



Mr. Curtis "Dad" Greene

November 4, 1948 - May 16, 2023

UTICA - Mr. Curtis "Dad" Greene, age 74, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, May 16, 2023, in the comfort and dignity of his home.

Born in Utica on November 4, 1948, Curtis was the son of the late Donald "Donny" Greene and Catherine "Sis" Moore. Curtis was a graduate of T.R. Proctor High School/Class of 1967. He was a member of the Magnificent Yankees Drum and Bugle Corps of Utica and the Syracuse Brigadiers Drum and Bugle Corps, the captain of the Color Guard, and a precision Drill Rifleman. A proud veteran of the United States Army, Curtis served his country with honor from 1968-1970 during the Vietnam War. He was the recipient of numerous service medals. At one time, he was married to the former Rosetta Evans and their union was blessed with two devoted daughters.

Curtis enjoyed his career as a machinist in Rome at Revere Copper & Brass and Pettibone Mulliken Corporation, a leading manufacturer of railroad track equipment. Subsequently, he accepted a position with the New York State Psychiatric Center in the Maintenance and Delivery Departments, the position from which he retired.

Curtis was called the original "Uber Driver" for his family, friends, and anyone who needed a lift. He will be remembered for his many acts of kindness and compassion. He helped a bountiful number of people and was loved and respected for his benevolent heart. The appreciation of his vehicle came from the desire for his automobile to be detailed to perfection. So, he took on the

task personally. He enjoyed his cars and had an eye for detail. It was a labor of love that people noticed, and heads would turn.

Curtis was a distinguished gentleman and family man. He raised his children, and the virtues and guidance he gave them were unparalleled. An earnest work ethic was paramount. Equally important were how to be respectful and to know that family came first. He was also a thoughtful, great gift-giver. He had an elegant taste in fashion and was a stylish dresser. Everyone who knew him will remember his gleaming shoes, his black shoe polish, and the apparatus he used to shine shoes like no other. He was not reserved or subdued in his appearance and apparel - from head to toe! Curtis was the “rock of his entire family”, and he wanted unity and peacefulness. He avoided confrontation and conflict. He was like a shining star. Everyone knew him! You may have known him as Curt or Mr. Greene. You also knew he was truly beloved and appreciated. He affected so many people and his generosity and passionate ways were genuine. Curtis did God’s work every day. As stated in Matthew 25:35-40, “Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me”. Curtis held an open heart to the words and teachings of the Lord.

He enjoyed family cookouts and get-togethers. It was up until this past Mother’s Day that he was sitting in his chair and conversing with his sister and all the grands and great grands. What a way to phase life out! One of his favorite places was O'Scugnizzo Pizzeria on Bleecker Street. He will miss their #7 pie, their spaghetti, Fish Fry, and macaroni salad. The staff knew him by name! He never slowed down, rather kept it moving. He was a member of the Mohawk Street McDonald’s Breakfast Club, and what a group it was! What interesting topics were discussed. He showed his patriotism and brotherhood by being a member of American Legion Post #229. Curtis also traveled throughout New York State and Pennsylvania to see Drum and Bugle Corps competitions. He always kept the beat, and each day, in his own kitchen, he had his drum pads and sticks to keep himself in practice.

Left to cherish Curtis’s beautiful life are his daughters Felicia Greene (Papa

James), Diana C. Greene, and Katacha Garrett. He cherished in his heart the memory of his son, Donnel A. "Duke" Hymes, who preceded him on March 30, 2016. He also leaves his grandchildren: Jonathan Howard, Cassandra Howard, Shakeem Greene, Devante (Daily) Greene, Robert Greene, Jaleesa Findley, Anthony and Zhane Garrett, and Thatcher Edwards; a host of great-grandchildren; his sisters and their loves: Diane Hawkins, Valerie Moore, The Reverend Beverly Moore-Tasy (Sandy), and Suzette Moore; brothers and their loves: Jeffrey Moore, Vincent Greene (Earline), Keith Moore (Dorothy), Kevin Moore, Pernell Moore, Sean Moore, and Alain Moore (Tausha); and the memory of his three brothers who preceded him: Lawrence Moore, Craig Moore, and Larry Greene. He was raised and loved by additional family, including: Joyce Flagg (Robert), Gwendolyn Jones, Elizabeth "Bonnie" Turner Holt, Leola Turner Jones, Marie Turner Morrison, Joe Turner (Donna), and George "Ricky" Turner. Also surviving are a multitude of nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, and cousins, especially Aunt Gracie. He remained close to and shared a bond with members of the Evans family. Although he had a wonderful group of friends throughout his life, he was especially close to Dennis, Dan "Rosco", Rev. Leonard Himes, John "Brother", and his "special lady friends."

