



Bernard Lee Greene, Jr.

October 11, 1970 - March 7, 2019

The Obituary

Bernard Lee Greene, Jr., was born, October 11, 1970 to Josephine and Bernard Greene Sr.

Bernard Lee Greene, Jr., he was preceded in death by his father-in-law and brother-in-law, James Brand, Sr. and James Brand, Jr.

Bernard was educated in the Richmond Public Schools System. He obtained his GED the year of his high school graduation. Bernard attended J. Sergeant Reynolds Community College and Virginia Commonwealth University, where he obtained his Masters' Degree in Social Work. In 2007 he became board certified as a Substance Abuse Counselor, and in 2014 he became a LCSW (License Certified Social Worker). He was previously employed with Rubicon Home Again, Veterans Administrations Drug Program and various other agencies. Recently he was employed by Henrico County and private practice under Frank Minor & Associates. Bernard joined the River City Runners of Color. As an Alumni of VCU he participated in a Missions Program to South Africa and was involved in various mentoring programs. As Bernard continued to grow spiritually, he dedicated his life to Christ and became a member of St. Paul's Baptist Church.

Despite Bernard's personal struggles, he was able to endure his strong

religious foundations influenced by his mother. His passion was helping people. He shared his blessings with many. He was dedicated to working in the drug abuse community and a spokes person for the AA program by speaking at Anniversary Milestones.

Nineteen years ago, Bernard met the love of his life, Kimlyn Brand. After a 5 year "love affair", Bernard asked for her hand in marriage. Kim was the love of his life, she was his "sunshine on a cloudy day". She was Heaven sent, God blessed him with a true Angel and he loved her with all his heart.

On Thursday, March 7, 2019, God took his hand and said to Bernard, come to me my son, I'm relieving you of all your pain. He leaves to cherish his memory his loving and devoted wife, Kimlyn Greene; two daughters, Brittany Barrett, and Bernishia Greene; two grand-children, Marley-Jai Turner and Bentleigh Haskins; mother, Josephine Greene; father, Bernard L. Greene, Sr. (Mary); three sisters, Sharon Greene, Angela Greene and Crystal Rich; one brother, Earnest "Junnie" Rich (Sherry); mother-in-law, Isabelle Brand; two sisters-in-law; Karen Johnson (Mack) and Pat Smith, 2 brothers in-law, David and Darryl Brand; host of other relatives and friends among them a devoted niece, Doniece Flax.

Cemetery Details

Forest Lawn Cemetery

4000 Pilots Lane
Richmond, VA 23222

Previous Events

viewing

MAR 14. 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home -Laburnum Chapel
2110 E. Laburnum Ave.
Richmond, VA 23222

Family Hour

MAR 14. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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Richmond, VA 23222

Celebration of Life

MAR 15. 1:00 PM (ET)

St. Paul's Baptist Church
4247 Creighton Road
Richmond, VA 23223

Tribute Wall



“ *Bernard Lee Greene, Jr.*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *Telka Thomas-Smith And Girls lit a candle in memory of Bernard Lee Greene, Jr.*



Telka Thomas-Smith and girls - March 22, 2019 at 09:34 AM



“ *The McQuinn family would like to express our deepest condolences to the Greene family in your time of loss. Bernard was a trusted friend and special person. Journey well my friend.*



Randy and Samantha

Randy McQuinn - March 15, 2019 at 09:04 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Bernard Lee Greene, Jr..*



March 14, 2019 at 02:41 PM

ET

“ *Erica, Tyree, and Thailyn purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Bernard Lee Greene, Jr..*



Erica, Tyree, and Thailyn - March 14, 2019 at 02:09 PM

NB

“ *I've been in disbelief the past several days after learning of Bernard's passing. A real heaviness in my heart. Bernard and I worked together several years ago at ESI Connections. My first introduction to him was in a large training session where someone in the back kept making hilarious comments throughout making everyone laugh. That I learned was Bernard Greene! He was a fun, smart & charismatic guy. We later shared an office together and had some nice talks. Although I did not know his wife Kim, I remember a picture of a beautiful woman that sat on his bookshelf. Later he talked about proposing to her and where he might do it. For some reason I always remember that conversation... he was so open and genuine. Bernard was a special man, and yes, with an unforgettable smile. To his wife, his girls, his parents, family and friends my heartfelt sympathies. Nancy*



