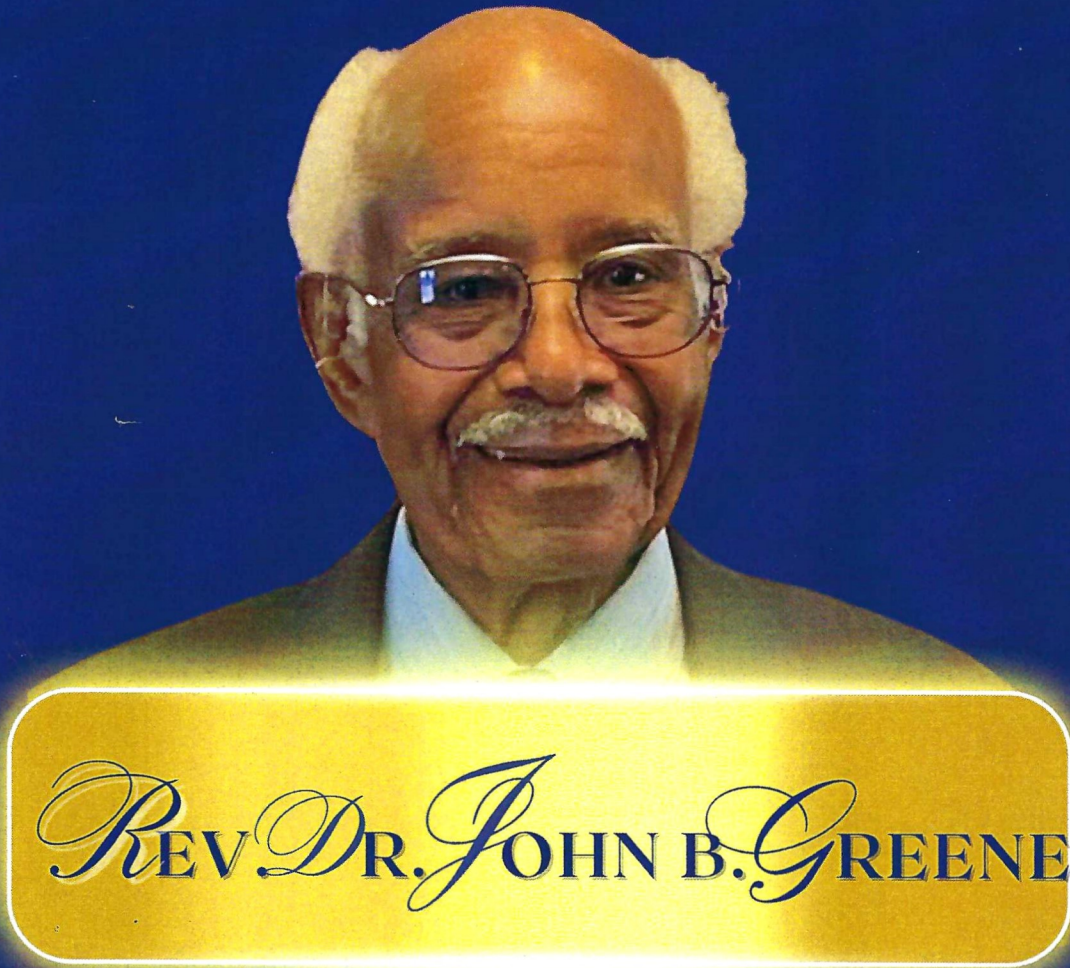


Victory Celebration
of



April 11, 1930 - February 27, 2024
Pastor, Corinth Baptist Church
Natalia, Texas

Services:

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13, 2024

Viewing : 4pm- 6pm
Corinth Baptist Church
601 Sixth Street, Natalia, Texas
Doctor Thaddeus K. Greene, Pastor

THURSDAY, MARCH 14, 2024

Viewing : 10am • Victory Celebration: 11 am
Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church
111 Hobart St, San Antonio, TX 78237
Doctor Jerry W. Dailey, Pastor



OBITUARY

REV. JOHN B GREENE

The storm witnessed on the afternoon of Tuesday, February 27, 2024, signified the gates of heaven opened to receive Pastor, Rev. Dr. John Benjamin Greene, who gracefully ascended at the age of 93. His departure leaves behind a legacy of unwavering faith and profound love.

Born in serene Plateau, AL, on April 11, 1930, to Susie Underwood Green and Leander Green, Rev. Dr. Greene entered the world as the seventh child and fourth son of this union. His upbringing was steeped in the warmth of familial love and the teachings of York Town Baptist Church in Plateau, where he embraced the love of Christ at a tender age.

