



## Ulysses Samuel Washington Jr.

July 16, 1920 - October 25, 2018

Dr. Ulysses Samuel Washington, Jr.

A page turned, a chapter completed, a life well lived, a rest earned.

Dr. Ulysses Samuel Washington, Jr. was born July 16, 1920 in Dillwyn, Virginia, Buckingham County. He was the second of eight children born to Ethel Jones Washington and Ulysses S. Washington, Sr. He attended public school in Buckingham County and graduated from high school in 1938.

“Wash,” as he was affectionately known for years, attended St. Paul’s College in Lawrenceville, Virginia and later received his bachelor’s degree from Virginia State College (now University) in 1942. He fulfilled his World War II military obligation with the United States Navy from 1944-1946 as a landing craft motor machinist. He later attended Penn State University and Rutgers University where he earned his master’s degree in 1949.

Ulysses Washington then came to Delaware State University (then, Delaware State College) in September, 1949 and began a career that would span 43 illustrious years. It was there that he met and married his former wife, Ruth Helen Washington, and was blessed with the births of their two children, Diane and “Ukee.” During his tenure at Delaware State, he not only held the position of associate professor but also served as assistant football coach as

well as acting head football coach. He became Chairman of the Department of Agriculture and Related Sciences, Director of Cooperative Extension, and was Vice Chairman of the Association of Research Directors of the 1890 Colleges and Universities. He also served as Chairman of the Council on Athletics at Delaware State University, was a member of the 1890 Colleges and Universities, and was president of the council of the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference. An honorary doctorate was bestowed upon him from Delaware State University in 1981.

Dr. Washington was widely respected and his work as an educator brought many awards, honors, and accolades his way. His untiring dedication to the financial success of the agricultural research program of DSU and other 1890 colleges and universities resulted in Congress passing the U.S. Washington, Jr. Financial Anti-Discrimination Act. Even after his retirement in 1991, the impact of his career continued. In 1993, the Ulysses S. Washington, Jr. Cooperative Extension Center was dedicated in his honor; in 2001, he was an honorary inductee into the Delaware State University Alumni Hall of Fame; in 2003, he received the Pioneer's Award as one of the first administrators of the 1890 Colleges and Universities Chartered Extension; in 2009, he was inducted into the George Washington Carver Public Service Hall of Fame; and the awards went on and on.

Dr. Washington was a devoted member of Whatcoat United Methodist Church in Dover. He could be seen sitting in the last pew in the back of the church almost every Sunday, looking forward to the choir singing his most favorite hymn, "I'm Blessed." He also was a devoted member of his fraternity. He was initiated in Beta Gamma Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. on December 7, 1941 and was a charter member of Zeta Rho Chapter Alpha Fraternity, Inc., where he was recognized as a platinum lifetime member for his seventy years of "Manly Deeds, Scholarship and Love for All Mankind."

A selfless person, Dr. Washington, "Wash," "Doc," was known not solely by his accomplishments, but by the way he gave of himself and of his time. His strong belief in God and His plan that man should serve, rather than be served, was a driving force in his life. He was known to visit the sick, support and encourage his students and staff, and give tirelessly of his time and dedication to his family, whom he loved so dearly. As his health began to prohibit much of his mobility, he continued to maintain contact through daily phone calls to uplift and stay in touch with church members, family, and friends. The warmth of his presence, his wisdom, and his sincerity made him an inspiration as a father, a grandfather, a father-in-law, a brother, an uncle, a teacher, and a friend and the imprint that he made on those lives that he touched will continue to be felt for many, many years to come.

Ulysses S. Washington, Jr. loved his family with all of his heart. He leaves behind to cherish his memory and celebrate his birth into Heaven, his daughter, Diane Carroll (Joseph) of Pittsburgh, PA and his son "Ukee" Washington (Laurie) of Wilmington, DE; his three grandchildren, Alysha Carroll of Pittsburgh, PA, Brian Carroll (Maryam) of Luxembourg, and Matthew Carroll of Pittsburgh, PA; his former wife, Ruth Helen Washington of Pittsburgh, PA; his two sisters, Dorothy Williams of Dillwyn, VA and Gladys Sands of Stone Mountain, GA; his three sisters-in-law, Ophelia Washington and Elizabeth Washington of Dillwyn, VA and Eva Washington of Washington, DC; five nieces and five nephews; several generations of cousins and their families; goddaughter, Kelley Renee Jones; special friend, Dr. Mary W. McCray and her family; dear friend and caretaker, Thomas Johnson; and a host of very dear friends and colleagues.

