



Russell Pritchett Hall

August 7, 1921 - November 16, 2019

Lt. Col. Russell Pritchett Hall, Jr. USAF, Ret., age 98, of Newnan, Georgia, previously of Albuquerque, New Mexico, passed away Saturday, November 16, 2019. He was born on August 7, 1921 in Lyons, Indiana to the late Russell Pritchett Hall, Sr. and the late Ruth Hoyland Hall. Russell was preceded in death by his wife of 70 years, Ann Earp Hall and his sister Marilyn Hall Flynt.

He is survived by his brothers Dr. C. Robert Hall and wife Barbara of Tempe, AZ, Dr. James G. Hall and wife Jan of Silver Spring Md; children Dr. Russell P. Hall III and wife Jean of Chapel Hill, NC, Pamela Hall O'Hara and husband William of Newnan, GA, and Elizabeth Hall Coles of Albuquerque, NM; Grandchildren Anna Quarles and husband Jackson, John Hall and wife Bridget, Melissa Koss and husband Gregory, Eric Wehrman and wife Erin, Jennifer Wardlow and husband Darren, William Deeker and wife Kara and Andrew Coles; great-grandchildren Emma, Jamison, Connor, Logan, Brooklyn, Tanner, Brooke, Samuel, Jacob, Evelyn, Ainsley and Margot; numerous devoted nieces and nephews; and many friends in Albuquerque and Newnan.

Russell grew up in Versailles, Missouri. In 1939, while attending Central College in Fayette, Missouri, he joined the National Guard and was mobilized to active duty in 1940. After training as a bombardier, he was assigned to the 323rd Bombardment Group and flew 54 missions including D-Day. After the war he enrolled at the University of Illinois receiving his Bachelor of Science Degree. Russell and Ann were married in January 1947. After working in Kansas City, MO for five years, Russell and Ann moved to Albuquerque, New Mexico where Russell worked at Sandia Corporation until retirement. After Ann's death in 2016, Russell relocated to Newnan, GA where he lived with his daughter and son-in-law Pamela and William O'Hara.

Russell was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. He was active in his church and in his community. He was especially devoted to the Meals on Wheels ministry which he participated in for many years. He enjoyed learning throughout his life including to read and speak Spanish, to study American history,

botany, and genealogy. Russell lived a life of faith, of love, and of devotion to his God, his country, his family, and his friends. He will be missed and always remembered.

A memorial service to honor the life of Russell Hall will be held on Friday, November 22, 2019 at 11:00 am in the Chapel of McKoon Funeral Home. A memorial service and internment will occur later at Santa Fe National Cemetery, Santa Fe, New Mexico. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Russell's name to the Sacred Journey Hospice Foundation <https://www.sacredjourneyhospice.com/help-us-serve> or Meals on Wheels, Albuquerque, NM. <https://mow-nm.org/>. Condolences may be sent to the family online at www.mckoon.com.

Cemetery

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory

38 Jackson Street
Newnan, GA, 30263

Events

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| NOV | Service | 11:00AM |
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| | McKoon Funeral Home Chapel | |
| | 38 Jackson Street, Newnan, GA, US, 30263 | |

Comments



“ A webcast video has been added.



McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory - November 22, 2019 at 11:00 AM



“ What a magnificent tribute Dr. Hall paid his father in Newnan! The outline of points regarding the character of the man, the illustrative anecdotes, and the scriptural gems, along with the dignified yet personable delivery, combined to make an outstanding oration. How I wish I could have heard it in person, and perhaps have had a share in the memorial.

I cannot overstate the positive influence of “Mister Hall” during my childhood and adolescence. The Halls and my family shared the blessing of living near our home church, where many of our activities took place. In addition to worship and Sunday School, we had a thriving youth fellowship program, which the Halls sometimes sponsored. We had a softball team, where the Halls were our most loyal fans. Our Scout troop met at the church; Mr. Hall taught the skills needed for advancement and accompanied us on campouts.

Last March, my wife and I drove to Newnan so that I could express my heartfelt appreciation to Russell Hall for his encouragement both in Scouts and as our Sunday School teacher. I specifically mentioned a conversation we had in class as we sat on cold, metal folding chairs at the back of our sanctuary. I was struggling to find the proper balance between self-esteem and humility. As Dr. Hall pointed out in his eulogy, his father didn't hand me a pat answer. Instead, he empathized with my struggle and legitimized my question. I felt accepted, and that feeling never left me, particularly when I recalled that Sunday morning.

Another story I told him during our recent visit was about his role in approving my memorized pieces required for the Bugling merit badge. I appreciated his own background with those bugle calls as well as his son following less than a step behind me in climbing the steps to the rank of Eagle.

My father preceded Mr. Hall in death by nearly 35 years. In fact, the Halls provided wonderful support to our family at the time of each of our parents' deaths. In the years since, I've considered Russell Hall somewhat of a surrogate father. On All Saints Sunday, 2019, less than two weeks before Mr. Hall's death, I preached a sermon in which I stated that he was one of my still-living saints though I knew I wouldn't see him again. Truly, he was, for me, both a father-figure and a saint. I'm profoundly grateful for the privilege of having had him in my life.

Philip V. Miller, D.Min.
Chaplain, Colonel, USAFR (Ret.)

Transitional Pastor, First Christian Church
Greensboro, North Carolina

Philip Miller - November 29, 2019 at 06:18 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Russell Pritchett Hall.



November 21, 2019 at 02:15 PM



“ Duke University Department of Dermatology purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of Russell Pritchett Hall.



Duke University Department of Dermatology - November 21, 2019 at 09:25 AM



“ We were blessed to get to know Mr. Russ. He attended our church when he was able. We got to know so much about his life as a survivor of “D” day. He loved history and shared so much about his experiences while serving our country. He received a Quilt of Valor from the local Coweta chapter, and well deserved. His family was so important to him and the great grandchildren brought him so much joy. He will be missed by Beth and me. We loved him and his family. We are so glad we had him come into our lives even though not long enough. Lt. Col. Russell Hall we salute you, a true gentleman and great American.

Jimmy and Beth walker - November 20, 2019 at 08:33 PM



“ It was an honor to know Mr. Russ. After moving to Newnan, he attended Liberty Christian Church with us. In talking with Mr. Russ, I learned he had a vast knowledge of this world. From trees, grasses, cities and his military service. I find that he was flying out of Laon Air Base, France, just prior to D-Day, living in tents, which were cold and had little amenities. I was there some 17 years later and by then the tents

were gone and we had nice warm buildings. To share the landscape of the city of Laon and others was thrilling for me. To be in a location where this gentleman was, to know that he contributed to our freedom, is so humbling and I appreciate him so much. Mr. Russ enriched my life. God, please bless Mr. Russ and his family. Kenneth Helton

Kenneth Helton - November 20, 2019 at 10:11 AM