Rev. Dr. Greene was a keen learner who had a thirst for knowledge, and he pursued his academic journey with great determination. He excelled academically, graduating with honors from Mobile County Training School "Mighty Whippets" in 1949. He then went to Nashville College, where he earned a BS Degree in Chemistry in 1956. Continuing his studies at the University of Iowa and Alabama State College, he earned a certification to teach in Alabama in 1957-1958. Throughout his academic pursuits, he was consistently on the Dean's List. His scholarly pursuits culminated in 1973 when he earned a Doctor of Divinity Degree from Guadalupe College Theological Seminary, Seguin, TX.

A patriot and a hero, Rev. Dr. Greene served his country with distinction during the Korean War in 1951-1952, earning a Purple Heart and various other commendations. Following his military service, he embarked on a distinguished career in public service, beginning at the US Post Office and later at Brookley AFB in Mobile, AL, before transferring to Kelly AFB in San Antonio, TX, in December 1961.

In San Antonio, Rev. Dr. Greene found spiritual solace and community at Tried Stone Baptist Church under the nurturing leadership of Pastor Rev. Dr. C.C. Brown. It was within these sacred walls that he heeded the divine call to preach in 1970. In 1972, the Lord called him to serve as the steadfast Pastor of Corinth Baptist Church in Natalia, TX for nearly 52 years, when he was no longer able to travel. He became a beacon of hope in the community, a nurturing shepherd to a wonderful congregation, a spiritual father to several sons in ministry, and a mentor to many other countless souls. The Lord allowed him to see the succeeding Pastor of Corinth, on February 11, 2024, when the members of Corinth Baptist Church voted his son, Dr. Thaddeus K. Greene, as their new pastor.

Rev. Dr. Greene shared an enduring union of 63 years with his beloved wife, Ramona Pogue Greene.

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Together, they raised a beautiful family of four children, six grandsons, two granddaughters, and three great-grandchildren, fostering a home filled with love, laughter, and faith.

Beyond his pastoral duties, Rev. Dr. Greene's contributions extended far and wide. He served on the Harlendale Independent School Board for six years, culminating in a two-year tenure as its President. A proud member of the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, he played a pivotal role in fostering racial integration on the Southside San Antonio during the tumultuous 1960s, embodying the spirit of compassion and unity.

An erudite scholar, Rev. Dr. Greene's intellectual pursuits knew no bounds. For 23 years, he was a distinguished professor at the Guadalupe Theological Seminary, teaching Greek, Hebrew, and English, and he also served as the esteemed Treasurer of the institution.

Rev. Dr. Greene was not just a scholar, but a man of diverse interests and passions. He amazed many with his fluency in Spanish. He was also a big fan of the Dallas Cowboys and Alabama Crimson Tide. Sports was one of his great loves, but his love of God and his community was even greater. Revered by his neighbors, he was known as the gentleman who walked miles and miles with a Shepherd's Cane. He always said that he used this cane so he could pull people in.

The earthly journey of Rev. Dr. Greene was preceded in death by his beloved parents, Leander and Susie Underwood Greene, as well as several siblings. His brothers were Leander, Ceasar, Isaac, Arnold, and Cornelius, while his sisters were Adell, Beulah, Sarah, Susie, and LaDresta. He is survived by his loving wife of sixty-three years, Ramona Pogue Greene, four children and their spouses: Juan and Velma, Michelle Greene-Harris & Michael Harris, Thaddeus and Sharon of San Antonio, TX, and Michael and Latonia, of Gilroy, CA. He is also survived by eight grandchildren: James Matthews II (Jillian), Jonathan Greene, Tabitha Greene, Thaddeus K. Greene II, Ramona Greene, Michael Greene Jr., Miles Greene, and Marcus Greene, three great-grandchildren: Ruby Rae Matthews; Zion Thaddeus Greene; Osiah James Matthews, two brothers: LaChesta Greene, and Paul Greene, nieces, nephews, and a host of extended family and dear friends.

Though Pastor Rev. Dr. John B. Greene may have bid farewell to this earthly realm, his spirit lives on in heaven and in the hearts of those he touched. His legacy of faith, love, and service will continue to inspire and guide generations to come.

Matthew 25:23 says, "His lord said unto him, Well done, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord." - KJV

Job 1:20-21 says, "20 Then Job arose, and rent his mantle, and shaved his head, and fell down upon the ground, and worshipped, 21 And said, Naked came I out of my mother's womb, and naked shall I return thither: the LORD gave, and the LORD hath taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD." -KJV

Rev. Dr. John Benjamin Greene's memory will forever be a blessing to all who knew him.

