



Ralph William Hall

January 25, 1919 - December 18, 2018

Ralph William Hall was surrounded by his loving family when he peacefully passed away at his home on December 18, 2018. The eldest of five children, he was born on January 25, 1919 in Metcalfe, GA to Adam and Maggie Franklin Hall.

At an early age Ralph moved to Thomasville, GA where he lived with his parents and maternal grandmother. He learned to fish, hunt and perform farm chores.

Church was a very important part of Ralph's life. He was a member St. Mark AME and went every Sunday. He attended Allen Normal School, a private congregational school, where he learned self-discipline and attended bible study.

Ralph went on to attend and graduate from Douglass High School where he served as Senior Class President. He then enrolled in Johnson C. Smith University in Charlotte, NC.

While in college he was drafted in the Army, but was allowed to continue his studies and received a degree in Mathematics. While in college, he became a member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity in 1938 and stayed a lifelong member for 80 years until his death.

Ralph graduated college in 1941 and served five years in the Army. He was discharged as First Lieutenant in April 1946. Soon afterwards, he married his college sweetheart, Virginia (Ginny) Holder who was also the niece of his mentor and College Dean, TE McKinney.

Ralph and Ginny moved to Washington, DC. This is where he started his career with the Federal Government. He put in more than 35 years of service. Ralph and Ginny had two children: Douglas and Angela.

Ginny became ill and died in 1962, leaving Ralph with the tough task of raising two children alone. During this time, he became a member of Jones United Methodist Church where he served as Chairman of the Trustee Board. His greatest accomplishment there was the completion of the Education Building where he served as Church School Superintendent.

A dear Army buddy and his wife, Milton and Evelyn Seraile, introduced Ralph to Thelma Johnson. They later married in 1965 and moved to Hillcrest in Southeast, Washington, DC.

Ralph became a member of Hillcrest Civic Association. He also served as PTA President at Anne Beers Elementary School. In 1966, he and Thelma became loyal members of St. Timothy's Episcopal Church. He served as a Lay Reader, Diocesan Delegate, and member of the Men of St. Timothy's (MOST) and the Brotherhood of St. Andrews. He always stated that his greatest desire was to leave a legacy of sincerity, loyalty and devotion to his family.

Ralph leaves to celebrate his legacy: a son, Douglas Hall of Washington, DC, a daughter, Angela Hall of Tamarac, FL, grandsons Shaune Cannon, (Erica) of Coral Springs, FL and Drew Cannon of Washington, DC, devoted nephew Joseph Smith (Louise) of Riverdale, MD, along with his loyal and devoted dog Pup-Pup, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews and many other relatives and friends.

Mr. Hall (A.K.A. Dada, Sporty, Uncle Brother) will always be known for his kindness, warm personality and his ability to always help and teach everyone that came into his life.

Cemetery Details

Arlington National Cemetery

Arlington, VA 22211

Previous Events

Viewing

JAN 5. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

East Washington Heights Baptist Church
2220 Branch Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20020
(202) 582-4811

Omega Psi Phi Ceremony

JAN 5. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

East Washington Heights Baptist Church
2220 Branch Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20020
(202) 582-4811

Funeral service

JAN 5. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Ralph William Hall.*



January 11, 2019 at 12:03 PM



“ *Dear Doug, Angie and Family,*

May the Lord bless you and keep you and fill you with great and loving memories of your father.

Kelley & Virgil McDonald

Virgil & Kelley McDonald - January 04, 2019 at 10:00 PM



“ *RHO Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Ralph William Hall.*



RHO Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc - January 04, 2019 at 11:56 AM

JE

“ *To Doug and Family,*

Wishing the family peace to bring comfort and memories to forever hold.

Joyce Ester

Joyce Ester - January 03, 2019 at 04:00 PM

MC

“ *To Doug and Family,*

We send our sincere condolences in the loss of your Dad. He always had a kind word and heartwarming smile for everyone he met. May the wonderful memories of him provide you with comfort, strength and peace during this difficult time.

Sincerely,

Mimi and the Corsey Family

Mimi Corsey - January 02, 2019 at 11:08 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Ralph William Hall.*



January 02, 2019 at 10:11 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Ralph William Hall.*



January 01, 2019 at 05:14 PM



“ *My thoughts are with you and your family at this time. Charlotte Wilson*



Charlotte Wilson - January 01, 2019 at 05:02 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Ralph William Hall.*



December 29, 2018 at 01:56 PM



“ *Doug Hall and family. My deepest sympathy and prayers are with you. May God comfort and strengthen you as you go through this journey of grief. Marilyn Washington*



Marilyn Washington - December 29, 2018 at 01:26 AM

EB

Doug,

We lift you and your family up and pray that your beautiful memories of your dad remain etched in your heart and mind for comfort in coming days.

To God the Glory!

*Love & Sympathy,
Lo and George (Tampa, FL)*

Estrellita "Lo" Berry - December 29, 2018 at 08:13 AM

MC

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Sincerely,

Mimi and the Corsey Family

Mimi Corsey - January 02, 2019 at 10:44 PM

MS

“ *I miss calling Uncle Brother on the phone and hearing him say ... Is this Maggie !*



Maggie Waddy Snead - December 27, 2018 at 10:42 PM



“ *Sorry for your loss! May God grant your family with comfort, strength and peace.*

Louise Brown Johnson

Louise Brown Johnson - December 27, 2018 at 10:18 PM



“ *I will miss our talks in the kitchen. Thank you for sharing your stories with me & reinforcing the values of hard work. I will miss you greatly grandad!*



Marvin Claude - December 27, 2018 at 04:20 PM