



## Charles Albert Green

January 22, 1943 - April 12, 2017

Charles A. Greene, son of the late Allie Greene and the late Rev. Dr. Walter Hayward Greene, was born on January 22, 1943 in Greenville, North Carolina. He departed this life on Wednesday, April 12, 2017, at Bayhealth Medical Center in Dover, DE after a long illness. Charles led a life full of love for the Lord and his family, as well as his church, community, and the country which he served proudly as a member of the United States Army, Army Reserves, and Army National Guard His wife, Virginia D. Greene, a brother, the Rev. Dr. Kenneth H. Greene, Sr., and a step brother Leroy McFadden, Jr. preceded him in death.

Charles received his early education in Greenville, NC and attended York Memorial AME Zion Church with his mother and his two brothers, Kenneth and James Greene. In 1961, he graduated from CM. Eppes High School in Greenville. He then attended Maryland State College in Princess Anne, Maryland, before joining the Army in 1963. He worked as an army radio mechanic, serving both in the United States and abroad in Germany before retiring from active duty with an Honorable Discharge in 1966. He served with the Army Reserves for three years then with the 261st Signal Brigade/Delaware Army National Guard in Dover, DE from 1979 until 2003, retiring as a Master Sergeant after a total of 29 years of service.

In 1966, Charles married his high school sweetheart, Virginia D. Whitehurst, and moved to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, where he worked for Westinghouse. Their only child, Shonda, was born in 1967 in Philadelphia. In

1968, the family moved to Dover, DE, where Charles worked for Standard Brands (later Reichold Chemical), and Virginia worked as an English teacher for the Capital School District. Charles and his family also became active members at Whatcoat United Methodist Church in Dover, DE, where his father, the late Dr. W. Hayward Greene, served as pastor. He returned to school and attended Delaware State College, graduating in 1975 and receiving a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration. After graduation, he became a member of the Dover Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc./Dover, DE in the spring of 1976. Committed to his fraternity, he became a Life Member in 1979 and was the holder of several offices, including the office of Keeper of Records and Polemarch. Charles was also awarded Kappa of the Year during his Kappa journey. Although Charles was prevented physically from active participation, he remained keenly interested in Kappa endeavors. With the assistance of his daughter, brother James (also a member of Kappa Alpha Psi), and visits from his fraternity brothers, he continued to keep abreast of fraternity activities.

Charles worked for Getty Oil Refinery in Delaware City, DE, Shore Up! Inc. in Salisbury, MD, and as a substitute teacher for the Capital School District. He was employed by the Delaware Dept. of Corrections as a Delaware State Correctional Officer and worked at the Gander Hill Correctional Facility in Wilmington, DE, where he eventually retired after more than 20 years of service.

He was married to his loving wife Virginia for 42 years until her passing in 2009. The two of them loved to vacation together, especially after their mutual retirement and with their close family friends, Carl and Geneva Fennell. He enjoyed fishing, watching sports, participating in the Whatcoat UMC Men's Bible Study, Security Team, Evangelism Explosion, Prayer Ministry, the Stewardship committee and mentoring young persons. Although he was diagnosed with ALS in 2008, he did not allow his illness to keep him from "fighting the good fight". He was well known and loved by his CNAs, the staff at Delaware Hospice in Dover, DE, and the doctors/staff at the ALS Clinic at

Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, MD, making sure that he knew EVERYONE by name. Although Charles was having difficulties physically, he always managed to keep up with everyone's activities, always asking how they and their families were doing. Many persons came to see him as a "spiritual father" and called him an inspiration to anyone who came to know him.

