



Mr. Forrest Edward Green

April 25, 1939 - August 27, 2014

His Journey:

Forrest Edward Green, son of Mr. Forrest Neal Green and the late Annie Louise Williams Green, was born on April 25, 1939 in Cartersville, Georgia. Forrest was affectionately known as "Sonny" by his family and friends in his hometown. Forrest joined the Mt. Zion Baptist Church as a young boy where he sang in the Zion Bell Choir under the direction of Ms. Thelma Dinkins. He was also a boy scout at Mt. Zion under the direction of Rev. Rufus Dinkins. He remained close to his church and to his early childhood friend, Marion Dinkins even after moving to Detroit.

Forrest was educated in Cartersville and graduated from Summer Hill High School in the class of 1957. While at Summer Hill High School, he played football with the Summer Hill Blue Devils and sang in the chorus. He always stayed close to the class of 1957 and would try to make as many class reunions as he could. Forrest attended Morehouse College where he earned a degree in chemistry and math. He returned to Cartersville to teach school for one year in Calhoun, Georgia at Stephens High School. He decided to move to Detroit, Michigan for better job opportunities on the advice of his Uncle Clarence. After working at the Ford Motor Company and the Water Works in Detroit, he was hired as a chemist in Lansing for the state of Michigan.

During his visits to Detroit from Lansing, he was introduced to Mattye Jo Damron by his aunt Vivian Knowles. Forrest and Mattye were married August 6, 1967 and remained dedicated to each other for 47 years until his untimely death.

In Lansing, Michigan, Forrest worked with the Department of Natural Resources for nine years. At that time, his department was testing for Mercury contamination in fish. He was later transferred to the Michigan Department of Transportation in the Materials and Technology Division testing paint for bridges, roads, salt, potholes, and glass beads for the yellow lines. Each day, he drove one MDOT transportation van 200 miles round trip to Lansing for 12 other workers. He stopped off at Lawrence Institute of Technology on his return trip from work for classes where he earned an associate degree in Electrical and Electronic Technology in 1978, a Bachelor of Science Degree in Industrial Management in 1981 and a Master of Business Administration Degree in 1995.

Forrest's hobbies were hunting and fishing. He loved the great outdoors and he and Mattye spent many weekends camping in Michigan and Canada.

Forrest's favorite charity was education. He was a strong believer in the slogan, "A Mind Is a Terrible Thing to Waste." He spent many hours tutoring students as well as recruiting students for college; and, he and Mattye set up scholarships at his church, Lane College, and Morehouse College.

Forrest sang in the Chapel Choir and the Men's Choir at Fellowship Chapel Church where he was affectionately called "Thunder." The last song he sang when his health was failing was "I Don't Feel No Ways Tired."

Cemetery Details

Woodlawn Cemetery

19975 Woodward Ave.
Detroit, MI 48203

Previous Events

Visitation

Friday, Sep. 5. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

O. H. Pye, III Funeral Home
17600 Plymouth Road
Detroit, MI 48227
(313) 838-9770
info@pyefuneralhome.com

Family Hour

Saturday, Sep. 6. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Fellowship Chapel
7707 West Outer Drive
Detroit, MI 48235

Funeral Service

Saturday, Sep. 6. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Forrest Edward Green*

January 21, 2023 at 09:34 PM



“ *Forrest and I were college classmates and though I did not see him for many years, I kept up with him through a mutual classmate. We sent a Christmas card every year. My deepest sympathy goes out to his family .May God bless and keep you safe during your time of grief and for years to come. Walter & Janyth Grady*

Walter Grady - September 05, 2014 at 06:20 PM



“ *Blooming Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Forrest Edward Green.*



September 05, 2014 at 12:58 PM



“ *Faye and Donald Jones purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Mr. Forrest Edward Green.*



Faye and Donald Jones - September 04, 2014 at 09:18 PM

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“ I rode the commuter van from Detroit to Lansing with Forest for a year. He was a wonderful man. On many occasions I talked from the pickup point to my job keeping him company and learning about Southern education. Forest and Mattie are the reason my son attended and graduated from Lane College. I am so sorry to hear of his passing. I am sure that heaven's choir will rejoice with addition of his wonderful voice and kindly spirit.

Susan Patton - September 03, 2014 at 12:23 AM

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“ Susan Patton lit a candle in memory of Mr. Forrest Edward Green



Susan Patton - September 01, 2014 at 07:22 AM

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“ Ora Williams- Fellowship Chapel lit a candle in memory of Mr. Forrest Edward Green



Ora Williams- Fellowship Chapel - August 31, 2014 at 06:39 PM



“ Forrest was such a great singer and I can never hear, "I don't feel no ways tired", without thinking of him...RIP and sincere, condolences to you Mattie& all the family



Karen Walker - August 31, 2014 at 04:25 PM

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“ *Forrest will always be in my heart, not just because of his "Thunderous" voice and hearty laugh, but because of our bond through mutual friendship with Danny B. His care and concern for his friend, despite his own health issues was just one example of his kindness. My prayers are for strength for Mrs. Green and comfort for your family.*



With Love, Maria C. Barber

Maria C. Barber - August 31, 2014 at 09:46 AM

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Forrest's philanthropic heart will ever be remembered and cherished by I and my children, both of whom benefited from his generous contribution towards their pursuit of higher education at Historically Black Colleges and Universities. His commitment to ensure our youth had an opportunity to travel the path laid by our ancestors was unwavering. We must pay it forward and uphold his legacy in tribute to his memory. My thoughts and prayers are with his wife, Mrs. Mattie Green and his family.

*Peace and blessings,
The Sauda Family*

Annakiya Sauda - September 01, 2014 at 03:54 PM