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Reverend Michael K. Harris, Officiant

Organ Prelude

Final Viewing

Processional

**The Procession of Clergy and Family
Led by Reverend Michael K. Harris
Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church**

Congregational Hymn

Oh, How I Love Jesus

The Reading of the Scriptures

The Old Testament (Isaiah 43:1-3)

The New Testament (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18)

Invocation

Doctor Jerry William Dailey
Pastor, Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church

Solo

What A Friend We Have in Jesus
Ms. Tabitha Greene, Granddaughter

Resolution(s)

Corinth Baptist Church, Natalia, TX

Ms. Holly Gutterrez

Read Cards

Others acknowledged and passed to the family

Reflections
(Limit 2 minutes please)

Special Tributes

**Ms. Ramona Greene, Granddaughter
The Grandchildren
The Children**

Introduction of Speaker

Doctor Jerry William Dailey
Pastor, Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church

The Message

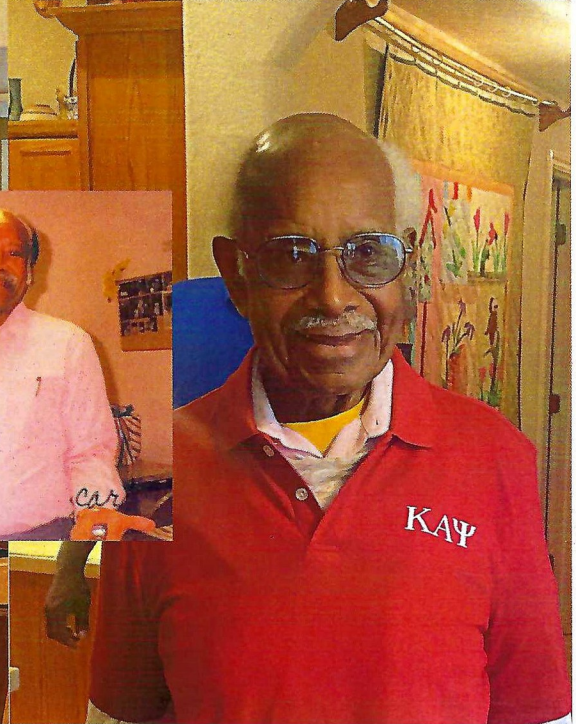
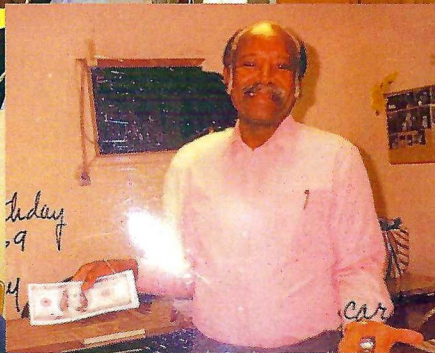
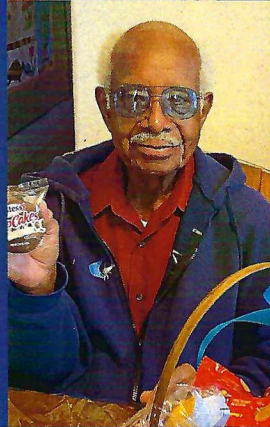
