



Catherine B. Greene

January 30, 1925 - January 3, 2012

CATHERINE THOMAS GREENE, was born January 30, 1925 at 3:45 p.m. in Calvert County, Maryland to the late Frank & Florence Thomas. She transitioned from this earth realm on January 3, 2012 at 3:40 p.m.

Her parents relocated to Baltimore City where she attended public school. She put college on hold for marriage and motherhood. She married Rev. Albert Greene and from this union came three daughters: Edna, Joyce & Maxine. The marriage ended in divorce and both moved on to pursue their dreams.

Catherine enrolled in Apex Beauty & Barber School in September, 1950 completing her training with honors. She successfully completed the exam for the State Board of Cosmetology. She then furthered her education by taking Christian courses through the Maryland Baptist School of Religion and received the Degree of Humane Letters from the National Theological Seminary along with a Bachelor's Degree from the University of Maryland.

Her Spiritual Journey began as a member of Christ Spiritual Temple in 1943. She received water baptism in 1943 and received the baptism of the Holy Ghost in 1945. She became a member of Mount Moriah Baptist Church in the late 1940's. Catherine was a member of the Senior Choir, a Sunday School Teacher (Junior Class) leading her class in 1957, to give Easter Baskets to

patients in Kernan Hospital; and Director of Mt. Moriah's Young Adult Choir whose name was later changed to Gospel Chorus. In September, 1961 she met with thirteen members and organized the Choir. Their first appearance was the 1st Sunday in January, 1962. She would pick each year a member from the choir that she thought was most valuable for honors. She gave young girls like Marie Alston and Adrie Neal a chance to help their music growth. Catherine was responsible for many additions to the church. On the choir's 1st Anniversary they contributed drapes for the Lower Auditorium. She was purchased an Ice Maker for the church, silver Punch Bowl Set, and food server racks. Built a Library with members names engraved and purchased books; the Senior Bench in the front vestibule; a Courtesy Guild Stand for the front the church, and a Memorial Board for deceased members of the church. She purchased a robe for Rev. Jessie boykin and gave every Associate Member a White Robe for Communion. She was responsible for bringing outstanding singing groups to the church to help the Building Fund, such as, Dorothy Love, The Staple Singers and many others. When Mt. Moriah had their mortgage burning service in 1968, she leapt for joy!

In 1980 she left Mt. Moriah and became a charter member of New Testament Baptist Church and also served as the Church Mother. Her oldest daughter, Bishop Edna Isaac is the Pastor of New Testament. There she served as a Sunday School Teacher. She donated the property at 1624 W. Baltimore St. to the ministry and she was instrumental in the purchase of 1628-1640 W. Baltimore St. for expansion. Catherine became a member of First Apostolic Faith Church in the 90's. A regular attendee in Sunday School, she enjoyed expanding the Word of God. There was much joy and laughter while riding the church bus. A faithful member of the Evangelist Board, she spent much time witnessing to and praying for those who felt hopeless. As President of the Willing Workings, they worked tirelessly to erect a bell tower. The ringing bells would tell the community that the saints were headed to the House of God. She was a great history buff, therefore it was important to her for the church to

have a room that housed the historical archives.

In the 60's and 70's when churches were selling chicken dinners and chocolate candy, this dedicated church worker, coordinated Gospel Concerts featuring the very best groups and made large sums of money to aid the poor and elderly. She was an energetic member of the Trustee Aides for the Maryland Baptist Aged Home. She was always ready to buy a ticket to support God's work at churches far and near.

As an activist she conducted membership drives for the NAACP; recruited and supervised Youth for the Summer Jobs Program; volunteered her time for the Easter Seals Campaign, UNICEF, American Heart Association, etc.; gave generously to Boys Town, Nebraska, Feed the Children, Democratic National Committee and The Martin Luther King, Jr. National Memorial Project, among others; worked diligently to maintain Mt. Auburn Cemetery; was an AFAM Committee Member in the 1970's; was employed as a Chief Judge for the Baltimore City Board of Elections; and as an active member of AARP Chapter 3706, enjoyed the day trips they planned. She attended the 2007 Inaugural Celebration of Governor Martin O'Malley and her soul was made glad when she attended President Obama's Inauguration on Jan 20, 2009.

Known for her abilities as Mistress of Ceremony and a radio announcer she had a radio show on station WSID in the 1960's. She had a fiery delivery and a glamorous appearance making her a much sought after MC for church and social events. She, Aurelia White, Lolita Brewer, Archbishop Naomi Durant and Aunt Pauline Wells Lewis supported and encouraged each other.

