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Local Tuskegee Airman crosses over at 80

FORT WAYNE-The Summit City lost an icon of black history and World War II last week when Harold Gauden, 80, died Oct. 15 at VA Northern Healthcare Center in Fort Wayne.

Born Feb. 20, 1927, in Grambling, La., Gauden served in the Air Force as a Tuskegee Airman- the famed all-black fighter escort unit.

In later years, Gauden served as a truck driver for Omni Source. Earlier this year, he traveled to Washington, D.C., to receive the Congressional Gold Medal.

