



James Lincoln Green

September 16, 1928 - February 23, 2021

James Lincoln Green, 92, of Chattanooga, peacefully departed this life on Tuesday, February 23, 2021 in a local hospital. He was born in Columbia, Tennessee on September 16, 1928. Affectionately known as “Preacher”, he was the seventh of seven children born to the late Arlelia Jones Greene and Abe L. Greene. He was educated in the Maury County Public School System and attended College Hill Elementary, Junior and Senior High Schools thru the 11th grade. As a part of the boys’ assignment in the high school Shop class beginning in the 11th grade, they helped to build the Carver Smith High School, completed in 1949. James was in the first class to graduate from Carver Smith in 1950. He also was a member of both the football and basketball teams at both schools.

Shortly after graduating high school, James was drafted into the U.S. Army and stationed at Fort Jackson, South Carolina. After basic training and non-commission officer school, he taught classes on the 10 basic infantry weapons. In November 1950, his company was shipped to South Korea where he supervised a motor squad in combat on the front line. Within a few weeks, he was transferred to the 51st Fighter Bomber Wing of the Air Force where he served as Platoon sergeant and petroleum, oil and fuel (POF) operator. James supervised thirty South Koreans and an interpreter on this assignment for one year, and then returned to the States for an honorable discharge.

James enrolled in the Tennessee State University in 1953 and earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Management and Administration in 1956. He later received a Master's Degree in Criminal Justice from the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga.

James worked at the Monsanto Chemical Company for 4 years and the State of Tennessee in the Department of Corrections for 30 years. He was the first black State of TN officer to work with black youth in the Southeast Region. He began as a trainee and retired as the Regional Director, where he led 105 people in 10 counties of the Southeast Region. He made a positive impact on the lives as a mentor for many youth and frequently saw the fruits of his labor from those showing their appreciation as adults with good jobs and families.

In James' latter years, he continued to have a love for life and stayed very active. He enjoyed planting vegetable gardens, landscaping the yard, repairing old cars and restoring old homes. He was an avid reader and read the newspaper from beginning to end every morning.

In addition to his parents, James was preceded in death by his wife of 49 ½ years, Mrs. Bernice Hendrix Green and siblings, Luther Thelma Greene, William David Greene, Abe Henry Greene, Martha Ann Dixon, Amanda Lucinda Greene and Elsie Eula Mai Greene.

He leaves to cherish his memory devoted daughter, Gina Lynn Green; sister-in-law, Bobbie J. Hendrix; 7 nieces, Linda Greene, Judy Alderson, Etrulia Dixon, Jacqueline Greene, Suzette Sessoms, Suzanne Crenshaw and Ellen M. Hendrix; 3 nephews, Donald Ray (Teresa) Greene, James Luther Greene and Anthony J. Hendrix; and a host of great nieces, great nephews, cousins, and treasured friends. Reverend Dr. Pedro K. Basden, eulogist.

Directions for Live Stream: 1. Go to your Facebook Page 2. Type:
taylorfuneralhomeofchattanooga 3. Click 'Like' button 4. Scroll down to view
the service at 1:30 p.m.

Cemetery Details

Chattanooga National Cemetery

1200 Bailey Ave
Chattanooga, TN 37404

Previous Events

Lie-In-State

MAR 1. 12:30 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Taylor Funeral Home of Chattanooga, Inc.
3417 Wilcox Boulevard
Chattanooga, TN 37411
(423) 622-8152
<https://www.taylorfh.com/>

Graveside Service

MAR 2. 1:30 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ 1 file added to the album *GravesideService-JamesLGreen*



Taylor Funeral Home of Chattanooga, Inc. - March 03, 2021 at 10:15 PM

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“ My Name is Ron Swafford and Mr. Green was a mentor to me when I did my Internship with The state while at UTC. He was a great leader and friend. He believed in doing things right and treating all kids fair. He helped me to start my career at the Hamilton County Juvenile Court. I enjoyed talking and Eating a sandwich at Sunset Inn . May God Bless the entire family.

Ron Swafford - March 01, 2021 at 12:34 PM



“ Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of James Lincoln Green.



February 28, 2021 at 03:46 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of James Lincoln Green.*



February 28, 2021 at 03:12 PM



“ *Ruth Smith lit a candle in memory of James Lincoln Green*



Ruth Smith - February 27, 2021 at 09:36 PM



“ *Hugs prayers and love to you at this time. I will forever hold the memories of your dad's smile and laughter during the times we visited. He was truly a man with a big heart of love for all those he knew.*

Know that your Jones family branch is here for you!

Love

Janice Jones

Warren Jones

Dalise and Family

Sharon Hudson and family

Ken and Anne Maynard

Art Maynard and family

Shalise and Mike Wrobel

Trinice Holden and Family 🙏🙏🙏🙏❤️

Dalise Robinson - February 27, 2021 at 04:17 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of James Lincoln Green.*



February 27, 2021 at 03:29 PM