**R3780 RESTING PLACE (USA, 4/1986) [TV]**

**Credits:** director, John Korty; writer, Walter Halsey Davis.

**Cast:** John Lithgow, Morgan Freeman, C.C.H. Pounder.

**Summary:** Melodrama set in Georgia in 1972. Maj. Kendall Laird (Lithgow), recently returned from Vietnam, is assigned as a Survivor’s Assistance Officer to aid in the burial of a Black lieutenant killed in combat. Arriving in the small Georgia town of Rockville where the burial is to take place, he is met by hostility from the parents of the lieutenant and from town officials who prevent the burial in a “whites only” cemetery. Laird’s attempts to find a compromise fail. While trying to gather background on the lieutenant’s heroism for a local newspaper story, Laird finds inconsistencies in the accounts of the lieutenant’s death and learns that the soldiers he commanded believe he was responsible for a mis-directed airstrike which caused “friendly fire” deaths. Laird finds the man who was really responsible, wins the support of the disaffected enlisted men, and gets them to accompany the casket of their lieutenant, intimidating the town officials into acquiescence.

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