She enjoyed Broadway plays, going to the movies and to The Baltimore Symphony Orchestra. Her love for sophisticated events where she met prominent people had her always attending elegant banquets and Black Tie

Fund Raisers.

Catherine was a big sports enthusiast. She was truly #1 fan of both the Ravens and the Orioles, and had no problem asking “The Saints” to pray for both teams during a losing streak. She would secure complimentary and/or group sales tickets to take “the kids” and community youth group to sporting events. She had great passion for college football and basketball (especially March Madness- the College Basketball Championship Tournament) and made it a point to recognize a rising star. A lover of nature and horses, every spring she watched The Triple Crown on TV (The Kentucky Derby, The Preakness and The Belmont Stakes) and would pray the horses across the finish line, Of course, there was nothing like a Super Bowl Party- family, friends, food and football. Hallelujah!!! Her passion for sports was so great that she dedicated a room in her home to sports memorabilia.

She was an educator who became an Adult Education (Night School) Cosmetology Instructor at Mergenthaler Adult Center in 1968. She taught cosmetology at Carver Vocational Technical High School from 1978-1992. Her students had the largest percentage of members in the Vocational Industrial Clubs of America. They traveled yearly to attend the prestigious New York Hair Show. In 1989, the Vocational Industrial Clubs of America awarded her for Outstanding Participation. She was the most successful in getting the student body to participate in scholastic events.

Catherine was a member of the THE NATIONAL QUARTETTE ASSOCIATION. This organization was founded was founded by R.H. Harris; one of the original, “Soul Stirrers”. Once a year, men and women from different denomination, with varied singing styles would come from across the country to sing individually and collectively. What a joyful noise! She served twenty years as supervisor.

As Mother, Grandmother, Great-Grandmother, Great-Great Grandmother and Matriarch, she was big on family togetherness and traditions. We had Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas Dinners. We would all pile in several cars and ride through the city and county to see the Christmas decorations. We went to New York to see the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade, and to see the Rockettes in the Christmas Show at Madison Square Garden. The family went yearly to Washington, DC to enjoy the White House Christmas Tour and she also took her children/grandchildren to the Christmas Celebration at City Hall and the State House Annapolis.

A believer in the American Dream she encouraged everyone to never stop learning, to be well insured and to own your own home. She had no tolerance for laziness. Affectionately known as "Ma Cat", she was everybody's mother. She was generous with her time and attention but was a strict disciplinarian, "Mama didn't take no mess". She believed in "spanking" and we received them as often as needed. Although, all she had to do was look at you would straighten up. Daily family meals were normal. She was famous for her "mac and cheese" and her "give me some more" turkey dressing.

Edna, Joyce and Maxine were "Her Pearls" and everyone knew it. Their dad stated them singing as children and the success they achieved was a testament to what she poured into them. Traveling around the world with USO (United Service Organization) was a great milestone in their career. She was a proud peacock as she sat in the third row when The Greene Sisters did a weeklong engagement at New York's Famed Apollo Theatre. At every stage of their life she was present, elementary, junior and senior high school and college. You would always find her in the audience beaming with pride. Her active involvement trickled down from one generation to another. She totally enjoyed the Mother's Day Celebration, Maxine planned every year for all of the mother's in the family. It was yet another opportunity to be well dressed, and to fellowship with friends and loved ones. The day always ended with a

play, movie or concert.

Her independence was priceless to her and everybody knew “Cadillac Cat”. Her white Cadillac, blue top, blue interior, was known throughout the church and the community. In 1970, when she moved into her dream home, they were the second African-American family on the block in a Jewish Orthodox community.

In the 1960’s she and Maxine boarded a TWA flight to California, taking Maxine to Disneyland. She enjoyed traveling and made a point to take a vacation every year. A highlight of her life was a trip to the Holy Land.

She loved good singing and recognized it when she heard it. As a vocalist, she understood musical trends, but she believed there was no substitute for an artist that sang with control, clarity and conviction. She joined the Friendly Jubilee Gospel Singers in the 40’s. They sang up and down the East Coast and shared concerts with the pioneers of traditional Gospel. As Directress of the Young Adult Choir, she inspired and motivated the choir to give their best time they sang. People came from across the city to hear them sing, “I Promised the Lord”, and “Sweeping Through the City”. She purchased a juke box to house her old 45 records.

Hats, gloves, stockings, high heels, hair pulled back, an elegant strut and a million dollar smile-that was the absolutely fabulous Catherine Greene. Lady Catherine was truly a fashion icon. She had a fantastic eye for color and coordination and she wore clothes that other women desired. In every decade of her life she was a trendsetter.

