



Fred McLaughlin Greene

May 26, 1934 - July 23, 2018

Fred McLaughlin Greene of Powder Springs, Georgia has now embarked on his most thrilling adventure: entering into eternity with his Heavenly Father. Fred was a unique and vibrant man who was able to say a passionate “yes” to all this life had to offer while always straining toward heaven through his profound faith in Jesus Christ his Lord and Savior. In this life, Fred enjoyed sky diving, hot-air ballooning, scuba diving, cave diving, hiking, rock climbing, hang gliding, spelunking, wind surfing, crystal hunting, cold mountain stream dunking, skate boarding, roller blading, roller coaster riding, cruising, swimming with sting rays, and hunting rattlesnakes. He went on numerous cruises to the Caribbean and Alaska with Nena, his beloved wife of 33 years--as well as solo adventures to destinations such as Iceland and Bangkok, Thailand. But, with all of his travels, two of Fred’s favorite destinations remained watching a storm surrounded by his family at St. George Island, Florida and telling stories around the campfire with all the boys in the swamp at Sugar Creek at the McLaughlin home place. In the picture above, Fred was diving at age 82 in Ginnie Springs, Florida. Currently, Fred has embarked on the cruise of cruises in the great blue beyond. In his spare time, he can be found spelunking in black holes and sky diving to the stars.

Some of Fred’s greatest attributes were his magnetic personality, his passion, his stories, and his all-encompassing love. Fred reveled in the wonders of God’s creation: he marveled at the beauty of a sunset and always looked out for the first daffodil of spring. And, once Fred knew you, you were forever a part of him, forever a part of his family. Raised in Marietta, Georgia, Fred felt the call to serve the Lord early and ministered to people from all walks of life throughout his 84 years. He was baptized alongside his brother, Frank, at Roswell Street Baptist Church in 1948 and attended Marietta High School. Fred also served our country in the Army during the Korean War and was stationed in Germany. Fred was ultimately ordained as a minister in Woodland Hills Baptist Church in Atlanta, Georgia in 1985. One of Fred’s special spiritual gifts was ministering to the sick, dying, and grieving. He spent countless hours by the bedside of friends and family and attended the funerals of anyone he knew while he was able. Fred was not scared of death, but saw it as the natural transition from this world to the next. Today he is having a party in Heaven with many that he helped lead to faith in Jesus

Christ. While Fred knew that he was far from perfect in this world, the Holy Spirit blessed him with the insight to know that he had been made perfect through the blood of Jesus Christ and continually challenged us to see ourselves as God sees his children through Christ—as perfect. Most recently, Fred was inspired by the teachings of Les Feldick and enjoyed discussing new spiritual insights with family and friends.

Fred had many jobs in his life, but, most notably, he was a successful realtor for many years who helped transform Cobb County into the metro-Atlanta suburban hub that it is today. While selling a “dream home” to many families, Fred passed from this life surrounded by his loving family in his “dream home” at 2598 Greene’s Lane where he lived for 58 years.

For the past five years, Fred met the ravages of Parkinson’s Disease head-on with courage, stamina, faith, and almost other-worldly strength. To all who cheered him, comforted him, and cared for him in this time, Fred says: “You are wonderful! Thank you!” Fred leaves a legacy of love on this earth for his devoted brother, Frank Greene; his beloved wife, Nena Atkins Greene; and his dynamic children and their spouses: Michalle Tucker (David); Tom Greene (Kristen); Deborah Noland (Mark); and Kimberly Angle (Marshall). He is also survived by his loving niece and nephews and their children: Heidi Stager (Greg); Scott Greene (Donna); and Danny Greene (Amber); as well as his cherished grandchildren: Taylor Cuthbertson Lopez (Rey); Chesna Greene; Jessica Tucker Wyatt (Matt); Averie Greene; Anna Tucker; Connor Noland; Maslyn Greene; Lochlan Angle, and Elaina Angle. Fred was able to enjoy his first great-grandchild, Brooke Wyatt, while relishing the hope of more to come. Of course, because of the way Fred loved with his whole heart, his list of brothers, sisters, nieces, nephews, children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren include many more than we can list here today—but you all know who you are and how much you are loved by Fred.

