



Bishop Stephen B. Hall Sr.

August 1, 1965 - March 2, 2020

The Life and Legacy of Bishop Stephen B. Hall, Sr.

Bishop Stephen Bernard Hall, Sr., a beloved husband, father, brother, pastor, and friend, went home to be with his Lord and Savior Monday, March 2, 2020. After a courageous fight with Pancreatic cancer, Bishop Hall, a resident of Atlanta, Georgia, passed away to glory at the age of fifty-four, surrounded by his family.

Stephen Hall was born August 1, 1965, in Englewood, New Jersey, to Reverend Edward and Anna Hall. He was raised in Atlanta, Georgia, in the inner-city neighborhood of Vine City.

He began his lifelong call of preaching at the age of fifteen. He traveled the country and abroad, proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ as a sought-after vessel and voice of God. He was licensed and ordained by his father, at his childhood church home, Mt. Gilead Baptist Church in Atlanta, Georgia. He began pastoring at eighteen years old at Chapel Hill Baptist Church in Atlanta, Georgia. He served as pastor fifteen years at Rhema Christian Fellowship in Athens, Georgia. All three churches remained near and dear to his heart throughout his life and ministry.

On July 28, 1994, he married the love of his life, Vanessa Morris, with whom he raised a family and shared in ministry. His immense love for her was deeply admired from near and far. Together, they traveled the world, hosted marriage events, and wrote a book, *Space and Grace to Build a Bigger and Better Marriage*. Their beautiful example of marriage has guided thousands of

couples towards faithful, loving and happy marriages through practical and experiential teachings.

In 2002, he founded The RhemaNation Church, currently located in Lithonia, Georgia. "Structure, Excellence and Excitement" (The S.E.E. Method) describes the experience that Bishop Hall developed through The RhemaNation Church, which is unequivocally "a church after positive results and not paralyzing religion". He affectionately called Rhema "the greatest church on this side of heaven," and often proclaimed that there was no other place he'd rather pastor. He greatly loved his church, and considered each and every member an extension of his family and his heart.

He was a proud product of the Atlanta Public School System, where he graduated from Booker T. Washington High School. His post-secondary pursuits included a bachelor's degree in Contemporary Religious Studies from Canyon College, a Master of Divinity from Trinity College, and a Ph.D. in Christian Clinical Counseling from International Theological Seminary. He was a devoted member of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc, and a charter member of the Sigma Delta Sigma chapter in Georgia.

In September of 2009, he was consecrated to the office of State Bishop of Georgia in the Full Gospel Baptist Church Fellowship, under the leadership of Founder, Bishop Paul S. Morton, Sr. He also served as the Bishop of Marriage and Family, under the leadership of Presiding Bishop Joseph W. Walker III, until his death. In 2009, he was also inducted into the prestigious Martin Luther King Jr. Board of Preachers at Morehouse College.

Bishop Hall was universally recognized as a visionary, innovator, and organizer with superior and uncommon leadership qualities. Not only did he provide guidance to the pastoral staff and associate ministers at The RhemaNation, he also fulfilled his God-given mandate to serve as a "Pastor's Pastor." He developed pastoral relationships nationally, and provided guidance as a spiritual father to The House of Issachar, a fellowship of his pastoring sons and daughters in ministry. Not only was he a man in authority, he was a man under authority. He proudly submitted to the leadership of his

Pastor and Spiritual Father, Bishop James H. Morton, Sr., Pastor of New Beginning Full Gospel Baptist Church in Decatur, GA.

Bishop Hall is preceded in death by his parents, Edward and Anna Hall, his brothers, Mark Hall and Edward Hall Jr., and his sister Pearl Barrett.

