



### **GALLERY OF DISTINGUISHED CITIZENS INDUCTEE 2000**

**BENJAMIN GREENE, SR.** was born in Macon County, Alabama the fourth of seven children to the late Reverend Lindsey L. Greene, Sr. and the late Alice Woods Greene. The family moved to Birmingham and Benjamin Greene was educated in the Birmingham public schools. He graduated from the Zamora Radio and Television Institute, where he also taught for several years. Mr. Greene married the former Ann L. Royster and to that union was born nine children. Mr. Greene was employed by the Alabama Power Company for 39 years. His service there was only interrupted by a three-year commitment to the U.S. Army during World War II, where he was stationed in such places as Egypt and Italy. After his retirement from the power company, Mr. Greene worked as an assistant to the Mayor of Birmingham for more than fifteen years.

The son of a Methodist minister, Mr. Greene learned early the responsibility toward his fellowman and the depths of his Christian duty. He was baptized and soon joined the Galilee Missionary Baptist Church, where he devoted more than 60 years of his life. He served on the Board of Deacons, as Chairman of the Trustee Board and was a Sunday School teacher. A longtime advocate for the poor and champion for the disenfranchised, Benjamin Greene is a man who always stood tall for Birmingham communities.

Mr. Greene's civic duty can be traced back to his days as President of the Harriman Park Civic League (a precursor to today's Citizen Participation Program) where his efforts in acquiring reliable transportation, paved streets, water and covered ditches proved fruitful. He spent decades working for and representing the city both locally and nationally through numerous programs and boards that include but are not limited to:

- Citizens Federal Savings Bank – Board of Directors
- Jefferson County Citizen's Coalition –Vice President, Past President
- Birmingham Community Schools – Board Member, Past President
- Birmingham Parole Board – Past Chair
- Leadership Birmingham
- Democratic Executive Committee
- Birmingham Housing Authority – Board Member, Past Chairman
- NAACP – Life Member
- Community Action Committee
- Operation New Birmingham (ONB)

Benjamin Greene personified dedication and community service.

He passed away in October 2006.