Lady Catherine leaves to celebrate her life: three daughters, Bishop Edna Isaac, Elder Joyce Sanders (James) and Elder Maxine Webb; two sister,

Mildred Beard of Baltimore, MD and Vinnie Hoy of Frederick, MD; two brothers, Clyde and Elias Thomas of Frederick, MD; eight grandchildren, Elizabeth Corley, Tammy Seay, Staccato Butler (Deena), Tyrock Butler (Carol), Ghana Simmons (Robert), Aaron Butler (Felicia), Shawn Isaac and Eddie Sanders; eighteen great-grandchildren, six great-great grandchildren, four special grandchildren, Coco, Ollie, Paris and Cheyenne (the dogs); one Godson, Wiliam Hayes (Fran); two Goddaughters., Tracy Harvin of Crofton, MD and Lydia Baylis; one adopted daughter, Pauletter Green; a special family friend, Ruby Wright; and host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Cemetery Details

King Memorial Park Cemetery - Grand Heritage Chapel & Mausoleum

8710 Dogwood Rd.
Baltimore, MD 21244
(410) 944-8300
info@kingmemorialpark.com
<https://www.KingMemorialPark.com>

Previous Events

Public Viewing

JAN **12**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Homes - West Baltimore
4300 Wabash Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21215
(410) 542-2400
info@marchfh.com

Public Viewing

JAN **13**. 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM (ET)

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Family Hour

JAN 13. 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM (ET)

Mt. Moriah Baptist
2201 Garrison Blvd
Balto., MD 21215

Family Hour

JAN 13. 7:30 PM - 9:30 PM (ET)

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Wake

JAN 14. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Service

JAN 14. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

MW

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Max Webb - January 30, 2025 at 01:20 PM

MW

“ *Lady Catherine B. Greene*

- 100 Years Young -

January 30, 1925 - January 3, 2012

Prayer Warrior! Glamorous! Matriarch! Visionary! Cosmetologist!

Max Webb - January 30, 2025 at 01:19 PM

“ In Memoriam for Catherine B. Green

Lady Catherine Greene was a gift born on January 30, 1925, to Frank and Florence Thomas, and she was the youngest of four children. She happily went to heaven on January 3, 2012, and had she lived she would have been 100 years young on Thursday, January 30, 2025. Lady Catherine was educated in Baltimore City Public Schools and at a young age realized she had a flair for glamour. She attended Apex Beauty School and graduated with honors and went on to excel at styling both Caucasian and African-American hair. She was gifted and could study your face and skin tone and tell you which hair styles and hair colors were most flattering for you. When a customer got out of her chair, they were worthy of compliments. She believed in "a Spirit of Excellence" and excelled in everything she put her hand to do. She spent the majority of her career as a premiere colorist, specializing in tints and dyes, at Mr. Fritz Hair Salon in Pikesville, MD. Her customers were the elite Jewish women of Baltimore City and County. Always abreast of hair trends, she was one of the first, African-American, colorists to master adding streaks and highlights, and there is a difference, to hair. It was only natural that Mr. Fritz wanted her on his staff because he too was a trailblazer. His salon featured a spa, a mink shop, a jewelry counter and manicures-pedicures. Over time, she studied at the University of MD, University College, and later took her immeasurable skills to Mergenthaler Vocational-Technical High School, where she taught night school, and Carver Vocational-Technical High School where she was a full-time instructor. She encouraged her students to be proficient at doing Caucasian and African-American hair and, in doing so, they would always keep a job. At Carver, she was loved by staff and students and she coordinated field trips for her students to attend the International Hair Show in New York City.

A devout Christian, and in her home: it was God first and everyone knew it. As a young woman, she married Rev. Albert Greene and their daughters Edna and Joyce came from that union. The

marriage ended in divorce but the respect remained throughout their lives. Later, she and Frank Webb were blessed with Maxine. Her girls were her pearls and she loved them deeply. An exciting gospel singer, she sang with The Friendly Jubilees and directed the Young Adult Choir at Mt. Moriah Baptist Church. Her daughters were members of the church choir and her oldest daughter, Edna, was the choir's principal lead singer. Her daughters, who started singing at an early age, also had a gospel group. She was the well-dressed queen sitting on the second row when they performed at the world famous Apollo Theater. Her home was always filled with music, she purchased a small white baby grand piano, which sat in her living room, and there was a jukebox in the family room. Always finding something new and exciting to do she had a Gospel Radio Show on station WSID. She was known as a fiery and dynamic Mistress of Ceremonies for gospel concerts that featured Baltimore's best local talent as well as national touring artists. She was strikingly pretty and having a reputation for exquisite clothing she was Ms Hollywood from head to toe. Her custom made hats and coordinated outfits made her a standout whenever she stepped in the room.