He leaves to cherish his memories, his devoted wife, Vanessa Hall; three children Stephen Jr. (April) and Anthony of Atlanta, Ga; Ember (Kregg) of Covington, Ga, niece who was like a daughter Kaye (Tiger) of Atlanta, Ga; sisters Jacqueline (Willie) Harris of Athens, Ga and Karen (Calvin) Goolsbee of Houston, TX, and Ruby Wilson of Detroit, MI; one brother Jeffrey (Katie) Hall of Detroit, MI; cousin, nephew, and nieces that were raised with him as siblings Adrick (Crystal) Hall of Conyers, Ga, Timothy (Shona) Foster of Athens, GA, Kelly (Jimmy) Lever of Canton, OH and Narlisha (Ray) Steward of Detroit, GA; sisters-in-love Sharon Carey, Angela Morris, Charna Morris, Demetrius Morris, Eulah Swinney and Beulah Thomas of Atlanta, GA, and Pastor Daisy Hall (Mark) of Athens, Ga; seven grandchildren Stephen III, Karter, Brooklyn, Konnor, Sebastian, Kason, Kooper, and was anticipating the birth of his eighth grandchild, Sincere later this year; godchildren Sheena Evans, Chris Collier and Tameka Jackson; godmother Mable "Dolly Lucy" Medley of Hackensack, NJ; and a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, his beloved church family at The RhemaNation Church and many friends throughout the world.

Bishop Stephen B. Hall's life and legacy lives on through not only those blessed enough to have known him, but through those he inspired, and through his planted seeds that will bear fruit for generations to come.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 8. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

The RhemaNation Church
5310 Rock Springs Road
Lithonia , GA 30038

Service

MAR 9. 12:00 PM (ET)

New Begining Full Gospel Baptist Church
923 Valley Brook Road
Decatur, GA 30033

Tribute Wall

RH

“ To Lady Vanessa Hall- I was thinking of Bishop today, not realizing its been 4 years on March 2nd. I will never forget Bishop preaching at Changing a Generation, Atlanta. He preached with all his might. Lord Jesus, how much we miss him. Bishop- you preached the paint off the walls. My God Sir. Rest in Heaven- Heaven gained a great one!!!

Roslyn Hendrickson - March 18, 2024 at 12:18 PM



“ Bishop Stephen B. Hall Sr.

October 22, 2023 at 04:48 PM

KA

“ Lady Hall and family, I will always remember Bishop's visits to New Jerusalem. I looked forward to him coming to "preach for Bishop (Floyd)" each year. The word was always timely and needed for that time. A few years ago he came to another church in our area and I was sure to go. He graciously greeted me after service and I told him I was from New Jerusalem and I remembered him through Bishop Floyd and he lit up. Through the years I have wore out my CD of his preaching on Matthew 8:28. I am so sorry for the loss to your family, church family and the world. You are in my prayers. May the peace of God guard your hearts and minds thru Christ Jesus. Love you, Ketesa

Ketesa Allen - March 12, 2020 at 12:59 PM



“ *Bishop’s kindness and gentle nature shall live on through the MANY lives that he touched. Meek but NEVER weak Bishop taught and preached boldly declaring the Word of the Lord like ONLY he could. (I called it Baptistcostal Flava) Earth has no sorrow that heaven can not heal. Rest on Bishop!! We that are alive and remain will see you in the Rapture. Though your flesh may failed, healing remains the children’s bread. Hence, I stand six years later almost to the date that you and Co-Pastor stood in the gap praying for me and declared, “Lazarus.(Daryl) you shall live and NOT die.” Take comfort in knowing that Bishop completed his assignment leaving a contingent plan in place. Well Done, Well Done, thy good an FAITHFUL Servant.....!*

Elder Daryl A. Jeffries, MBA

Elder Daryl Jeffries - March 12, 2020 at 06:34 AM

BW

“ *My heart was heavy to hear of the passing of my mentor. He didn’t mind me borrowing and using his saying, “Push your neighbor but don’t hurt’em. You will be greatly missed on this side of heaven, but welcomed in your new heavenly home. Rest In Heaven your grace and friend*

Grace and Peace.

Bishop Andre Wright

Bishop Andre Wright - March 10, 2020 at 11:23 PM

DL

“ I was sadden to hear of the passing of my brother and Bishop friend. I love to hear him preach and My God he could preach. The last time I heard him preach was at Bishop Janes Morton’s church he let God have his way. I liked Bishop because he always greeted me and was very pleasant whenever I was in his company. Lady Vanessa and family I will continue to pray for you all as Bishop takes his rest.