Nancy Brady - March 14, 2019 at 11:53 AM

TR

“ I met Mr.Greene during when I was going through alot. I was in a court ordered class which he came to speak at. I began to open up to him and his words and guidance made a huge effect on me. He would take time one on one with me and helped me and my family tremendously! I will never forget him. I have never forgotten how he was there for me when I needed someone the most. I still today stop and think about the self control he taught me. As well as myself there are so many people he helped when they were hitting rock bottom and I just want to thank Mr.Greene for his dedication and for truly caring about me and changing my life! He was a strong, caring man. My prayers go out to his family.
My Condolences- Timothy and Alexis Richmond

Timothy Richmond - March 13, 2019 at 09:54 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Bernard Lee Greene, Jr..



March 13, 2019 at 04:08 PM

DA

“ I was fortunate to be friends with Bernard since around the second grade and I will cherish many great memories of times we spent growing up together. Silly memories like playing with toy cars at his mom's house, him being the first person to teach me how to make a snow angle, middle, high school, and as grown men.

All of us who knew him have lost a genuine, pure, caring person. A truly good person!

As I wrote him a few months ago -

"I want to make sure you know that you are still and always one of my true friends and have a permanent place in my heart (sounds crazy...but you know what I mean!)"

He will sincerely be missed.

Dorian Archer - March 13, 2019 at 03:43 PM

GB

“ A wonderful and down to earth person who will truly Be Missed Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort; Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God.

The Brown Family

Gary D Brown - March 13, 2019 at 01:03 PM

RB

“ Love to the Greene Family!! What a wonderful smile!! That's what I will remember about Bernie! That megawatt smile! Rest now Bernie. Love will carry your family through.

Rosalyn Brackett



Rosalyn Brackett - March 13, 2019 at 09:50 AM

MM

“ *Maiszie Mills lit a candle in memory of Bernard Lee Greene, Jr.*



Maiszie Mills - March 12, 2019 at 10:27 PM

MM

Kim and family,

Sending light and love your way at this most difficult time. May you be comforted in knowing you are not alone. God bless you and keep you in his care.

Maiszie

Maiszie Mills - March 12, 2019 at 10:33 PM

WF

“ *With love, The Mekki Family purchased the Sweet Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Bernard Lee Greene, Jr..*



With love, The Mekki Family - March 12, 2019 at 04:21 PM

JF

“ *Sending my condolences 2 u and family Kim Bernard my buddy will be missed but will cherish the good times we had at the cookout at ur mom's house. I know it's hard but God knows best 💕💕💕 ya*

James

James Fields - March 12, 2019 at 04:20 PM



“ *'As the angles sat around enjoying each others company St Pete come up to the podium to start the meeting ,he says ,and I quote "Tonight we have a wonderful speaker,first time speaking here in heaven.....everyone lets give it up for Bernard G all the way from earth"*

Such a wonderful sweet soul,a true gentleman,love and prayers

John Shinholser

John Shinholser - March 12, 2019 at 03:45 PM

BH

“ *Brittny Hatcher lit a candle in memory of Bernard Lee Greene, Jr.*



Brittny Hatcher - March 12, 2019 at 12:46 PM

DL

“ *You will be missed. Your light will continue to guide people through darkness.*

Don lee - March 12, 2019 at 11:07 AM

LM

“ *Leona Mahone sent a virtual gift in memory of Bernard Lee Greene, Jr.*



Leona Mahone - March 12, 2019 at 10:59 AM

LM

“ *Mr.Greene.u were definitely a heaven send..I have so much love respect an admiration for u ..I still find it hard to believe u are gone..Never will u be forgotten and truly u will be greatly missed by me an so many others..Blessings and condolences to ur beautiful family* 🌸💚💛💜💖💕