Max Webb - January 30, 2025 at 01:13 PM

EP

A wonderful reflection of the legacy of a pioneering black woman in the professional and religious community of Baltimore. Her legacy will continue through her children and grandchildren around the USA.

Elder Felicia Powell - January 31, 2025 at 07:11 AM

AW

My Aunt was a loving person that can't be replaced, she was the one who kept the family together. I miss her so much may she rest in peace

Antoinette Watkins - February 01, 2025 at 01:11 PM

AT

This Woman of God will always be remembered and her wonderful daughters love you all. I will never forget Mother Green great Woman of Ellegance and Class. From Apostle Marquis Townes

Apostle Marquis E Townes - April 05, 2025 at 05:22 AM

“ A bold woman who forged a path for other women to follow: she was the first woman in her family to get a driver's license, and the first to buy a car. She loved Cadillacs and owned several. As a matter of fact, she was quite sassy and was known as "Cadillac Cat". She was the first in her family to buy a house and she bought two homes. The second located in NW Baltimore was her dream home and when they moved in, in 1970 they were the first African-American family on the block. Her home was the gathering place for friends, family and extended family. It was the place to be because she loved entertaining and could set a table like no other. There were parties, receptions and holiday dinners and there was always abundant, well prepared food served with love, prayer and laughter. Full of energy, she stayed on the go, it was important to her to expose everyone she loved, especially her siblings, children, grandchildren and great grandchildren, to history and culture. There were trips to Annapolis and to Washington, DC, to enjoy The Smithsonian Museum, and to tour The White House and other DC tourist attractions. New York's Rockefeller Center, Macy's flagship store in New York, The Christmas Show at Radio City Music Hall, The Statue of Liberty and lunch at Junior's to get a slice of their luscious cheesecake. We also drove to New York to see the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in person. In 1962, she and Maxine boarded a plane to California to visit Disneyland. Of course, there was the trip that is the desire of every Christian, she visited The Holy Land and said every Christian should make that pilgrimage. Coast to coast and border to border by car, bus, train and plane she kept us moving and we enjoyed every minute of it. Desiring to make her happy and to keep a smile on her pretty face, the girls were always buying her lavish gifts and planning exciting things to do. In January, there was a big January family birthday party. For Valentine's Day, there was lunch, flowers, chocolates and cards filled with money. There was always anticipation surrounding the Mother's Day Brunch, which Maxine coordinated every year for over 30 years, for all of the mothers in their family. It was such a hit that mothers that were a part of our extended family began joining us on Mother's Day. Maxine made reservations at every four and

five star restaurant in Baltimore City and County. On a few occasions, the group traveled to Washington, DC for the Mother's Day Brunch. Some of our happiest Mother's Day brunches were when the gang gathered at Pimlico Race Course. After brunch there was always a play, a movie or a concert to keep the Moms busy all day long. Our mother did not believe in sitting in the house. For her 70th birthday her daughters treated her to an extravagant trip to New York city. Lady Catherine and Joyce boarded an Amtrak Metroliner and, upon arrival, checked into the world famous Waldorf-Astoria Hotel. Those girls had a shop-til-you-drop bang-up good time in The Big Apple. In addition to shopping, they saw the Broadway hit "Cats", had lunch at the legendary Tavern On The Green Restaurant in Central Park and enjoyed the fabulous Central Park Carriage Ride.

Max Webb - January 30, 2025 at 01:12 PM

“A passionate sports enthusiast: golf, Tiger Woods; tennis, Venus and Serena Williams; the Baltimore Orioles, she took her grandchildren to baseball games; and, on one occasion, leapt to catch a fly ball. There was her basketball hero, Michael Jordan, and she loved horses and was known to pray for her favorite horse to be the first across the finish line for The Triple Crown: Kentucky Derby, Preakness and the Belmont Stakes. Her purple passion, The Ravens, got her undivided attention on Sunday's after morning worship. In her home there was a room where all of her sports memorabilia was displayed. The grandchildren and great grandchildren loved spending time in that room. Sports allowed her to relax, unwind and spend time with friends and family. To say she followed sports, on TV or in person, would be an understatement, but to honor that fun-filled part of her life her daughters held her repast at Pimlico Race Course. The family knew the owners of Pimlico and they were happy to do it.