Dr. Tincie M. Lynch I leave my peace in Jesus name

Dr. Tincie Lynch - March 10, 2020 at 09:03 PM

CM

“ Cheryl McD lit a candle in memory of Bishop Stephen B. Hall Sr.



Cheryl McD - March 09, 2020 at 02:03 PM

MG

“ Bishop Stephen Bernard Hall "Steve" as we called him growing up in Vine City. I can remember growing up in school Steve always played Dr. Martin Luther King in our school plays. We would always say he gonna be a preacher when he grow up. The calling he answered at the age of 15 GOD has been using him in ministry for a long time. Bishop Stephen Hall and I attend school from Elementary to High school. I can honestly say he made it home to glory and GOD is well pleased with his work. The gates of heaven open up to receive a true Angel and El Elyon welcome him home saying: "WELL DONE THY GOOD & FAITHFUL SERVANT." REST ON BISHOP REST ON. Minster Tashia Grimes BTW Class of '83 Las Vegas, Nevada

Minister Tashia Grimes - March 09, 2020 at 12:35 PM

NH

“ FROM THE CLASS OF '90...WE HONOR YOUR LIFE AND LEGACY!!!
YOU'VE GAIN YOUR WINGS,SO FLY HIGH SND REST WELL!

Nicore Boddie Hunt - March 09, 2020 at 09:33 AM

IB

“ Irwin L Bolton lit a candle in memory of Bishop Stephen B. Hall Sr.



Irwin L Bolton - March 09, 2020 at 09:32 AM

IB

“ My Prayers and Condolences to Pastor Vanessa, family and the entire Rhema Nation Church family. I will be forever grateful for the life and legacy of my friend and big brother, Bishop Stephen B. Hall Sr. Rest In Presence of His Divine Peace.

Humble Servant,

++ILB

Irwin L Bolton - March 09, 2020 at 09:31 AM

BW

“ Barbara Wyche lit a candle in memory of Bishop Stephen B. Hall Sr.



Barbara Wyche - March 08, 2020 at 10:25 PM

NW

“ Prayers and condolences

Neteria Walker - March 08, 2020 at 03:13 PM

RS

“ To my classmate from B.T. Washington. I often kidded Stephen that I didn't know that in high school, he was so quiet and unassuming that I didn't know he talked, until I heard that he was preaching. But oooohhh what a voice for the Lord. R.I.P my friend.

Rev. Mark Seals, BTW c/o 1982

Rev. Mark Seals - March 08, 2020 at 07:07 AM

MH

“ Monica Hamm lit a candle in memory of Bishop Stephen B. Hall Sr.



Monica Hamm - March 07, 2020 at 11:04 AM



“ Majestic Heart was purchased for the family of Bishop Stephen B. Hall Sr. .



March 07, 2020 at 10:23 AM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Bishop Stephen B. Hall Sr. .



March 07, 2020 at 08:50 AM



“ Sending condolences to Co-pastor Vanessa and family. It was a blessing to have been pastored by you. Get your rest bishop..

Felicia Williams - March 07, 2020 at 07:31 AM



“ Thank you Bishop Hall, On behalf of The Family of Evangelist Irene L.Brown, I want to say that you lived a wonderful life, you were a great teacher, counselor, listener, friend, and great man of GOD! You were always there when we needed you, even up into grandma funeral! The Lord worked in wondrous ways through you, you are a true expression of God's Love! Even as a young girl coming up under your leadership, seeing that fire you had for the Lord is what motivated me to get baptized and every since you baptized me I have been serving and working for the Lord. To Pastor Vanessa Hall you are a True Humbled Woman of God, who can bring the house down! Your sweet spirit is just a joy to be around. I send continued prayers to you, the family as well as the RhemaNation Church Family - Love Deirdre Thomas-Watson, Chapel Hill Missionary Baptist Church



Deirdre Thomas Watson - March 06, 2020 at 11:07 PM

CM

“ *Praying for the Hall Family From Mangham Family.*

Carla Mangham - March 06, 2020 at 09:37 PM

BS

“ *Bishop Wesley T. & Lady Jan Cherry, Sr. purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Bishop Stephen B. Hall Sr. .*



Bishop Wesley T. & Lady Jan Cherry, Sr. - March 06, 2020 at 08:05 PM

LM

“ *To the Hall Family*

Bishop Hall was the most humble, funny, laid back Pastor that I have ever known. I am glad that I had the pleasure to work in ministry with and for him and he will be truly missed. And most of all a Bishop/Pastor that I had a great communication with. While our hearts are heavy Bishop Hall is healed. I miss him already saying give me a E flat.