Leona Mahone - March 12, 2019 at 10:53 AM

AC

“ *Antoinette Crawley lit a candle in memory of Bernard Lee Greene, Jr.*



Antoinette Crawley - March 12, 2019 at 10:50 AM

LM

“ *Leona Mahone lit a candle in memory of Bernard Lee Greene, Jr.*



Leona Mahone - March 12, 2019 at 10:45 AM

CW

“ *most caring cousin ever, been a good while since I spoke to you. so sorry you had to endure such. you achieve all we talk about , college , family. you set your goal in life and achieved. I knew you had it in you, RIP cuzz. Cynthia Street White*



Cynthia Street White - March 12, 2019 at 10:03 AM

LW

“ Sorry for the loss of this brother and co-worker. He was a good cheery person and will be missed by many. Condolences and prayers of peace to the family.



Lisa Winston - March 12, 2019 at 08:50 AM

CA

“ Still in shock from the letter I received today from your office. Being a patient of yours for a couple years now, wish you knew how much you impacted my life. Losing my father earlier last year, you were definitely like a father figure to me & helped me get through my grief. I pray your soul rests peacefully & am in prayer for your family. Thanks for everything 🙏 Sweet rest.

Camille - March 11, 2019 at 10:09 PM

TJ

“ Tonya Jones lit a candle in memory of Bernard Lee Greene, Jr.



Tonya jones - March 11, 2019 at 08:16 PM

TJ

“ My Condolences to Bernard Green and the family you r a big inspiration to me and so many others you hv gave me hope, faith, laughs jokes every time i seen you wth tht smile it tells me i was n good company u will b truly miss REST N PEACE. TONYA & DERRICK PRINCE

Tonya jones - March 11, 2019 at 08:15 PM

VC

“ AFTER TIME AND SPACE WE HAVE ARRIVED HERE TOGETHER, TO SHARE IN THE BELIEF THAT THERE ARE NO GAINS WITHOUT PAIN. THAT TO ENDURE THROUGH LIFE, ONE MUST STRUGGLE TO MEET THE CHALLENGE, THAT WHICH KEEPS US CLOSED , FRIGHTENED, AND ALONE. WE BELIEVE WITH TRUST IN AND LOVE FOR OUR FELLOW MAN , WE FOUND NOTHING UNTIL WE FOUND OUR BRETHREN, THEN WE FOUND MEANING, WORTH IN OUR SELVES... AND WE BECAME DEDICATED TO THE BELIEF THAT IF YOU TREAT A MAN AS HE IS HE WILL STAY AS HE IS BUT IF YOU TREAT HIM AS HE OUGHT BE AND COULD BE HE WOULD BECOME AS HE OUGHT BE AND COULD BE..PEACE BE UNTO YOU MY GOOD AND FAITHFUL WARRIOR AND FRIEND...YOU DIDN'T KEEP IT...YOU GAVE IT AWAY!!

VAN KODJO ARCHER, CSAC - March 11, 2019 at 06:14 PM

VC

HE STOOD TALL AND STRAIGHT IN THE FACE OF HIS OWN WORSE ENEMIES.... !!!

VAN KODJO ARCHER, CSAC - March 11, 2019 at 06:22 PM

AC

My prayers go out to the family. I had the pleasure of meeting Bernard during my employment at Rubicon, Inc. Every year he would come and share his experience, strength and hope at our annual Rubigras. You will truly be missed. Rest is peace.

Antoinette Crawley - March 12, 2019 at 10:50 AM



I sought counseling from Bernard Greene because of a work related issue. He was so kind, professional and insightful. Although it was necessary to take me to some very dark places in my memory, it was helpful in identifying solutions for this issue. He never indicated that he was sick and never once allowed his personal circumstances to hinder his ability to help me. I'm forever grateful. Although I was not completely finished with our sessions, I gained enough insight to be okay. Blessing to his wife, children and family. I too couldn't help but notice the beautiful pictures of his family which always made him smile.

