

William Jeffrey "Jeff" Greene

November 15, 1941 - January 23, 2024

William Jeffrey "Jeff" Greene, age 82, of Greenville, passed away on Tuesday, January 23rd, 2024, at his home with his loving family by his side.

Born in Greer, SC, Jeff was the son of the late William Leaster Greene and Sammie Lee Phillips Greene. He was a 1960 graduate of Greer High School and went on to earn his 4-year bachelor's degree from Furman University. Jeff joined the United States Navy where he served as a Torpedoman aboard the Submarine USS Harder SS 568 during the Vietnam Era. He made some lifelong friends during his time in service, and they stayed in contact with each other throughout the years maintaining that close brotherhood bond. After graduating from Furman, he worked as a Potter and was the owner of The Potters House. He also studied alongside Master Potter Charles Counts of Rising Fawn, GA. and was mentored by local Master Potter Don Lewis. He loved his family dearly and faithfully attended Trinity Lutheran Church in Greenville when his health allowed him to go.

He is survived by his wife of 62 years Donna Foxworth Greene of Greenville, One son, Marcus Lee (Lisa) Greene of Travelers Rest; Grandchildren Alex Greene, Elizabeth (Angel) Greene-Ferreira of Travelers Rest, SC; One brother, Scott (Carla) Greene of Greer, SC; Daughter in law, Bridgette Prat & step granddaughter Lulu Prat of Brooklyn, NY.

In addition to his parents, Jeff was preceded in death by one son, William Jeffrey Greene Jr.

A Celebration of Life service at Trinity Lutheran Church in Greenville will be held Wednesday, January 31, 2024 at 12:00 with a visitation reception of friends to immediately follow the service. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Trinity Lutheran Church of Greenville, SC., or to the Lutheran Hospice at 429 North Main Street Suite 3 Greenville, SC 29601.

Online condolences may be expressed to the family at www.thehowzemortuary.com.

The Howze Mortuary in Travelers Rest is honored to serve the Greene family.
(864) 834-8051.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

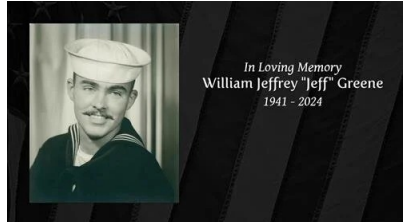
JAN 31. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Trinity Lutheran Church
421 N Main St
Greenville, SC 29601

Tribute Wall



“ *The Howze Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of William Jeffrey "Jeff" Greene*



The Howze Mortuary - January 26, 2024 at 02:05 PM



“ *I was a young college student on the crew that helped build the addition to your house back in 2000. I remember that time so clearly. I had always been interested in pottery, and seeing Jeff's setup left a lasting impression on me. Nearly ten years ago, I finally began making pottery myself—an interest he helped spark.*

When the job was finished, Jeff gave each of us a hand-thrown coffee mug. I still have mine, and I've used it regularly ever since. It remains one of my most prized possessions. Jeff was instrumental in my own pottery journey, and I am deeply sorry for your loss.



Josh Pace - August 08, 2025 at 03:30 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of William Jeffrey "Jeff" Greene.*



January 30, 2024 at 11:01 AM



“ *Beth Collins purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of William Jeffrey "Jeff" Greene.*



Beth Collins - January 26, 2024 at 11:08 PM



“ *Dear Donna, family and friends of Jeff,
On behalf of the United States Submarine Veterans, we offer our sincere condolences at Jeff's passing. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers. We are always saddened whenever a fellow "Bubblehead" departs on Eternal Patrol. He served with honor on the USS Harder SS-568.*

To our "Brother-of-the-Phin" we say, "Sailor, rest your oar. We have the watch. Fair Winds and Following Seas." Thank you for your service to our country.

Donna and family... "may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times in every way. The Lord be with you." 2 Thessalonians 3:16 (ESV).