The family is grateful to Curtis' VA physician, Zaki Badawy, M.D. and his staff at the Rome and Syracuse offices.

Visitation will be held on Saturday, June 3, 2023 from 2:00-4:00 PM at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. Curtis's Home Going Service and Celebration of Life will commence at the conclusion of visitation at 4:00 PM; Military Honors will be conferred. For those unable to attend, you may be present virtually at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87141917047> Memorial contributions, in lieu of floral offerings, in Curtis' honor may be directed to the Central New York Veterans' Outreach Center online at <https://www.ucdevelopment.org/> or the American Legion Post #229 online at <https://uticapost229.org/>; envelopes will also be available at the funeral home.

Interment will be held in Forest Hill Cemetery in the Veterans Burial Garden on Monday, June 5, 2023.

Cemetery Details

Forest Hill Cemetery

2201 Oneida Street
Utica, NY 13501
(315) 735-2701

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 3. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Eannace Funeral Home, Inc.
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Home Going Service

JUN 3. 4:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



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June 03, 2023 at 01:42 PM



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“ *So sorry to hear this sad news please accept our families condolences and prayers Amen*
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Ida Cook - June 03, 2023 at 12:30 PM



“ *Elizabeth Patterson-Moyer lit a candle in memory of Mr. Curtis "Dad" Greene*



Elizabeth Patterson-Moyer - June 03, 2023 at 11:37 AM

TS

“ *Tawanda Stanley lit a candle in memory of Mr. Curtis "Dad" Greene*



Tawanda Stanley - June 03, 2023 at 12:39 AM

DW

“ *My sincere condolences to Rosetta and Felicia and Diane. All of the Moore Families. Sending prayers of comfort and love to all. Sorry for the loss of Curtis husband/dad/ brother.*



Dawn Winston - June 02, 2023 at 06:21 PM

DW

“ *Rest in Peace cousin Curtis Greene. We were close and were in competitions in drum and bugle corps. He was in the Magnificent Yankees Post 229 and I was in the Royaleers Drum and Bugle corp. PLAV Post 8 . He was always a gentleman about it. He would laugh and say “Maybe next time cuz.” We were at a lot of shows together and always mutual respect. Will always remember him as a great friend and family member.marching in the heavenly band.*



Dawn Winston - June 02, 2023 at 06:15 PM

FG

Thank you for sharing 🍷💖

Felicia M Greene - June 08, 2023 at 02:55 PM

CM

“ Rest easy Cousin Curtis. You will truly be missed..

Carolyn Moore-Bivens - May 27, 2023 at 07:20 AM

CG

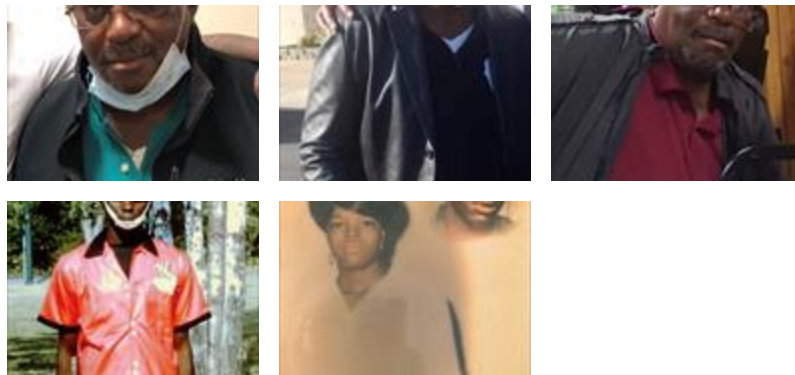
“ Our condolences to you and the family. Our prayers are with you 🙏🙏🙏 Love Chez & Carol Green



Chez Green - May 26, 2023 at 07:14 PM



“ 6 files added to the album Memories Album



Eannace Funeral Home, Inc. - May 26, 2023 at 11:06 AM

BO

“ Curtis we had some good times in school but we had better times in basic training. You will be missed. God Bless your friend Bob Fuller.

BobFuller - May 26, 2023 at 08:08 AM

EJ

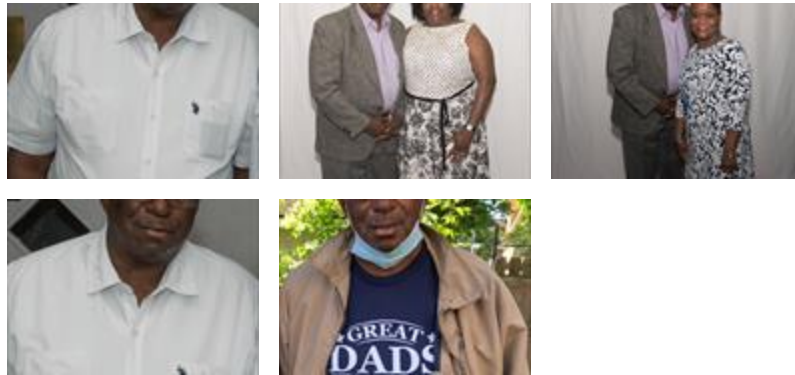
“ Ernest Jones lit a candle in memory of Mr. Curtis "Dad" Greene