Wanda Williams - March 14, 2019 at 06:05 PM



“ *My sincere condolences to the Greene family. Bernard was a great inspiration to many. He will be missed.*



Derick Rivers - March 11, 2019 at 06:09 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Bernard Lee Greene, Jr..*



March 11, 2019 at 05:16 PM



“ *Bernie I will always love you and that smile. I've been reflecting on what we shared from the time we met. You were definitely a GREAT man
Thank You for who you were in my life. My ❤️ is aching at present, you will always be my cutie cutie. My sincere condolences to Mrs. Kym Greene (((HUGS))) and the Greene family.*

Karen - March 11, 2019 at 03:27 PM

AJ

My condolences to the Green family. Look to the one who bares it all.

Amanda Johbson - March 12, 2019 at 12:23 PM

IW

My condolences to Wife and Family. Bernard you were such a good, pleasant and caring person, Always smiling having positive energy to share with others. I remember the car I brought from you and Ms. Mary. You will truly be missed by so many. The work and admiration you put in RUBICON will always be remembered. Rest in Paradise. You have ran your race and been a good servant to us all.

Irma F Welch - March 12, 2019 at 04:05 PM

AF

“ I offer my sincere condolence to Devoted Wife & his family. I met Bernard 13 years ago. I had recently had been transported from Virginia Commonwealth Medical Center Emergency Room to the Healing Place Detox Unit.

While I was in the Healing Place Detox/12 Step Program I had the privilege and the opportunity to met Bernard. I realize and understand that he was an inspiration in the lives of so many people. I am ever so grateful to my Creator for allowing me to have met Bernard. No more pain. RIP.

Anthony R Ford - March 11, 2019 at 03:20 PM

CP

“ On behalf of my family our would like to give you my condolences my prayers are with the family... From the Haskins and Pleasants family.

Cloria Pleasants - March 11, 2019 at 01:53 PM

DG

“ I worked alongside Bernard for several years with Home Again Veteran Transitional Prgm, we were a good team...could've been a great team but time didn't permit. I remember Bernatd and I shared any number of motivating and crystallizing moments: the one that stands out for me was Bernard's advice when I had began reaching my end point in our organization, when after listening to my belly aching, he asked "But is this job working for you..." I thought about it and calmed my happy tail down...now I'm 17 years in at the agency!

Daryl Gokdsmith - March 11, 2019 at 01:47 PM

SH

“ Sam Hoyer lit a candle in memory of Bernard Lee Greene, Jr.



Sam Hoyer - March 11, 2019 at 01:22 PM

SH

Will always remember our times working together. Rip my friend.

Sam Hoyer - March 11, 2019 at 01:24 PM

SH

“ Bernie you are so special to me. My sweetheart, my lil big brother and you knew how to keep things real whenever I needed your opinion. I'm missing you right because I want to tell you something. I'm so very proud of you. I admire your strength and courage. You're a champion, my hero, now rest in Heavenly peace in God's loving arms. You are forever in my heart ❤️



Sharon - March 11, 2019 at 12:38 PM

AP

“ My condolences to the family of Bernard Greene. I thought about a time when me and Bernard was talking on the phone about church and Kim came in from work and he said, “ there go my First Lady right there” I laugh my head off and said who you suppose to be “Bishop Bernie”. He so love his wife and family. I feel blessed to have known you and shared some fun times with you. I will always follow the professional advice you gave me. “Smiley, pick your battles.” I’m gonna miss that smile.

arlene pitchford - March 10, 2019 at 07:20 PM



“ You have fought the good fight, You have finished the race, You have kept the faith. Now there is in store for you the crown of righteousness.

Good night my dear friend . I will see you in the Omega soon enough. Rest well Bernie...

Nette Reaves - March 10, 2019 at 02:41 PM

SM

I'm so lost for words, This one has really hit home, B and I became friends in 87, I mean we laughed and joked all the time, in 95 we reunited as we started our journey together School ,work and meetings, I can remember B saying to me whenever he would see me Heat Ms.Minor I'm proud of you and I would say Thanks B, I'm proud of you... He ALWAYS had a beautiful smile, and that I will miss the most, Be will be truly misssd Heaven has truly gained an Angel... Rest Easy B... And to my God sister I Love you and I'm here for you 🍷🍷🍷

Stephanie Minor - March 11, 2019 at 02:42 PM

BG

“ So many memories.. you made me feel like the most beautiful girl in the world! You were my counselor, my strength when i was weak, my superhero in human form, but most importantly my Father! I love you so much! This feels so unreal to me right now



bernishia greene - March 09, 2019 at 11:52 PM

MC

“ My condolences to Kim and the family. My memories of Bernard will always be those that make me laugh or smile. He was a really good man.

