

The Homegoing Celebration



Thomas R. Green

April 8, 1919 - March 8, 2011

Tuesday, March 15, 2011 - 11:00 a.m.

UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*525 East Front Street
Plainfield, New Jersey*

Minister Jonathan Williams, Officiating

The Measure Of A Man

*Not - How did he die?
But - How did he live?
Not - What did he gain?
But - What did he give?*

*These are the things that measure the worth
Of a man as a man, regardless of birth.*

*Not - What was his station?
But - had he a heart?
And - How did he play his God-given part?*

*Was he ever ready
with a word of good cheer?
To bring back a smile, to banish a tear?*

*Not - What was his church?
Not - What was his creed?
But - Had he befriended
those really in need?*

*Not - What did the sketch
in the newspaper say?
But - How many were
sorry when he passed away?*

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Of a man as a man, regardless of birth.*

(author unknown)

Obituary

Thomas R. Green was born April 8, 1919, in Darlington, South Carolina and went home to be with the Lord on March 8, 2011. He was the fifth child of nine children born to Robert T. Green, Sr. and Idella Dargan Green. At an early age Thomas' family relocated to East Orange, New Jersey. Thomas was a graduate of East Orange High School and as a member of the Marching Band played the trumpet and also sang in the Spiritual Choir. Education was very important to him and Thomas considered learning to be a life long endeavor.

After high school he attended Howard University in Washington, D.C. After completing his first three years of study, Thomas was well on his way to becoming a dentist when he was drafted into the United States Army to serve in World War II. Thomas served four years achieving the rank of Staff Sergeant and obtained an honorable discharge. Upon his release from the military, Thomas met and married Doris Elizabeth. Together they raised three children, Doreese Elizabeth; Karen Alicia; and Thomas Reese Jr. He was predeceased by both his daughter Doreese and son Thomas Jr.

Thomas spent his early years of employment working as an Insurance Agent with Progressive Insurance Company. Always looking to increase his financial security and provide for his family Thomas worked for E.I. DuPont in the Research and Development/Production Division. Thomas then went to work for Schering-Plough starting out as a factory laborer. He also began to take several continuing education courses at New York University. Eventually his potential was recognized. Thomas received a promotion to the Human Resources Department where he spent the last fifteen years of his employment with Schering-Plough. After thirty years of dedicated service, Thomas retired. He pursued a new career by earning his real estate license and was employed as an Agent by Coldwell Banker and Century 21 Realtors.

Thomas was a member of the United Presbyterian Church of Plainfield, New Jersey where he served as an Elder and a Deacon. He participated in the wheelchair ministry and transported the elderly and disabled to and from church. Thomas saw a need to increase the involvement of men at his church so he initiated and founded a men's group to accomplish this objective. His heartfelt desire was to encourage the men to become more active in the affairs of the church. He often would help to beautify the church grounds by planting some of his favorite flowers.

Thomas was an avid reader. He welcomed a good debate especially over politics. He had a great appreciation for music; his favorite genres were jazz and classical. He also loved baseball and football. As a young man he enjoyed fishing. Thomas was a wonderful gardener who treasured the Lord's flowers and plants. He always had a well manicured lawn and beautiful gardens on his properties until his later years when decreased mobility robbed him of this love. Thomas was a resident of Scotch Plains, New Jersey for forty-one years. While residing there he fulfilled many civic related responsibilities before moving to Lakewood, New Jersey.

Thomas will be remembered by many as one who was always willing to give advice and counsel from his wealth of knowledge and years of life experience. He came to understand that the abundant life was found only in Jesus Christ and in Him alone.

Thomas is survived by: his daughter, Karen A. Hillman; five grandchildren, Kali McGee, Kauri McGee, Karlen Byron, Kimberly Holman, Jessica Rogers; seven great-grand children; loving relative, Doris Elizabeth; a sister-in-law, Ann Green; a daughter-in-law, Pamela Green; a son-in-law, Wesley Hillman; a cousin, Doris Hart; a host of nieces and nephews, and other relatives, church family, and friends.

Order of Service

Processional *Clergy & Family*

Parting View

Prayer of Comfort *Minister Jonathan Williams*

Hymn *"It Is Well with My Soul"*
Minister George Hillman

Scripture Reading

Old Testament *Psalm 34*
Minister Wes Hillman

New Testament *John 14:1-3,6*
Minister Jonathan Williams

Acknowledgments of Condolences

Hymn *"Blessed Assurance"*

Obituary Reading *Karen A. Hillman*

Hymn *"Amazing Grace"*
Minister George Hillman

Eulogy *Bishop Steven Green*

Recessional

Interment

Fairmount Cemetery
Newark, New Jersey

The Lord's Prayer

*Our Father which art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom
come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is
in heaven. Give us this day our daily
bread. And forgive us our debts, as we
forgive our debtors. And lead us not
into temptation, but deliver us from
evil: For Thine is the kingdom, and the
power, and the glory, forever. Amen.*

Pallbearers

Kauri McGee	Dante Green
Karlen Byron	Patrick Green
Brian Green	Steven Green

Acknowledgements

The family of **Thomas R. Green** would like to take this opportunity to extend our appreciation for the kind expressions of sympathy and love extended during this time of bereavement. May the Good Lord bless you and keep you.

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