We rejoice today that Fred is now reunited in his ultimate “dream home” with son, Fred McLaughlin Greene, Jr (Mac); his parents, Thomas and Vivian Greene; and countless family and friends. And we celebrate today that Fred has entered the kingdom of his Heavenly Father with the words: “Well done, good and faithful servant.” A memorial service will be held at Mayes Ward-Dobbins Funeral Home on Macland Road in Powder Springs at 2:00 on Tuesday July 24th and may be streamed on-line. Fred will be buried beside his parents in Kennesaw Memorial Park in Marietta around Thanksgiving with an additional Memorial Service so stay in touch with Nena Greene for details.

In lieu of flowers, we request that you enjoy a special meal and celebrate with those you love in honor of Fred. Or just share a cup of coffee and some good conversation with a friend. You may also make donations in honor of Fred at www.parkinson.org or send to Parkinson’s Foundation, 200 SE 1st Street, Suite 800, Miami, FL 33131.

Events

JUL **Memorial Service** 02:00PM - 03:00PM

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Mayes Ward-Dobbins Macland Chapel

3940 Macland Road, Powder Springs, GA, US, 30127

Comments



“ A webcast video has been added.



Mayes Ward-Dobbins Funeral Home - July 24, 2018 at 01:51 PM



“ Joanne & Yvonne Mackool lit a candle in memory of Fred McLaughlin Greene



Joanne & Yvonne Mackool - July 24, 2018 at 05:48 PM



“ Fred has been a dear friend of mine from all the way back in the late 50's and early 60's. At that time, he was the manager of American Health Studios in Atlanta, GA – a fitness place. We were very close for many years and shared many fun & crazy adventures together! I will always remember rafting the Chattooga River (from the movie Deliverance). We got to Bull Sluice, one of the highest class rapids on the river. Most people at that time ported around that particular rapid, but not Fred. After we already rafted down it, he decided to keep going down it with just his wetsuit (no raft), over and over and over, until I threatened to leave him. I had promised Teri that I would bring him back alive! Other adventures included the Rattlesnake Roundup, where Fred didn't use the stick, he caught the snakes barehanded. We also went Alligator hunting twice. Fred would sit on a live ones back and hold the jaw shut. We also jumped out of planes, we never had any instructions, we just pulled the rip cord. We did cave diving in North Florida as well. Other milder adventures included Snow Skiing together with our families in Sky Valley, GA.

Fred was my best friend and my HERO! These were just a few of our fantastic adventures together. Rest in Peace! I love you Fred. Peace and love to you Nena and family! John Mackool

John Mackool - July 24, 2018 at 05:46 PM



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Mayes Ward-Dobbins Funeral Home - July 24, 2018 at 08:33 AM



“ Fred was the best nighbor one could hope for. About a year after we moved next door, when the blizzard of '93 hit hard and knocked out all power for many days, Fred and Nena provided us with firewood to help us keep our 2 young sons warm. As my boys grew, they were greatly impressed with Fred's stories....but most impressed with his potato cannon! Then there was the time that he found our ball python about a year after he escaped our house....he showed up at our front door with the 5 foot snake draped around his neck and shoulders, and asked "if we were missing anything"! He always loved a chat, always had a good story to share, and he always sent me on my way with a "we love you"! I find comfort in knowing of his strong faith in Jesus. But, meanwhile, we're really going to miss him here on Greene's Lane! I will be keeping you, his family, in my prayers, and extend my deep condolences in your loss.

Fred's neighbor,
Dawn Cason

Dr. Dawn V. Cason - July 23, 2018 at 09:41 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Fred McLaughlin Greene.



July 23, 2018 at 09:31 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Fred McLaughlin Greene.



July 23, 2018 at 04:36 PM



“ Your Dutch family purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of Fred McLaughlin Greene.



Your Dutch family - July 23, 2018 at 04:27 PM



“ Ed Soesbergen lit a candle in memory of Fred McLaughlin Greene



Ed Soesbergen - July 23, 2018 at 02:35 PM