

Celebration of Life



Mr. Van "Bear" Green

Sunrise: September 19, 1945, Sunset, February 14, 2023

Saturday, February 18, 2023 at Noon

Hill Chapel Baptist Church

1692 West Hancock Avenue

Athens, Ga 30606- 706-543-1377



Obituary

The world changes from year to year, our lives from day to day, but the love and memory of Van (Bear) Green shall never pass away!

Van Green affectionally known as “Bear,” transitioned from his earthly home to eternal life on February 14, 2023, unexpectedly, but quietly in his sleep.

Van was born on September 19, 1945, to the late Lamar and Andrew Green. He was preceded in death by his brother, Danny Green and sister, Maxine Taylor.

He was educated in the Clarke County School System.

Van was a lifelong member of Hill Chapel Baptist Church having joined at a tender young age. He loved being in attendance and enjoying the choir, when his health permitted. Bear was a simple man, uncomplicated, plain, and straight forward with a big heart. When you hear the name “Bear” you think of a mean ferocious animal, not the “Bear” we knew. He was a gentle giant who loved his family and friends, and we loved him. You would often see Van all over town riding that old bike of his, creating bike lanes that did not exist at that time. However, he was one to advocate for BIKE LANES by attending City Hall meetings and calling the radio station, talking to local leaders or whomever listened. Van loved to draw in his books. He was a real foodie. Bear loved his mother’s cooking. He had an amazing sense of humor that was lively, amusing and entertaining. Bear would have you laughing uncontrollably. His family and friends all adored him for his warmth, humor, and grace. We take comfort in knowing that he is now at peace surrounded by God’s angles..

Van is survived by his devoted siblings: James “Tee” Green, Terry Green, Tedero “Buck” Green, Mendossa (Anthony) Phillips, Gwendolyn Penn, all of Athens, Georgia. Earl Jones, and Margaret Fletcher of Philadelphia, Pa. Special nieces, Irish Gresham, Dr. Tanyaeta “Tan” Goodjiones-Marilla, Queasha Goodjiones, and a plethora of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Psalm 121:1-2 I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help, my help cometh from the Lord, which made Heaven and Earth.



THE CELEBRATION

Musical Prelude

Processional

The Family

Musical Selection

READING OF THE HOLY SCRIPTURE

Old Testament

Nikki Bazzell

New Testament

Stacy Helfin

Prayer of Comfortment

Rev. Charlie Maddox

SOLO

Reginald Willis

Reflection

John Huie

Dorsey Williams

Kayla Johnson

Solo

Reginald Willis

Eulogy

Pastor Troy Jones

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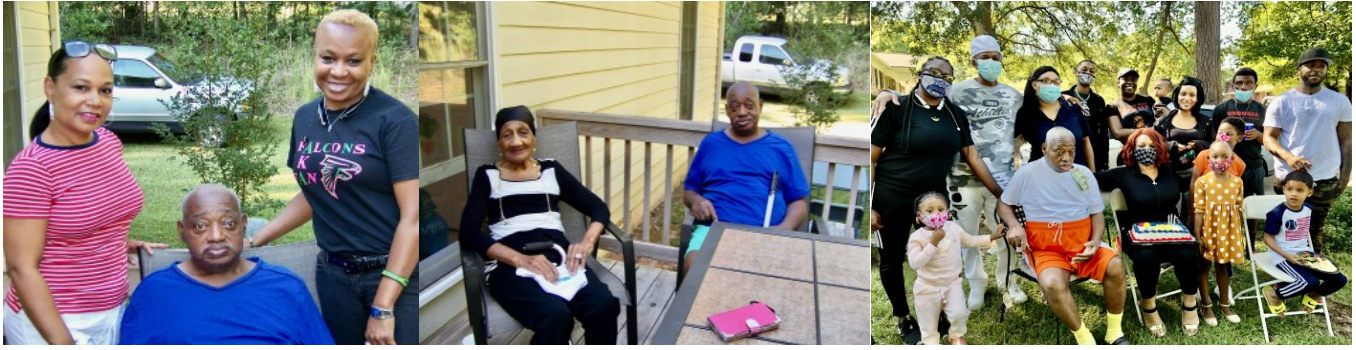
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Pastoral Recessional

Recessional Hymn

Interment

East Lawn Memorial Cementary



Weep not for me

Weep not for me though I am gone into that gentle night
Grieve if you will, but not for long
Upon my soul's sweet flight
I am at peace, my soul's at rest
There is no need for tears.
For all those many years. There is no pain, I suffer not,
The fear now all is gone.
Put now these things out of your thoughts
In your memory I live on.
Remember not my fight for breath
Remember not the strife
Please do not dwell upon my death,
But celebrate my life

Our hearts overflow with thanks for every act of kindness shown towards our family.

Thank you for your
words of sympathy, your voice of concern, your gesture of caring and
the love you offer. It really means
a lot. A special thank you to his brother,
Tee Green for a job well done!

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