

# *Celebration of Life*

IN LOVING MEMORY OF



*Mary Rebecca Greene*

Sunrise: January 6, 1927 - Sunset: September 11, 2023.

*Wednesday, September 20, 2023*

Wake: 10:30 a.m.      Funeral: 11:00 a.m.

*Shiloh Christian Community Church*

825 Yale Avenue | Baltimore, Maryland

Pastor Jimmy C. Baldwin

# Obituary

**MARY REBECCA GREENE**, born on January 6, 1927, in Lena, South Carolina, was a remarkable matriarch whose life was defined by love, faith, and service to both her family and her community. She was the cherished daughter of the late James Farmer and Joanna Farmer and began her journey in the small town of Lena, South Carolina. At the tender age of six, Mary embarked on a new chapter in Baltimore City, where she would leave an indelible mark.

Her educational path was completed within the Baltimore Public School System, laying the foundation for a life dedicated to learning and growth. Yet, it was at an early age that Mary met the love of her life, Herbert Nelson Greene Sr., and on November 7, 1942, they united in matrimony. Their blessed union brought forth five children: Herbert Jr., George, Paula, Cascelia, and Karen.

Mary's faith journey began as a child at Good Hope Baptist Church and continued as she joined and became a lifetime member of Shiloh Christian Community Church in 1955. Her dedication to the church knew no bounds. She loved the Lord and her pastors dearly, contributing her time and talents to serve the divine purpose. For many years, Mary served as the Business Manager of the Gospel Choir and was instrumental in founding the Outreach Supportive Mothers of Shiloh C.C. Church, serving as its first President. Her unwavering commitment to God and His house was a testament to her character.

Beyond her active role in the church, Mary was a passionate community activist. She served as a Business Manager for the Edmondson Village Community Association for several years, receiving numerous honors and awards for her tireless service.

Throughout her life, Mary's unwavering passion for cooking was at the heart of everything she did. From raising her five children to hosting countless family gatherings, her love for cooking defined her. Family time revolved around her culinary creations, and she firmly believed that the secret to good food was infusing it with love. While she dedicated 24 years of her life as a custodian in the Baltimore City Public School System, her true calling and dedication always shone brightly in the kitchen.

In her role as the core and center of the family, Mary exuded love and pride for her children and grandchildren. She would boast endlessly about their accomplishments, achievements, and kind-hearted nature, even during her last days, proudly sharing stories of "her boys" with her nurses.

Mary's parenting style, marked by firmness and wisdom, was summed up in her favorite saying, "Don't do as I do, do as I say." She believed in the biblical adage, "Spare the rod, spoil the child," but more importantly, she led by example, teaching her family the values of love and respect.

Queen Mary Rebecca Greene's legacy is one of unwavering faith, selfless service, and boundless love. She leaves behind a family and community forever enriched by her presence, and her memory will continue to inspire us all to follow in her footsteps of love, faith, and service.

Mary leaves behind four children, George Greene Sr. (Eleanor), Paula Norris, Cascelia Spears, Karen Davenport (Robert); nine grandchildren, George Greene Jr., Valerie Norris, Jarrad Davenport (LaToya), Lionel Spears Jr. (Clarissa), Ellwood Greene (Kay), Elliott Greene, Robert Davenport II (MaryAnn), Brandon Davenport, and Nicole Reason (Robert III); eleven great-grandchildren, Jarrad E. Davenport, George Greene III, Christopher Greene, Darrius Davenport, Destiny Johnson, Robert Davenport III, Camryn Spears, Ryan Davenport, Xzavier Davenport, Sydney Reason and Robert Reason IV; one great-great-grandchild, Julius Cole Davenport; and a host of additional family and friends.

## The Gathering

*We'll meet you at the Gathering, you'll get there not too late,  
We'll meet you at the Gathering, you'll be standing at the gate.  
Dad and Grandmother - we'll see them there too,  
They have been at the Gathering, waiting there for you.  
You left some gifts behind for us, the gifts of trust and love,  
We'll bring them to the Gathering, when we see you up above.  
So many friends and family we didn't know the date,  
You'll see us at the Gathering, standing at the gate.*

*(By: Paula Norris)*

*Lovingly Submitted,  
George Sr., Paula, Cascelia, Karen,  
Grands and Great-grands*





*Interment*

Cedar Hill Cemetery  
529 Ritchie Highway  
Baltimore, Maryland

*Pallbearers*

George Greene Jr.                      Ellwood Greene  
Jarrad Davenport                      Robert Davenport II  
Lionel Spears Jr.                      Brandon Davenport

*Flower Bearers*

Valerie Norris    Nicole Reason  
MaryAnn Davenport    Clarissa Spears    Kay Clarke

*Acknowledgements*

The family wishes to thank everyone for the acts of kindness and loving support shown during Mrs. Mary Greene's illness and during our time of bereavement.

*There are many ways we could say "Thank You,"  
but the message remains the same.  
So to everyone who thought of us,  
within our hearts you will always remain.*

*Repast*

Family and friends are invited to gather after the Interment at Set the Captives Free Outreach Center  
901 Security Boulevard  
OWE Center, 2nd Floor, Suite 200  
Baltimore, Maryland 21244

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*Order of Service*

ORGAN PRELUDE ..... Deacon Tabitha Brooks

PROCESSIONAL ..... Clergy and Family

OPENING HYMN ..... Trench Lott  
*"Precious Lord"*

Rev. Sandra Scott, *Officiating*

SCRIPTURE READING ..... Deacon Robert Duckett Sr.  
Old Testament - Psalm 100:1-5  
New Testament - Revelations 21:1

PRAYER ..... Deacon Charles Brooks

SELECTION ..... Deacon Tabitha Brooks  
*"May the Works I've Done Speak for Me"*

EXPRESSIONS/REMARKS  
The Supportive Mothers Outreach ..... LaResa Johnson  
The Tuesday Seniors ..... Min. Brenda Brown  
Family/Friends ..... (2-minute limit)

PRAYER OF COMFORT ..... Minister Karen Curtis

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

OBITUARY ..... Karen Graham

SELECTION ..... Gina Parker  
*"I Feel Like Going On"*

EULOGY ..... Pastor Jimmy C. Baldwin

CLOSING SELECTION ..... Gina Parker  
*"His Eye is on the Sparrow"*

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