Believing that "to whom much is given, much is required" she gave her time, talent and money to charitable causes. She volunteered for Easter Seals, The March of Dimes, The Girl Scouts and others. She was president of her community association and served as the Women's Supervisor for The National Quartet Convention. She coordinated summer youth groups and was the president of the PTA at Maxine's junior high school. For years she was a Chief Election Judge for Baltimore City and spearheaded "register to vote" events at various locations. Was a dedicated, lifetime member of the NAACP and pushed African-Americans, of all ages, to join and to make a difference in society. Membership in AARP brought her new friends, fun day trips and intelligent conversations. Her "work as unto the Lord" attitude made her commitment and accomplishments in Mt. Moriah Baptist Church, New Testament Baptist Church and First Apostolic Faith Church are too vast and too far reaching to list and they cover a 55 year span. Every achievement garnered conversation and served to benefit the ministry and, in some cases, the community. Most of her church work fell in the "first ever" category and often left people in awe. Of course, her work and passion toward all of her endeavors was recognized with plaques,

trophies, citations, resolutions, etc. from her friends, peers, mayors, governors and the White House. Her personal and public achievements were honored with an elaborate "This Is Your Life" Celebration. She was escorted down the aisle by her long-time friend, Mayor William Donald Schaefer, while wearing a full length black mink coat. Wow!!

Max Webb - January 30, 2025 at 01:10 PM

MW

“ Our mother, Queen Catherine, affectionately known to many as "Ma Cat," was a prayer warrior and a leader both personally and professionally. She was beautiful and wore fabulous clothes. She was a friend, mentor, guide, confidant, counselor and a consultant. She was a visionary and a trailblazer. A loving mother, grandmother and great grandmother who set the bar high because she was ambitious and an over-achiever. She was a disciplinarian and everybody knew Mama, "didn't take no mess." Was she perfect? Who is? From every mistake, hers and ours, she said, learn from it and don't do that again. It made us love her all the more! As she aged, she experienced some limitations but she wanted to keep going and we made that a reality for her. When it came to church services, the First Apostolic Church bus took her to and from worship. On other occasions, family members stepped up and became chauffeurs for Queen Catherine. One of her favorite movies was "Driving Ms. Daisy." Therefore, because she loved Cadillacs, it thrilled her when Joyce was the chauffeur because Joyce had a Cadillac. When the cancer diagnosis came, we shifted gears again and her daughters made certain that she was covered in prayer and that she received the best medical care available. She wanted for "Nothing." When she grew weary and no longer wanted to fight, she told God, "I'm ready" and he said, "Come On" and on January 3, 2012 she transitioned happily! We know where she is and that she wants to be there and that gives us great peace! We thank God for every split second that he allowed her to be here with us. She was a true blessing and the habits, attitudes and standards that she instilled in us, so long ago, are still the foundation for our lives. We miss you and we love you eternally,
Your Pearls, The Girls, Edna, Joyce and Maxine

Max Webb - January 30, 2025 at 01:09 PM



“ Catherine B. Greene

August 06, 2023 at 11:15 AM



“ Catherine B. Greene

July 30, 2023 at 08:44 PM



“ Catherine B. Greene

March 27, 2023 at 04:43 PM



“ Catherine B. Greene

March 27, 2023 at 01:52 PM



“ Catherine B. Greene

March 25, 2023 at 10:25 AM



“ Catherine B. Greene

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ She was a beautiful person and wonderful teacher for many years at Carver Vo-Tech HS-glad I had the chance to work with her.

Diane Worsley - January 16, 2012 at 05:29 PM

LS

“ To god be the glory for the things that He has done may the peace of God that pass all of our understanding give us peace and strength to endor all things, I thank God for the year he has given mother to her family and friends and the love she taugth all of us

min: Lynette Shoats

Lynette Shoats - January 13, 2012 at 10:59 AM

MS

“ I'm so sorry for your loss and would like to offer my condolences to your family. Death is such a terrible thing for a family to go through, I actually lost my mom about 3yrs ago. I'm truly grateful that I have the truth about death and look forward to the future when there will be a resurrection of both the righteous and the unrighteous.”— ACTS 24:15. I'm sure you would love to see your dead loved one again in the coming Paradise here on earth! Again so sorry for your loss!!

Ms Springer - January 07, 2012 at 05:23 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 - January 05, 2012 at 06:55 PM

DB

To "GOD BE THE GLORY" for the life and legacy of Mother Greene. She was love and will be missed. We know we'll see her in that great gettin up morning. Be encouraged.

Darcel P Moore and Family Mt Moriah Bapt - January 09, 2012 at 05:29 PM

MS

For a Time Such as These - This is what we spiritually live for.. On behalf of Catherine Greene's nieces and nephews we will miss her dearly. God Bless, Mildred Simpson, Niece

Mildred K. Simpson - January 12, 2012 at 11:09 AM