


CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR

A portrait of Deacon Cornelius N. Greene, an elderly man with glasses, wearing a blue suit jacket, a light blue shirt, and a teal tie. He is smiling. In the background, there is a faded image of another man in a suit and red tie. The background of the entire poster is a soft-focus landscape with a green hill and a white cloud.

Deacon Cornelius N. Greene

November 5, 1940 - March 31, 2022

Friday, April 8, 2022

9:00 am - 10:00 am Final Viewing

10:00 am Homegoing Service

Beulah Church of God In Christ Jesus

956 Marcy Avenue, Brooklyn, New York 11216

Apostle Wilbur Jones, Sr. Pastor

Elder Jonathan Chapple Jr, Eulogist

An open Bible with thick, aged pages, resting on a wooden surface. The pages are slightly yellowed, and the binding is visible in the center.

Order of Celebration Service

Musical Prelude.....	Joeworn Martin
Processional.....	Clergy & Family
Officiant.....	William Loadholt
Prayer of Comfort.....	Elder Jonathan Chappel Jr.
Hymn.....	Joeworn Martin
Scripture Reading Old Testament & New Testament.....	District Elder Mark Avery
Solo.....	Claudia Mebane
Reading of Cards & Obituary.....	Kim Miles Gardner
Tributes/Reflections	(2 minutes) Church Family, Yvonne Robinson Neighborhood
Solo.....	Claudia Mebane
Eulogy.....	Elder Jonathan Chapple Jr.
Morticians Brief.....	Linette St. Jules
Benediction & Recessional.....	Elder Jonathan Chapple Jr.

Interment

Rosehill Cemetery
Linden, New Jersey

The Obituary

Psalm 37:23 The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord and he delighteth in his way

Cornelius Greene was born in Philadelphia, PA to the late Cornelius Johnson and Mary Greene on November 5th, 1940. The youngest son of three siblings, he was always considered the voice of reason and offered sage advice and thoughtful direction to all in need. His perseverance through sometimes challenging family setbacks, that compromised the traditional family structure, helped build his resolve for finding the love space that his heart required.

While Ellen Lawson visited family members in Philadelphia during the summers, she met the love of her life and married Cornelius on March 18th, 1961. This was the beginning of a 58-year journey of requited love and togetherness. Cornelius and Ellen had a love that lasted until death parted them. They were devoted and committed to each other and were a beautiful couple together. She affectionately called him Neil and to their children he was also Neil or my daddy (one word) respectfully.

Neil was the beacon of fatherhood, raising six children with Ellen. This responsibility often included long hours away from home, as he worked several jobs to ensure that the family was taken care of. Eventually Neil secured a position with the U.S. Postal Service, which included a career of advancement to higher levels within the organization. He was clearly very proud of his career accomplishments and was entertained by the journey, as witnessed through all the stories he shared about his days at work.

Always a man of God and a believer that prayer changes things, Neil soon became a member of the Greater Bibleway Temple (Apostle Huie Rogers, Pastor). He would later attend Refuge Temple (the late Bishop Bonner, Pastor) and The Love Fellowship Tabernacle (Bishop Hezekiah Walker, Pastor), before finding his home church at The Beulah Church of God In Christ Jesus (Apostle Wilbur Jones, Pastor) and it was under the auspice of Apostle Jones that Cornelius was ordained a Deacon.

Neil was educated in the Philadelphia public school system and was known to be an avid reader. It was common for him to drift away to the far corners of the world through books. That drifting also often involved many hours hopping from one bookstore to the next. His vast knowledge of world events; appreciation for fine art, poetry, music and photography

earned him the title “Black Renaissance Man” from the family. It also guaranteed you a humiliating loss if you ever tried to compete with him during an episode of Jeopardy. His passion and gift for painting on canvas and his eye for photography are evident in the many works that he created. He was certainly the only person we knew with a darkroom next to a full gauge train set that he built in the basement.

Neil was the model of menswear before GQ was even really a thing. His ability to match the right suit, shirt and tie combination was unparalleled. Wearing the wrong belt with your shoes wasn’t an option for anyone in his presence. He was the original “baller on a budget”, navigating through the many thrift stores the city had to offer for the perfect find, which sometimes also included a set of golf clubs.

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of our beloved dad, Cornelius Greene, 81, on March 31st, 2022 in Brooklyn, NY.

He is preceded in death by Cornelius Johnson (father), Mary Green (mother), Ellen Greene (wife), Michelle Greene (daughter), Michael Greene (son), Robert Green (brother), Evelyn Green (sister), Maureen Green (sister), and Ebony Jackson (granddaughter).

Cornelius is survived by four loving children, Linda Groce {Luther Groce}, Kevin Greene, Yvette Stewart {Craig Stewart} and Paul Greene {Deanah Greene}; eleven grandchildren; Christina, Lakia, Shantavia, Kazaya, Michael, Jalen, Tanaysha, Craig, Jr., Shanequa, Briana and Noa; eleven great grandchildren; sisters and brothers in law; Sarah Ellerbee, Ruby Godwin, Cornelia Gatling {Clayton Gatling}, Gloria Lawson, Roger Lawson, Lawrence Staton, Eric Briggs {Annette Briggs} and Mary Williamson. He is also survived by a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends and will always be remembered as a father figure to Kim Gardner, Linette St. Jules and Valerie Lawson.

The family of Cornelius Greene wishes to extend our sincere thanks to Eirleen Reid, Sharon Cole, Chris Pridgen and Vanessa Benjamin, along with Kevin Greene and the Stewart family for the heartfelt homecare and loving environment they provided over the years. Lastly, deepest gratitude to the Ellerbee family for being an extension of the Greene household for many years.

May our father’s soul rest in peace with the same humility, dignity and grace that he displayed in life.

Lovingly Submitted, The Family





Asleep

I've closed my eyes and fallen asleep
So there's no reason for you to weep
This is a debt we all must pay
You will see me again someday
I've endured pain and sometimes sorrow
Now I don't have to worry about tomorrow
But life for you must go on
You must not worry because I'm gone
You stood beside me all the way
When I was down, you knew what to say
You always told me, "get some rest"
Let me sleep now, I've done my best
So please let me rest in peace
The tears you're shedding soon will cease
You'll soon realize this was meant to be,
I thank God because He came for me
~Author Unknown



Acknowledgments

The family of the late Deacon Cornelius N. Greene wishes to acknowledge all acts of kindness shown to them during their time of sorrow and will thank everyone personally at a later time.

**Final Arrangements Entrusted To:
Indolicia Linette St. Jules - Funeral Director
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