



A Celebration of Life
Earnest Louis Green
"Twig"

Sunrise
April 16, 1938

Sunset
May 1, 2017



Saturday, May 6, 2017 - 11:00 a.m.

SEMINARY BAPTIST CHURCH

193 Haledon Avenue

Paterson, New Jersey

Rev. Alfred Steele, Pastor

Scott Cumberbatch, Organist

THE HAND BROWNS





OF THE HAND BROWNS



Precious
Memories



Reflections of Life

Earnest Louis Green (Ernest L. Greene) was his name given by his parents better known as “TWIG” was born on April 16, 1938 in West Palm Beach, Florida to the late Lillian Tillman and Lloyd V. Greene Sr.

Earnest moved to Paterson, NJ in 1944 where he went to grammar school at Public School #6 and then on to Eastside High School. Earnest was very active in his youth, where he was elected Junior Exalted Ruler (Junior Herd) I.B.P.O.E. of W. During that time, a marching group was started which later was named “The Ambassadors”.

After completing High School, Earnest worked a few years at Bamberger’s and Formflex Foundation before deciding to join the U.S. Army. He received an Honorable discharge in November 1966 after his Father passed away in 1962 and his brother was killed in the Vietnam War. He was the only male surviving child in his family at that time.

When he returned from the U.S. Army, he started his long term task of serving the Community that he lived in. Every job or project that he took on was in the City of Paterson!

Earnest really loved to work with the youth in Paterson. He coached sports for over 30 years including Paterson Midget League Baseball, Paterson Instructional Midget Football League, Paterson Midget Basketball League, Paterson Youth Soccer League and even included Cheerleading.

Earnest was a Board Member of the Northeast NJ O.I.C. from 1967 – 1969 and became one of the Founders of Greater Paterson Opportunities Industrialization Center (O.I.C) in 1971. He remained active with Greater Paterson O.I.C. until his passing. Over the years there was a host of activities in which he was involved, including being a Volunteer for the Mayor’s Youth Council from 1969 – 1974, and being appointed by the Mayor to the Manpower Council from 1969 – 1977. He was also involved in programs such as Twilight Tech, Job Training and Placement, Education and Motivation for Dropouts, College Entrance and Recruitment, Drug Prevention, Youth Employment, Youth Economic Development and Teenager Health Center.

Earnest’ Professional Experience includes him working for Paterson Task Force in various positions from 1966 -1969, He was Head Street Worker for Paterson Street Academy from 1969-1970, Director of Youth Development Program at Paterson Task Force from 1970-1977. He was employed in various positions at C.E.T.A (City of Paterson) from 1977-1983, was an Admission Officer for Computer Communication Institute in 1984 before becoming a Financial Specialist (Loan Advisor) For Division of Housing – Dept. Of Community Development (City of Paterson) from 1984-1991 while taking on a part-time position as Recreation Supervisor for the Division of Recreation (City of Paterson) from 1988-1990. In 1991 he accepted a Full-time opportunity to become Recreation Supervisor for the Division of

Recreation (City of Paterson) which was his passion and he ended up retiring from there.

He was also affiliated with many other programs, projects and movements over the years since returning from the Military such as Street Academy Inc., New Career Program, Youth Development Program, P.U.A.D.A (Paterson United Against Drug Abuse), Planned Parenthood, H.A.N.D. Inc. (Health and Needed Development), Martin Luther King Community Center, I.N.C.C.A Housing, WPAT Media Committee, Mayor's Drug Alliance, Earnest was appointed by the State of NJ to a program called Internship for Community Action at Rutgers University, N.A.A.C.P., C.O.R.E., Neighborhood House, he also participated in the Black Power Movement and marched in the historic March on Washington in 1963.

If you could use one word to describe Earnest, it would be "INVOLVED". If something was happening in Paterson, he was never afraid to roll up his sleeves and get involved. He managed to help people from all ages from toddlers to seniors during his lifetime and coached kids from midget league who turned pro. Overall, people never forgot what part he played in their lives.

Earnest hobbies were listening to jazz music, watching four or five televisions at a time because he was a sports fanatic, riding his bike (Cadillac) everywhere (he even picked up his grand-daughter from Private School on his bike). He also enjoyed calling people "Turkey". That was his term of endearment. If he called you "Turkey" he cared about your well being. He was also a Cleveland Browns football fan.

He is survived by his first love and mother of his children Mary Eunice Hopes of Paterson, NJ, his son Orlando Hopes (Meawhop or Meansey) of Prospect Park, NJ, daughter Daphne S. Greene of Paterson, NJ, daughter Heather L. Hopes-Mars of Willingboro, NJ, Son-in-Law Elliott Mars of Willingboro, NJ, Grand-daughter Satome L. Belfield of Edgewater Park, NJ, Grand-daughter Jettie E. Mars of Philadelphia, PA, 3 Great Grandsons, Isaiah D. Colon of Edgewater Park, NJ, Gabriel A. Alfaro and Solomon O. Ogunyimake of Philadelphia, PA, along with his first Great Grand-daughter which is due to join the family in Edgewater Park, NJ in July 2017. He is also survived by his sister Marion Ann Morris of Paterson, NJ, his nephews Councilman At Large Kenneth Morris, Jr., his two brothers Brian Morris and Larry Morris, and four sisters Terry Morris-Teale, Sonia Morris, Stephanie Roberts PHD, and April Williams. He is also survived by his brother's children, nephew Lloyd V. Greene III of Prospect Park, NJ and his two nieces Debra and Darcell Greene both of Paterson, NJ. His sister Constance Tillman (formerly Bolden) of West Palm Beach, FL and a whole host of relatives from NY, FL and SC. He also was survived by his play niece Nancy Alexander, who stayed on his case when he needed to slow down and didn't want to.

He was pre-deceased by his brother Lloyd V. Greene Jr. who was the first person in Paterson killed in the Vietnam War. The City of Paterson dedicated a small park on Spring Street to commemorate his memory. He was also pre-deceased by his mother Lillian Tillman who passed away when he was a young child, and his father Lloyd V. Greene Sr. who worked for the first Black Insurance Company in Florida.

Order of Service

Prelude
Scott Cumberbatch

Processional

Selection

Scripture Readings
Old Testament
New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Selection

Acknowledgements & Remarks

Reflections of Life

Selection

Words of Comfort
Pastor Alfred Steele

Recessional

Interment

Monday, May 8, 2017 - 9:30 a.m.
William C. Doyle Veterans Cemetery
350 Province Line Rd.
Wrightstown, New Jersey 08562

The Master Called

*I'm sorry I had to leave you.
My loved ones, oh so dear.
But you see, the Master called me,
His voice was very clear!
I had made my reservation
A heaven bound ticket for one,
And I knew that He would call me
When He felt my work was done.
I know that your hearts are heavy
Because I have gone away,
But when the Master called me,
I knew that I could not stay.
Yes, I'm sorry I had to leave you
My loved ones, oh so dear,
But, you see, the Master called me
And, now I'm resting here.
Yes, I've crossed on over to glory
And to you all I say
Just stay in the hands of Jesus
And we'll meet again someday.*

-Author unknown

Acknowledgement

The family of the late **Earnest Louis Green "Twig"** wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown to their family during this hour of bereavement. May God Bless and Keep You!

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