chapel  
305 West Ward Street  
Douglas, GA 31533

## Interment

**JAN 25** (ET)

Pridgen Cemetery  
5570 US Highway 441 N  
Broxton, GA 31519



# Tribute Wall



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Julius Rudolph "Cuge" Thurman.*



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January 24, 2025 at 09:35 PM



“ *Betty and children, I send my love and prayers for God to give you strength during this time Johnnie Faye Mancil*

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**JOHNNIE MANCIL** - January 24, 2025 at 10:48 AM



“ *Lynn Harrll lit a candle in memory of Julius Rudolph "Cuge" Thurman*



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**Lynn Harrll** - January 23, 2025 at 07:22 PM

LF

“ January 12, at 8:30 AM, Mr ‘Cuge’, the ‘Farmer’, was telling me he liked to...”ramble, some people call it vacation but ramble is what I call it”....

And then

January 21, at 8:15 AM he  
‘Rambled on to Glory’

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I can only Imagine this ‘Rambling trip’.

Bless his family and all that Loved him...he lives on in each one.

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**Loretta Howe and Family** - January 22, 2025 at 09:00 AM

JL

“ I am so sorry for your loss. All of you are in my thoughts and prayers.

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**Jean Lewis** - January 21, 2025 at 05:33 PM

JS

CONDOLENCES TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY ON THE DEATH OF YOUR DADDY! Mr. Thurman was a Christian man that love GOD, Family and many Friends! May the peace of God watch over each of you during this sad time! 🙏✝️❤️

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**Joseph Cason Sr!** - January 21, 2025 at 07:28 PM

BH

Condolences to Betty and family, prayers for you in this time of grief.

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**Barbara Howe** - January 24, 2025 at 02:28 PM