

Obituary

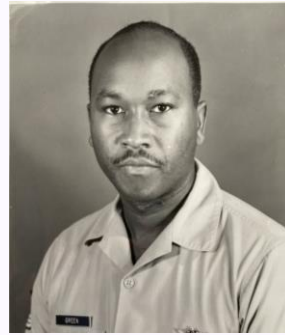
Mr. Leonard Green, Jr., 88, of Columbia, South Carolina, was born on October 2, 1934, to the late Leonard Green Sr. and Nancy Green. He passed into peaceful rest on Monday, February 28, 2023. "Duck," as he was affectionately known, by his siblings because of his passion for swimming, graduated from C.A. Johnson High School (the home of the Mighty Green Hornets) in 1953, where he excelled academically, was recognized for his contributions as an outstanding planner, and was even a bit of a football star. After attending Johnson C. Smith University on scholarship for several years, he joined the United States Air Force. He embodied their core values of "integrity first, service before self, and excellence in all we do" achieving the rank of Senior Master Sergeant serving his country proudly.

Leonard excelled throughout his Air Force career, working as Aeromedical Services Technician. He was often recognized for his dedication to duty, broad job knowledge, integrity, bearing and exemplary leadership. In addition to providing undisputed expertise in administrative management to Surgeon staff, he deployed to various destinations as part of Medical Evacuation Teams at times working in the outskirts of the base and beyond, doing helicopter rescue performing traumatic emergency medical care for injured service members in hostile environments. Amongst his many distinguished professional accomplishments, he also earned the Vietnam Service Medal. His professional success contributing to the Air Force medical mission is a testament to his genuine care for others and commitment to the defense of our nation. After his military service, he went on to enjoy an engaging experience with the United States Postal Service, as a letter carrier.

He was a faithful Christian, who accepted Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior fulfilling duties as a Deacon at North Columbia Baptist Church. He shared the love of Christ in his steadfast and sincere manner with anyone who would listen. Although a man of few words at times, he exuded an assured confidence and love towards others, seeking each day to be more like Jesus. His kind spirit and genuine words of encouragement had a way of piercing through life's day to day concerns putting things in their proper perspective.

Mr. Green was preceded in death by his two daughters, Lola R. Brown and Jeannelle Leona Green. He leaves to cherish his memory: his loving, dedicated, and loyal wife of 52 years, Yasuko T. Green; his son, Leo Y. Green (Mariko); his brother, Bobbing W. Green (Bertha), of El Paso, TX; four sisters of Columbia, SC, Janie Walters (Marion), Sallie Wood (Grover), Fristella Branch, and Ella D. Bookert. Leonard lived an amazing and blessed life under God's guidance and direction. He was an inspiration, and his presence will be missed by all his loved ones who have peace knowing that he is resting in the arms of his Savior.

Memories



Order of Service

- Prelude
- Processional
- Viewing.....Funeral Directors
- Opening Selection.....Mr. Lonnie Clark
- Old Testament.....Pastor Andrew Weems
Psalm 96:1-4
- New Testament.....Minister Melvin Walters
2 Corinthians 1:3-4
- Prayer.....Minister Melvin Walters
- Musical Selection.....Mr. Lonnie Clark
- Remarks.....Mr. Leo Green, *Son*
Mr. Gilbert Brown II, *Grandson*
Ms. Fristella Branch, *Sister*
- Words of Inspiration.....Pastor Marick Walters
- Recessional
- Postlude



Committal, Benediction and Interment

1:00 p.m.
Fort Jackson National Cemetery
4170 Percival Road
Columbia, South Carolina

Pallbearers

United States Air Force Honor Guard

I'm Free

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God has laid you see.*

*I took His hand when I heard His call
I turned my back and left it all.*

*I could not stay another day
To laugh, to love, to work, or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way
I found the peace at the close of the day.*

*If my parting has left a void
Then fill it with remembered joys
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss
Oh yes, these things I too will miss.
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full, I savored much,
Good friends, good times, a loved one's
touch.*

*Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your heart, and peace to thee-
God wanted me now; He has set me free.*

Floral Bearers

Family and Friends

Acknowledgement

We, the family of the late Leonard Green, Jr., would like to thank each of you for your prayers and support, during this time. We pray that the Lord blesses each of you in a very special way.

Services Entrusted To:

Taylor Street Chapel
1831 Taylor Street
Columbia, SC 29201
(803)771-7799
I. S. Leevy Johnson
-Owner & Director-

Leevy's
FUNERAL HOME
Chris Leevy Johnson
-President & Managing Director-

Lower Richland Chapel
9120 Garners Ferry Road
Hopkins, SC 29061
(803) 776-6922
Leverette A. Williams, II
-General Manager-

In
Honor
of your
Memory
Deacon *SM Sgt (Ret)*
Leonard Green, Jr.



Wednesday, March 8, 2023
11:00 a.m.

Leevy's Funeral Home Chapel
1831 Taylor Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Pastor Marick Walters, Officiating