*Jim Sandman, FTC(SS) Ret,
National Chaplain, USSVI.
www.jimsandman.com*

Jim Sandman - January 25, 2024 at 01:44 PM

FS

My sincere sympathy and prayers for you and your family. Jeff and I were classmates at Victor Elementary School and through high school. I remember him as a great friend.

Frances Carpenter Southerland - January 25, 2024 at 07:14 PM

MH

Donna, So very sorry for your loss. Prayers for you 🙏

maxine dill howell - January 26, 2024 at 07:15 PM

PK

Dearest Donna and Family,

So sad to learn of Jeff's passing but am uplifted also to know where he is. He has transitioned to the Spiritual realm God has promised to those who put their faith in Him.....and Jeff surely did that as a faithful follower of Jesus Christ.

The Covenant Marriage you entered into with God made your and Jeff's marriage blessed above others. To claim 62 years together as "one in the Lord" is monumental!!!

From the first time Jeff saw you at that ball game at Greer High School, you were the one for him and your adventurous and fulfilling life together has been a testimonial to the love that ignited when you and Jeff first locked eyes! Each of you could recall that first sight of each other.

It will be difficult to go on without your "other half" but we are all praying that the God of Heaven will give you comfort and strengthen you for each day. Death is a part of Life, the life God has for us to experience in this world. Jeff is not gone, he has just moved into that new dimension just a heartbeat away.

Jeff was a really smart and gifted artisan and left his mark on everything he set his hand to. A gentle, unassuming man who poured a little piece of himself into each piece of pottery he molded. His skill in pottery was showcased in every exquisite bowl, cup, pot or plate he fashioned. Unique was a word often used to describe his work.

May your heart not feel empty because Jeff is no longer here and you can't see him but be full of the love you shared and someday soon may you be able to smile again because he lived. So hard right now.

Jeff was an asset to this place called Earth and indeed left it better than he found it...if you don't believe that, just ask any of the hundreds, maybe thousands, of people who think of him every morning as they drink their coffee out of one of Jeff Greene's amazingly beautiful pottery cups!

*Your forever friend,
Pat Keller*

Pat Keller - January 29, 2024 at 02:14 PM

MW

*Dearest Donna & family,
I apologize that I missed the service held for Jeff. I just found out about his passing about an hour ago from Lisa.
I certainly would have represented Mother and Dad's side of the family. I would say that I'll cry over his passing but I will not, I will rejoice, for this is the day the lord hath made and I will rejoice and be happy in it because I know he's in Heaven with so many of our loved ones, some gone way to soon and others after a long well lived life.
Rick and Breahna send their condolences and if there's anything that we can do for you in any shape or form, big or small please reach out I can't imagine 62 years of Marriage but you and Jeff, like Mother and Dad made it look effortless Rick and I will celebrate 22 years tomorrow.
Many hugs, prayers and thoughts being sent your way.
Rick, Maria &
Breahna Williams*

Maria williams - February 04, 2024 at 11:54 PM

RS

“*Jeff and I are 1st cousins. Every Christmas morning either he would be at my house or I would be at his to see what we had gotten for Christmas. We were in the scouts together and went on many camping trips. Camp Old Indian was one of the many places we went camping together. Our troop 40 had a camp close to Greer we went to. We were closer than cousins more like brothers. I was in the Navy and I don't know if that had any thing to do with him joining the Navy or not. He was with me when I went to Greenville to talk to the recruiter.*

Rlrichard Phillips Sr - January 25, 2024 at 11:22 AM

AJ

Jeff was a talented man and he and Donna were so enjoyable to be around. God truly gave him the hands needed to make some of the most outstanding pottery I have ever seen. Donna was such a good example of love for a spouse and family as well as Marcus and family. I love every one of you and will be praying for you.

Anne Jones - January 26, 2024 at 12:56 PM

LA

Donna, Marcus and Scott so sorry to hear about Jeff. I have so many memories of you both, Donna. Jeff was so talented and I am so fortunate to have several pieces of his work. The video was so good and I know it will be cherished. Peace to all.

Laura Kennedy Aiken - January 30, 2024 at 09:13 PM