Letosha McClain

LETOSHA MCCLAIN - March 06, 2020 at 05:22 PM

DS

“ *Demetra Smith lit a candle in memory of Bishop Stephen B. Hall Sr.*



Demetra Smith - March 06, 2020 at 04:06 PM



“ *Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Bishop Stephen B. Hall Sr. .*



March 06, 2020 at 02:05 PM

DP

“ *Bishop Hall baptised my oldest daughter , wife and myself in 1985 at Chapel Hill Missionary Baptist Church . He ordained me as a Deacon and appointed me as Vice-Chairman in 1990.He was more than a Pastor to me throughout our lives,we spent numerous times together and I enjoyed and cherish every moment.He came from a family of Preachers,his father the late Reverend Edward Hall (Daddy Hall) was a great preacher and human being.The apple don't fall far from the tree.Thank You my brother,friend and may we meet at Jesus' feet.We LOVE YOU FOREVER AND A DAY. Deacon Eugene Pitts , Chapel Hill Missionary Baptist Church .*

Deacon Eugene Pitts - March 06, 2020 at 01:27 PM

NF

“ *New Jerusalem F.G.B.C., Flint sent a virtual gift in memory of Bishop Stephen B. Hall Sr.*



New Jerusalem F.G.B.C., Flint - March 06, 2020 at 12:48 PM

NM

“ *Bishop Hall has been a dear friend of mines for over 40 years. As a child my siblings and I attended their church in Vine City. From kindergarten thru high School we were school mates. I'm truly going to miss a true friend. Co-Pastor Vanessa Hall and immediate family my prayers will be that God continue to strength you all and hold on to the precious memories of Bishop Stephen B. Hall. Nikita (Nikkie) McKee*

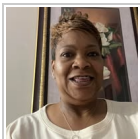
Nikita McKee - March 06, 2020 at 11:12 AM

TJ

“ *Terri Johnson lit a candle in memory of Bishop Stephen B. Hall Sr.*



Terri Johnson - March 06, 2020 at 07:33 AM



“ *Michelle Poole Bell lit a candle in memory of Bishop Stephen B. Hall Sr.*



Michelle Poole Bell - March 06, 2020 at 02:49 AM

DP

“ Deacons Charles & Brenda Ponder lit a candle in memory of Bishop Stephen B. Hall Sr.



Deacons Charles & Brenda Ponder - March 05, 2020 at 03:25 PM

Tracy Little

“ Tracy Little lit a candle in memory of Bishop Stephen B. Hall Sr.



Tracy Little - March 05, 2020 at 07:11 AM

KF

“ East Coast prayers for Lady Hall and the entire Rhemanation Family. Pastor T. Kenneth Freeman Brooklyn, NY



kenneth freeman - March 05, 2020 at 02:00 AM

Lynn Johnson

“ Lynn Johnson lit a candle in memory of Bishop Stephen B. Hall Sr.



Lynn Johnson - March 04, 2020 at 10:28 PM

YS

“ Yogi Scott lit a candle in memory of Bishop Stephen B. Hall Sr.



Yogi Scott - March 04, 2020 at 10:07 PM

YS

To Co-Pastor and Family you have my deepest condolences. My heart hurts for you all and I loved Bishop because he loved my keylime cakepops and sweets. He kind to me always. may God comfort and strengthen you hearts in the days ahead. Love always Yogi

Yogi Scott - March 04, 2020 at 10:18 PM

SS

“ Sharon Smith lit a candle in memory of Bishop Stephen B. Hall Sr.



Sharon Smith - March 04, 2020 at 10:04 PM