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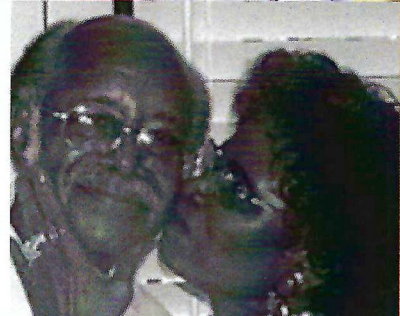
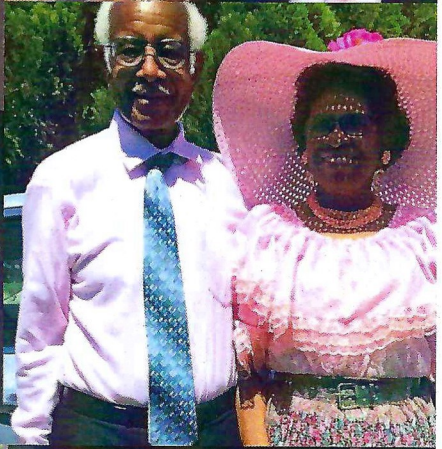
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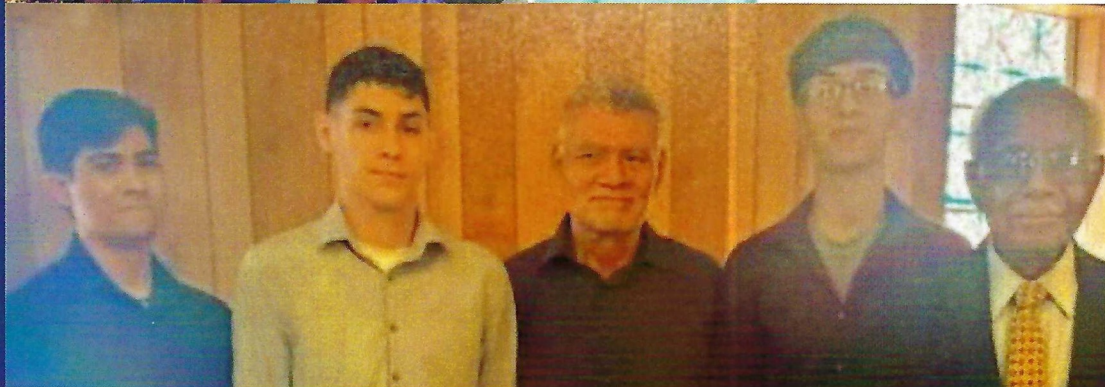
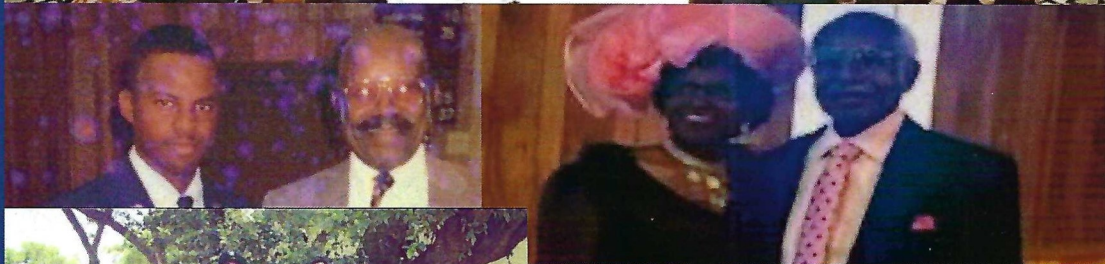
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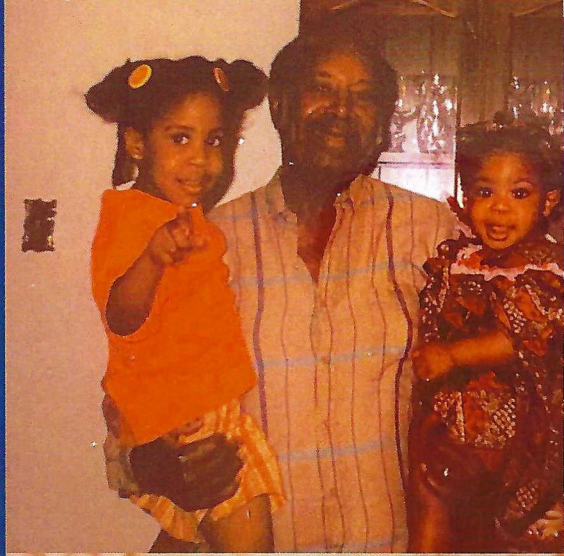
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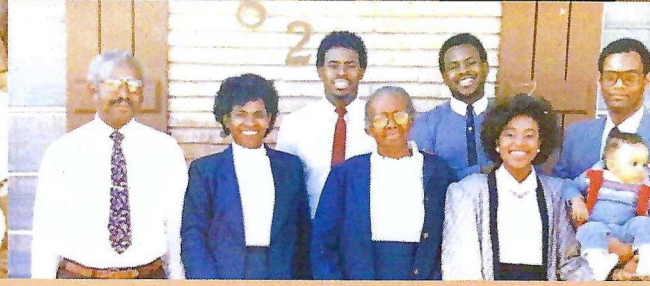
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PALLBEARERS

James Matthews, II

Michael Greene, Jr.

Jonathan Greene

Miles Greene

Thaddeus Greene, II

Marcus Greene

INTERMENT
FORT SAM HOUSTON

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it may have been a card or call, a message of concern or a prayer whispered to the lord on our behalf. whatever the ministry , whatever the service, be assured that it has meant much to this family in the healing of our hearts. you have expressed your love in many ways and we are deeply grateful.
Thank you and may the blessings of God be upon you.

The family

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