

Celebration of Life for Delores Ann Hemsley-Greene

Sunrise
February 6, 1954

Sunset
March 22, 2023

Friday, April 7, 2023
Viewing: 10:00 am
Celebration of Life: 11:00 am

Way of the Cross Church of Christ
1800 Haxelwood Dive, Capitol Heights,
MD 20743

Bishop Alfonso D. Brooks, Senior Pastor
Bishop Henry C. Lancaster, Pastor
Pastor Anthony D. Simmons of
Overcoming Power Apostolic Temple,
Eulogist

Obituary

"I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress: My God; in him will I trust"
— Psalm 91:2

Delores Ann Hemsley-Greene, fondly known as Dee, the daughter of the late Margaret Ann and Frederick Hemsley, Sr. was born on February 6, 1954. She departed this life to be with the Lord on March 22, 2023. Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints (Psalm 72:14).

Delores spent her childhood in the heart of Washington, D.C., where she grew up alongside her eight siblings, including her twin sister, Maxine. After earning her G.E.D. from McKinley Technical High School, it didn't take long for her passion for cosmetics and fashion to land her a position as a Sales Associate at Hecht's Company, a prominent store on 7th street in downtown DC. While raising her son, Derrick, she continued to pursue her professional career goals. Later, she went on to work for the Federal Government where she served as Secretary for the Government Accountability Office (GAO). Delores also volunteered with Toys for Tots in support of Central Union Mission by collecting the funds and purchasing the toys.

Delores' heart was changed after receiving salvation. She received the Lord Jesus Christ under the leadership of Pastor Joseph Strawbridge. She moved on to receive the right hand of fellowship at Overcoming Power Apostolic Temple under the leadership of Pastor Anthony Simmons. During her spiritual growth, she served as an Usher and Secretary to the Pastor.

In 2008, Delores entered into Holy Matrimony with Elder Frederick Greene Sr. becoming a maternal figure to Fred Jr., Tasha, and Tiera. She embraced her role as First Lady of the Word of Life Church for over fifteen years where she made significant contributions to the

Praise and Worship ministry and encouraged many members in their faith journey. In 2020, Delores retired with 36 years of Government Service.

Delores' vivacious personality was evident in her outgoing nature, humor, and fashion sense. She had a talent for gardening and enjoyed getting her hands dirty. A lover of games, Delores took on any challenge, including a spirited game of scramble with her twin sister, and pickle ball with family and friends. When she wasn't cooking her famous sweet potatoes, she enjoyed watching her favorite shows such as "Man Fire Food" with Roger Mooking and Ina Garten's Cooking program. Her cooking was always a hit, and her ability to cook with a dash of love was always a winning recipe. Delores' life was a testament to hard work, spirituality and kindness, and she will be missed greatly by all those who knew and loved her.

Delores was predeceased in death by her parents, Margaret Ann and Frederick Hemsley; her siblings Mildred Hemsley, Michael Hemsley, James Hemsley, Carol Laverne Spruill, Maxine Smith (twin sister) John Hemsley.

Delores leaves to cherish, her loving husband, of 15 years, Elder Frederick Greene Sr.; children Derrick M. Bonner, Frederick Greene Jr., Latasha Greene, Tiera Greene-Corbin; grandchildren Briana N. Young and Destiny R. Smith-Bonner; Jasmine, T'Aliyah, Alina, Milani, and Josiah; one great grandchild Anthony; one sister Margaret Wilkins; one brother Fred Hemsley Jr.; three sister-in-laws Pearly, Rita, and Lutrecia, three brothers-in-law Michael, Bennie and Darnell Greene; one daughter-in-law Tasha Greene; one son-in-law Demetreus Corbin, and a host of nephews, nieces, cousins and friends.