He leaves to mourn, his devoted daughter, the Reverend (Dr.) Shonda R. Greene of Dover, DE; his mother-in-law, Emma Newton Whitehurst of Greenville, NC; his stepmother, Thelma Tanner Greene of Delmar, DE; his brother, Dr. James C. Greene and sister-in-law Kathleen Greene of Fort Washington, MD; his sister-in-law, the Reverend Sandra Greene of Baltimore, MD; two God-children, Darius Fennell of North Brunswick, NJ and LaQuia Turner of Elkton, MD; a nephew, Kenneth H. Greene, Jr. (Youlander); a niece, Kia M. Greene (Kiana); four stepsisters, Laverne (Theodore, Jr.) Jarmon of Waldorf, MD, Dorothy McFadden-Wallace of Upper Marlboro, MD, Hester Mae (John) Elzey of Salisbury, MD, Edith Mc Fadden of Washington, D.C., and many other nieces, nephews, relatives, and friends.

To send flowers to the family or plant a tree in memory of Charles Albert Green, please visit our Heartfelt Sympathies Store.

# Tribute Wall

DS

“ Please accept my deepest sympathy in the loss of your loved one. Death is an enemy to mankind, but Almighty God is going to remove death, sickness and pain in the near future. ( Revelation 21:4) Please take comfort in the bible during your time of grief, and may the God of all comfort grant you peace.

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**Doretha Sampson** - April 20, 2017 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ On behalf of the Greenville-Industrial-Charles M. Eppes High School Alumni Association, I offer the Green family our deepest condolences. The Green men have always been examples of what manhood was all about. In high school they were consistently elected as student leaders and best dress. Through the years, their support of this association has been outstanding and greatly appreciated. may the family find comfort in knowing that our Heavenly Father will send the comforter to be with them during heavy time and forever, as He has promised to never leave us or forsake us. Hold on to those positive memories and that great smile and to God's unchanging hand, To God be the Glory. James Harper, Jr., National President, GI-CM Eppes HS Alumni Association.

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**JAMES HARPER JR** - April 19, 2017 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ To the family of MSG Charles Greene:

*We send our condolences for the loss of Charles. Our paths crossed in this life and he was certainly one we were happy to have known. Charles was a kind, funny and one of the most friendly human beings around. He was made from 'good' material, he had a good heart, a kind disposition and a respect for all those he had contact with. He will be remembered by many. GOD BLESS YOUR FAMILY.*

*James and JoAnn.*

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**James and JoAnn Wright** - April 18, 2017 at 12:00 AM

GR

“ Please accept my condolences for the loss of your loved one. At difficult times like this we realize how precious and fragile life can surely be (James 4:14). As your family and friends comfort one another, please also be comforted by the sure hope the Bible gives us for all those who have died (2 Corinthians 1:3, 4). As recorded in the Bible, Jesus promised that one day he was going to bring back to life all those who have died (John 5:28, 29). That is why he encourages all of us to exercise faith in that promise, the life that he gave in our behalf, and be blessed as we see that promise fulfilled (John 11:25; 3:16). The Bible makes it clear that death is an "enemy" not only to mankind, but also to Almighty God (1 Corinthians 15:26). That is also why God promises to remove forever all the pain, suffering, wickedness, and death that mankind has had to endure for thousands of years (Revelation 21:3-5; Psalm 37:10,11,29). At that time soon, as the Bible indicates, both the living and the dead who are brought back to life will enjoy life, everlasting life, as God originally purposed for this earth thousands of years ago in the Garden of Eden (Genesis 1:28; Jeremiah 29:11). What a glorious day that will be for mankind who are doing what God asks of us, namely that we simply do His Will, not our own (1 John 2:17; Proverbs 3:5,6). Please read and meditate on all these scriptures in your Bible and be blessed (Psalm 1:1-3; John 17:3). Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you.

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George Ragusa - April 13, 2017 at 12:00 AM

VJ

“ I am sorry for your loss, please accept my sincere condolences. I hope the family will find some comfort and strength in Jesus promise of the earthly resurrection(Acts 24:15)and the renewed Paradise earth, where death will be no more and no family will mourn the death of a loved one.-Revelation 21:3,4;John 5:28,29;Luke 23:43. may GOD(Psalms 83:18)grant you peace and comfort now, during this grievous time.-Matthew 5:4.

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V Jamison - April 13, 2017 at 12:00 AM