Ernest Jones - May 25, 2023 at 01:46 PM



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Eannace Funeral Home, Inc. - May 25, 2023 at 10:07 AM

JF

“ Praying For The Family We are going to Miss You Curt RIP I Will Miss You Calling Me Nurse Every Time I See You Till Wednesday Meet Again Will Always Be Nurse To You Love Always In My Heart.



Jackson Workman & Prince Families - May 24, 2023 at 04:28 PM



“ *This is such a beautiful obituary in honor of Curtis. My compliments to those involved in writing it. I was fortunate to have known Curtis while marching together in the Magnificent Yankees drum corps. He was a very talented rifleman; did spins and tosses of a heavy military grade rifle previously unseen. He wasn't just talented, but had an incredible work ethic as well. He became the Color Guard Captain of one of the best color guards in the Northeast. He brought a spirit and enthusiastic personality to the corps. The Utica Yankees were definitely better because his presence.*

So, I didn't know that he became a drummer with his sticks and pad in the kitchen. But now that I think of it, I recall that he frequently wanted to borrow my drumsticks while there was a break during practice with the Yankees. Being Curtis, he would offer me his rifle in exchange. I could barely lift the thing!

Most importantly, Curtis helped teach me a very important life lesson. We are, after all, the same, regardless of our different backgrounds. My sincere condolences to you, his family and friends. Rest in Peace, Curtis.

Bryan Dowd

Bryan Dowd - May 23, 2023 at 09:37 PM

FG

Thank you so much for your memories of my Dad 💖 Felicia Greene

Felicia M Greene - May 28, 2023 at 12:21 PM

RS

“ *Hershel Walker & Rose Pearson-Simmons*



Rosean Simmons - May 23, 2023 at 09:12 PM

BF

“ *Brenda L Fudge lit a candle in memory of Mr. Curtis "Dad" Greene*



brenda l fudge - May 23, 2023 at 08:12 AM

JW

“ *I had the honor and pleasure of knowing Curtis from our time spent together in the Magnificent Yankees and Syracuse Brigadiers. He was an outstanding rifleman and colorguard captain. He was also a great man to know. My condolences to the family and know there are many of us out there who will miss him.*

John Wnuk - May 23, 2023 at 12:28 AM

FG

Thank you for kind words. Felicia Greene

Felicia M Greene - May 28, 2023 at 12:22 PM

AN

“ *Cuz you will be missed.i can hear you say hey Tiger.Rip*

Angela - May 22, 2023 at 10:39 PM

MT

“ Sorry for your loss! Great memories of Curt! We will miss his SMILE AND LAUGHTER

Michael T Taylor - May 22, 2023 at 09:03 PM

CC

“ Carla Clark lit a candle in memory of Mr. Curtis "Dad" Greene



Carla Clark - May 22, 2023 at 07:49 PM

CP

“ It is my prayer that God will comfort you and your whole family during this time of grief. May he richly bless you, even as you mourn, and may the light of his presence be a continual source of consolation.



Charise Parris - May 22, 2023 at 06:41 PM

EH

Decades ago, in my youth, I remember Curtis as being a 'good' guy. Someone with a smile, who kept it moving. Family, May God meet each of you at your point of need during this of loss

Edwina Clayton Harris - May 23, 2023 at 09:53 AM

PB

“ Paulette BrownHaithcox lit a candle in memory of Mr. Curtis "Dad" Greene



Paulette BrownHaithcox - May 22, 2023 at 05:09 PM

PB

We send our deepest condolences and prayers to the entire family 🙏

Paulette BrownHaithcox - May 22, 2023 at 05:10 PM

EJ

Memories...Oh the memories come flooding back to our very first meeting back in the late 1950s on Catherine St. Our families lived in the same building across the hall from one another. The ties that bind, the friendships shared, the unbreakable bond that can extend from youth into the "golden years" is something special, especially when shared with special people...as was Curtis! A peaceful resting place for you, my brother, and may the memories continue to be a blessing to all who were fortunate enough to share in their making. Condolences and well wishes of Heavenly comfort to the family.

*Ernest Jones
Syracuse, NY*

Ernest Jones - May 25, 2023 at 01:42 PM

DB

“ Denise Brown lit a candle in memory of Mr. Curtis "Dad" Greene



Denise Brown - May 22, 2023 at 03:46 PM