



James Harold Greene

December 10, 1920 - June 24, 2015

Funeral services for James Harold Greene, 94 of Rockdale are scheduled for 10:00 a.m. Saturday, June 27, 2015 in Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home in Rockdale. Burial will follow in the I.O.O.F. Cemetery in Rockdale. Rev. Adam Straznicky of St. John's United Methodist Church and Dr. Gregory Nichols will officiate. Visitation is Friday evening, June 26th from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

James Harold Greene was born December 10, 1920 in Bethel Springs, Tennessee to Stephen Davenport "Tobe" and Mary Annie (Smith) Greene. Graduate of Mississippi State University in Starkville, Mississippi with a degree in Chemical Engineering. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II from June 1944 and discharged March 1946 as a Lieutenant (Jg). On December 5, 1943 he and Loretta Downs were married in Booneville, Mississippi. Jimmy worked 40 ½ years with ALCOA working in many assignments. He started in Alcoa, Tennessee as Chemical Engineer. In Point Comfort, Texas he worked as Chief Industrial Engineer. He was Potroom Superintendent in Rockdale, Texas. In Surinam, South America he was Aluminum Plant Manager responsible for smelting, refining production. After returning to the states, he worked at Alcoa's Sales Technology Division and traveled to Canada, Norway, Sweden, Denmark and Africa.

During his busy work schedule, Jimmy was involved in civic organizations, he was Chairman of Tejas District Boy Scouts of America, served as Trustee with

the Rockdale School District and Chairman of the Board of Milam County Appraisal District for several years. He was a member of St. John's United Methodist Church and served as Chairman of the Board and as Lay Leader. He donated over 60 units of blood in his lifetime. He took care of St. John's Church grounds until recent years. You could see Jimmy walking, at a brisk pace around their neighborhood, always ready to say hello to neighbors and fellow walkers.

Jimmy passed away Wednesday morning, June 24, 2015 in the Richards Memorial Hospital. He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Walter D. Greene and three sisters, Louise Phillips, Kathryn Brevard and Sarah Anne Abernathy.

Surviving him are his loving wife of 71 years, Loretta Greene of Rockdale; son, Stephen Downs Greene and friend Marcia Erikson of Paige; daughter, Kathryn Greene Sanders and husband Richard Lee of Athens; two grandchildren, Amanda Lee Beltran and husband Daniel of Athens, Allison Kocarnik and husband Andrew of Edmond, Oklahoma; and two great-grandchildren, Benjamin Daniel Beltran and Jaxon Lee Beltran.

Pallbearers are, Mike McGowan, Ron Montgomery, Kerry Starnes, Allen Sanders, Jack Huff, Billy Ogea.

Honorary pallbearers; Bill Cooke, Fred Bergeron, Wilhelm Backhaus, Doug Smith, Bob Harper, Rufus Doss, Eldon Ball, Tommy Merka, John Shoemake

Memorials may be made in Mr. Greene's memory to St. John's United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 168, Rockdale, Texas 76567 or to Boy Scouts of America, 1325 West Walnut Hill Lane, Irving, Texas 75038 or to a charity of your choice.

Cemetery Details

I.O.O.F. Cemetery

850 N. Main St.
Rockdale, TX 76567

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 26. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - Rockdale
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Chapel Service

JUN 27. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

KK

“ Mrs. Loretta, Stephen, Kathy and family you are all in my thoughts and prayers. Just got my Rockdale Reporter and learned Mr. Greene had gone home to be with the Lord. He was a special man and an example to those around him. We have all become better people from knowing him. My sons have become better people because of all he taught them in Boy Scouts and from Scouts they modeled their careers, Wilfred is Chief Ranger at GBRA Park in Victoria, Glen is in Maintenance at Sheffield State Historical Park and Carl is in Maintenance at GBRA in Victoria and doing well.

May God be with all of you as you going through this trying time.

Katherine Korth - July 07, 2015 at 11:13 AM

ST

“ Stephen, my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this time. I did not know your dad, but from what I read here, he was a kind and well respected man who had many friends and left many good memories.

*Sandra Jackson Thomas
classmate of Stephen at RHS*

Sandra Thomas - June 27, 2015 at 12:19 PM

RS

“ My father-in-law Jimmy Greene was a member of our nation's "Greatest Generation". He worked hard, provided for his family, and was always there to support and care for them. He was an honest man that meant what he said and treated others with kindness. He was generous and helpful to all that crossed his path. He was a community leader that believed in fairness in all decisions he made concerning others. He will be missed by all who who knew him and loved him.

Richard Sanders

Richard Sanders - June 27, 2015 at 08:03 AM

MP

“ When I was a youngster in Port Lavaca, TX, Jimmy & Loretta lived two houses away from my parents house on Bonham Street. My parents were good friends with them, as my dad also worked at the Point Comfort Operations. In 1974 I started work at the Rockdale Operations and one of the people I encountered was Jimmy as I started my first job in Employment. From time to time we had a chance to talk about the Point Comfort experiences and things that transpired and people we knew. Jimmy was an understanding person , probably nurtured many people in his different areas of work, but still kept things running. It appears that Jimmy had an active life in the different areas of his participation. Yes, he had that smile and probably made many friends in his journey. I know he will be missed and my prayers go out to the family and his friends during this time of grief.

Michael Paulsen (Mike)

Michael Paulsen - June 26, 2015 at 07:56 PM

MT

“ My sincere sympathy to the family. I first met Mr. Green when he led my Eagle scout Board of Review and had a friend for life. He was a great man.

Michael Trdy - June 26, 2015 at 07:24 AM

NS

“ Before reading the obituary I did not know that Mr. Greene had lived in so many places and worn so many hats. When I think of Mr. Greene I think about two things. First is what a wonderful friend and neighbor he and Ms. Greene were to my parents, my sister and me. Second was his garden. I enjoyed visiting him while he worked in the garden and envied his ability to have healthy, productive plants. As neighbors we were grateful recipients of his hard work. Nancy Mehaffey Said

Nancy Mehaffey Said - June 25, 2015 at 07:31 PM

PP

“ Jimmy and Loretta have been the best neighbors ever to my parents, Linwood and Pauline Mehaffey. And when Jimmy was gardening, the whole neighborhood ate better.

Peggy Perry - June 25, 2015 at 04:26 PM

JM

“ Jimmy Greene was as fine a man as anyone would want to know. Consoling to my wife's family when her Mother passed and later to us when her Father died. I first met him when I was one of those darned college kids in 1964 and he was pot room superintendent at Alcoa and we did what we were told. He made it a lot easier for us with kind words whenever came by. Although not close, he remained our friend. He will be missed by many. Jim and Lea Law McDaniel

jim mcdaniel - June 25, 2015 at 05:50 AM

TO

“ *For all of the Love and guidance you provided to your sister Sarah Greene Abernathy you will always be a Hero in my heart and mind. All of the visits to Tennessee to celebrate the December birthdays that you shared with your siblings on the deck overlooking the river. We had so much love of and fun with family enjoying quite a few fish fries on the deck. I will be looking forward to seeing you in Heaven!*

*Love and Respect,
Tommy*

Tommy - June 24, 2015 at 06:26 PM