Melissa Clare - March 09, 2019 at 11:13 PM



“ Nette Reaves lit a candle in memory of Bernard Lee Greene, Jr.



Nette Reaves - March 09, 2019 at 03:25 PM

SH

I will always remember our time working together. Rest in peace my friend.

Sam Hoyer - March 11, 2019 at 01:07 PM

MT

“ My condolences to Kim and Bernard’s entire family! I’m thankful for the many moments and memories we shared that has helped me become a better Man!!!
Rest In Peace My Brother❤️🙏❤️

MARK TAYLOR - March 09, 2019 at 01:04 PM

PS

“ Bernard, I will miss you your smile your laughter the fun we had in traveling. You awakening my spirit in many ways. Your gentle spirit your willingness to be there for so many people showed the man you are! I will always hold a special place in my heart for. Love you endlessly.



Patricia Smith - March 09, 2019 at 10:30 AM

DJ

“ Debra Johnson lit a candle in memory of Bernard Lee Greene, Jr.



Debra Johnson - March 09, 2019 at 08:36 AM

Keith Jones

“ Keith Jones lit a candle in memory of Bernard Lee Greene, Jr.



Keith Jones - March 08, 2019 at 09:53 PM

 Keith Jones

“ Most of my memories of Bernard were from Drug Court. During my 15 months there, I went through the program unscathed! Never missed an assignment, never late, participated as best I could. towards the end of my stint, He had scheduled a one on one meeting in his office at 2pm the following week. The day came and I came in at 5pm in time for our normal check in time.... Bernard called me into his office.... He closed the door. We sat down. He said, Um Keith, you know we had a meeting scheduled this afternoon at 2 o'clock, what happen? I gasped!!!! I looked at him eyes popping out! I said, Oh my God Mr. Greene, I FORGOT!!! He said, really? I said yes! It completely slipped my mind, I am so sorry!!!

He laughed and said, I believe you. You have done so well with no slips... Now what should I do? I said, I don't know, but I am disappointed with myself!! He smiled at me and said.... You are on the right path my friend, we'll just keep this between you and me! Now, let's go get this evening (drug court meeting) done and go home!!! I said thank you so much... I will never forget that day. That was the day that I knew he really cared about me. I'm going to miss your smile and your kindness, Bernard.

Keith Jones - March 08, 2019 at 06:39 PM

NS

“ I love you Kim. May Bernard be at peace! Sending nothing but love and positive vibes your way!!

Ny Springs - March 08, 2019 at 02:22 PM

NS

your*

Ny Springs - March 08, 2019 at 02:23 PM

NL

To Bernard, I have always had a love for Bernard. He helped me to be true to myself. He told me that I had to believe that I never had to use drug another day in my life. He always made me feel good about myself. Bernard and I use to discuss theology and religion. Bernard words to me were Norris sat down and calm your nerves.

Norris B. Lewis

NORRIS B LEWIS - March 13, 2019 at 09:48 PM

 Keith Jones

“ Bernard was a wonderful man. He was instrumental in saving my life following a long period of substance abuse. He was my counsellor at Henrico Drug Court. After spending 15 months with him there, I gained a better understanding myself and my behavior. Currently living a good life with over 10 years clean and sober. Thank you Bernard for your help! I love you Brother. May God hold your hand and your soul, leading you through the Pearly Gates. RIP, my friend!

Keith Jones - March 08, 2019 at 01:18 PM

RJ

“ Reginal & Janet Johnson(neighbors) lit a candle in memory of Bernard Lee Greene, Jr.



reginal & Janet Johnson(neighbors) - March 08, 2019 at 11:47 AM



“ We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.

March Funeral Homes - March 07, 2019 at 05:53 PM