

CELEBRATING A LIFE WELL LIVED
Dr. Ellis Madison Hall



ENTERED INTO LABOR

April 12, 1930

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August 4, 2021 |

Hall Family Estate
Tuskegee, Alabama

Saturday, August 14, 2021 | 8:00 AM

A CELEBRATED LIFE

"To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven." Ecclesiastes 3:1

ELLIS MADISON HALL, born to Maggie Young Hall and Henry Hall, April 12, 1930, in Leland, NC, and one of 7 children, went to shake hands with our Lord on August 4, 2021. After his mother's death, Ellis was fostered by Freddie and Theresa Moore, Southport, NC and adopted by Hosea and Mattie Gerald, Fairmont, NC. His siblings preceded him in death; Mary, John, David, James, Robert and Annie Hall; Louise and Lenora Moore, and Nina, Naomi, Briscoe, Rayford and Johnny Gerald.

Ellis' dream of veterinary medicine was inspired by local veterinarian Dr. Beard, who served the Robeson County family farm. Ellis, an avid 4-H participant, would proudly tell of his blue ribbons as the State Champion Swine and Corn Producer.

Ellis graduated from Rosenwald High School and continued his studies at North Carolina Agricultural and Technical College (NCA&T) earning degrees in agriculture, chemistry and physics. At A&T, in 1952, he pledged Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., Eta Chapter. He would later be recognized as the Gamma Sigma Chapter (Tuskegee) Sigma of the Year. Upon graduation, he matriculated to Tuskegee Institute's School of Veterinary Medicine (class of 1956). While there, Ellis met and married (December 27, 1954) Lillie Pandora Beasley. Dr. Hall later earned a master's degree in veterinary surgery, The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio; a master's degree in veterinary radiology and PhD in radiation biology, Colorado State University, Ft. Collins, CO. He is recognized as the First African American Board-Certified Veterinary Radiologist.

Dr. Hall served in the Air Force Reserve Veterinary Corp retiring with the rank Lt. Col. He worked in Tuskegee's School of Veterinary Medicine (The Vet School) for over forty-four years teaching Radiology and Surgery. He served as Veterinary Teaching Hospital Director, Director of Veterinary Admissions, and his personal crown jewel, initiated Grand Rounds. At one time, Dr. Hall was credited to have trained up to 90% of the Black Board-Certified Veterinary Radiologists in the country to include the First African American Female Board-Certified Veterinary Radiologist & current Dean, Tuskegee University College of Veterinary Medicine, Dr. Ruby Perry (TUSVM 1977).

Dr. Hall is called the "Father of Lumbree Veterinarians" noting his recruitment efforts at then Pembroke State University to encourage Lumbree Indian students to attend veterinary school at Tuskegee. An endowed scholarship at Tuskegee University continues to honor his vision to increase diverse representation of veterinary clinicians.

A faith filled man and community servant, Deacon Hall's ministry of service to the Greenwood Missionary Baptist Church included Sunday School Superintendent, Deacon Board Chairman, Men's Choir member and a staple in Baptist Training Union (BTU.) and Vacation Bible School. Sharing his gift of business, Deacon Hall led the mortgage free funding effort to build the Kelley-Smith House through selling church bonds. You could often hear him say he was "Flat out Blessed!", "Stay in His will" and "Do the right thing."

As a community servant, Dr. Hall served as Chairman - Macon County Board of Education, Carver District Chairman, Tukabatchee Area Council Boy Scouts of America and Scoutmaster - BSA Troop 170. He received the coveted Silver Beaver and Whitney M. Young, Jr. scouting awards. An entrepreneur, Dr. Ellis Hall was a principal partner in businesses including Frazier-Hall Chevrolet Oldsmobile, WBIL radio station, Century 21 New Horizons Realty, Inc., and member of the Tuskegee Chamber of Commerce. He led opposition over the proposed landfill location. Selected board service includes Alabama Shakespeare Festival, Atlanta Zoo, Envision 2020, Alabama 4-H Foundation and Macon County Community Development Corp.

Family was Dr. Hall's greatest achievement and commitment. Dr. and Mrs. Ellis (Lillie) Hall were blessed with six children. He was very proud that all six children attended Tuskegee University. In 2003, Dr. and Mrs. Hall were recognized as the Tuskegee University Parents of the Year.

Dr. Ellis Madison Hall leaves to cherish his memory and continue his good works his beloved wife of 67 yrs., Lillie Beasley Hall; his children Gwendelyn Theresa Hall, Ellis Madison (RaShunda) Hall, Jr., Rev. Dr. Timothy Gerald (Hon. Shelbonnie) Hall, Dr. Faye Pandora Hall (Alvin) Jackson, Suzanne Elizabeth Hall (Aubrey) Johnson, and Dr. Paul Beasley (Dr. Nancy) Hall; ten grandchildren: Jeffery David (Keri) Jones, Jr., Timothy Gerald Hall, Jr., Leland Madison (Dominique) Hall, Erin Elizabeth Johnson, Nathan Ismael Hall, Shelby Rose Hall, April Ailean Johnson, Mikerra Marie Hall, Jonathan Kyle Jackson, and Austin Daven Hall; great-grandchildren Jocelyn Lillie-Ann Jones and Madilyn Marie Hall; his godchildren Dr. Maria Williamson (Millard) Dennis, Raquel Outland, William and Henry Morris, Lidia Alejandra Zaldivar, Alzenia Price, Kenneth Gray, Shayla, Shari and Shavonne Smith, Amaya and William Flennoy, Daphne, Danielle, and Kendrick Calhoun; Community Mentee Omar Neal, Veterinary Mentees Drs. David Brooks, Curt Locklear, Ruby Perry, Laurie J. Weil, and a host of veterinary legacies, nieces, nephews, other family and friends.