Homegoing Service

Overcoming Power Apostolic Temple
Pastor Anthony D. Simmons

Officiant: Minister William Hemsley
Full Gospel Tabernacle Church

Processional

Opening Hymn..... "When We All Get to Heaven"

Prayer of Comfort..... Deacon Jason Penny

Scripture Reading:

Old Testament (Psalm 27:1-6)..... Minister LaVerne Harris-Hudson

New Testament (Revelation 21:1-7)..... Pastor Samuel McClearn

Clergy Remarks..... Bishop Alphonzo D. Brooks
Senior Pastor, Way of the Cross Church of Christ
Bishop Henry C. Lancaster, Sr.
Pastor, Way of the Cross Church of Christ

Selection..... Lisa Jackson

Reflections of Love (Please limit to 2 minutes)..... Family & Friends

Selection..... Overcoming Power Church

Acknowledgements..... Kobi Smith

Obituary (to be read silently)

Solo..... Capria McClearn

Eulogy..... Pastor Anthony D. Simmons

Alter Call/Recessional..... Pastor Anthony D. Simmons





Words of Love

My Mother

My mother in my eyes is the greatest mother, sister, and friend that anyone could have. From stuffing the toilet with Brussel sprouts, liver and an ear of corn to getting in trouble with the Law, my mother was always there for me thick or thin even if I didn't deserve it, I could always depend on Momma. The beautiful kindhearted loving Delores Hemsley-Greene – there will never be another quite like her. Ma, you'll be missed in the physical form, but you'll always live on forever through me, your two grandkids and your great grandchild. So Ma, have a safe trip. Rest easy. Rest painless. Rest comfortably. I love you; your grandchildren love you and your grandchild loves you. I am blessed to call you Mother. I thank you for all the sacrifices and consequences you've endured through the years to make sure I lived a comfortable life. God bless you forever and ever

~ Your Son, Derrick

Ms. You

*What is the body without the Spirit?
What is the heart without love?
What use is the mouth if it never speaks?
Makes me think I don't use mine enough*

*But see, You used yours quite often
Never ceased to say what's on Your mind
Unafraid and unabashedly You
I admired that, You're a rare find*

*What is this moment if we didn't have tears?
What if our grief is just our fears?
Are we losing a life we once knew?*

Or afraid of losing the life we once knew?

*I'd like to think that time is forever infinite
And our life just keeps on evolving
Reasons why I press on in my Spirit
Knowing life doesn't end in the coffin*

*You live on to eternity, love you more than 1000 ways
Trust that I'll see you again and meet in the sky one day
But until eternity, I will always...
Miss you*

~ Your Kids (Fred Jr., Tasha, Tiera)

Sister-in-Law of Love

We stand tall knowing that God has put you in our lives so that we'd had the opportunity to know of your love. You often opened your heart with your man side-by-side teaching us the love of God through worship as First Lady of Word of Life Church. We will never forget the fun and memorable times we shared with you, from cheating when we played scrabble to playing family feud and making gingerbread houses to Easter egg hunts. Your infectious smile, infectious laughter, and kind spirit will always be remembered. We take comfort in knowing you are now resting in the loving arms of God, and we look forward to the day when we will meet again, sister-in law.

~ Your In-Laws

My Love

With a heavy heart knowing that you left too soon but, the time we spent together was precious even until the final moments we shared.

My Love and Companion "In this Life", you have given to me renewed joy and happiness in such a way that gave me strength.

With you, we have accomplished a lot.

With burdens lifted to know that you are in the Presence of the Lord, only there I know that Heaven has gained "My Queen".

My dearest Love and Companion, words cannot express how grateful I am for the way you have filled a void in my life with such grace and kindness.

Not only have you enriched my life beyond measure, but you have also blessed our church and family with your wonderful presence. I close with this song which speaks so strongly to me; "You Make Me Feel Brand New" "I know that God blessed me with you".

I am encouraged to know we shall see each other in glory with praises on our lips.

~ Your Husband, Fred Sr.



A large, faded portrait of a woman with short, dark, curly hair, smiling. She is wearing a dark top and a multi-strand pearl necklace. The portrait serves as a background for the text.

Pallbearer

Michael Penny Jr.
Henry Penny
Demetreus Corbin

Ronnie Stewart, Sr.
Reginald Sharpe
Jamar Curley

Flower Bearers

Cousins

Family Acknowledgements

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