To send flowers to the family of Ulysses Samuel Washington Jr., please visit our Heartfelt Sympathies Store.

# Tribute Wall

HF

“ My deepest condolences for the loss of your dear loved one. While nothing will completely take away your grief, by meditating on Gods promises found in the Bible, you can find real hope and the strength to keep going. My family and I have found the scripture at Isaiah 25:8 to be especially comforting. Here it promises that God \"will swallow up death forever and the Sovereign Lord Jehovah will wipe away the tears from all faces.\"

H. Fields - November 03, 2018 at 10:30 AM

TS

“ His life was a message to the world and it was inspiring, such an honorable man born with the ability to change lives, and he never wasted it. \"Wash\" will live in the hearts he left behind. My sincere condolences. Terri B. Stith, formerly of CJW Medical Center Rehabilitation Dept., Richmond Va.

Terri B Stith - November 01, 2018 at 04:29 PM

EW

“ You hold a special place in our hearts and we will miss you!

Edward, Brenda,Candace, Aaron and Allen Williams - October 31, 2018 at 12:31 AM

NB

“ May God comfort each of you in these hours of sorrow. Extending sincere sympathy to your family at this time and prayers of comfort.

Nettye Evans and Chuck Evans Brunswick,Ga. - October 30, 2018 at 08:21 PM

RN

“ *What an impact Dr. Ulysses Samuel Washington, Jr., had on the lives of so many in an extraordinary life of giving in almost a century of life. I read about this in today's News Journal in a revealing obituary. Kudos to the writer, he or she did an admirable job in relating the incredible contributions of this man. I will be making a small donation to his foundation and sincerely hope that his noble work will move forward in the lives he touched.*

*Thank you for providing this opportunity to share my late but fortunate discovery of Professor Washington's life and its human majesty.*

*Sincerely and healingly yours,*

*Rudy Nyhoff*

*Newark, DE*

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**Rudy Nyhoff** - October 30, 2018 at 06:41 PM

GM

“ *Our Sincerest condolences on Dads Transition. Your Brother George & Georgie May*

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**George & Georgie May** - October 30, 2018 at 05:20 PM

IR

“ *Sorry for the passing of your love one. Read Isaiah 41:10 for words of comfort and peace.*

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**Irene** - October 30, 2018 at 10:48 AM

DB

“ *Yukee, Linda and I offer our condolences to you and Diane for the loss of your father, a great man and a good friend! He was always happy, always smiling, whenever we met. He was very proud of you from your days as a student athlete at Richmond University and your career in broadcasting. Delaware State University and the City of Dover also lost a highly respected and great asset to their communities!*

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**Don and Linda Buckland** - October 30, 2018 at 09:45 AM

RM

“ We have lost a Delaware State icon with the passing of Professor Ulysses Washington. Beyond his educational expertise Professor Washington was invested in the success of all DSU students. He offered encouragement along with an expectation that we could and would succeed. And there was never a more ardent Hornet fan. Thank you Professor Washington...for the wisdom, love and laughter. Ukee & Dianne, we are keeping you in our thoughts & prayers.

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**Rod & Shelly Morris** - October 29, 2018 at 08:21 PM

PH

“ To the family,\n\nMy heartfelt condolences in the passing of Mr Washington. Please find comfort in the words of Psalms 37:10, 11: \n\n" Just a little while longer, and the wicked will be no more; you will look at where they were, and they will not be there. But the meek will possess the earth, and they will find exquisite delight in the abundance of peace.\n\n" This earth will become a Paradise full of righteous people. Mr Washington will be restored to enjoy Paradise. (Luke 23:43)

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**Phyllis** - October 29, 2018 at 09:36 AM

CJ

“ My sincere condolences to the family of Delaware Legend Dr U S Washington. Prayers for strength, comfort and peace are being offered for the Washington family. Warmest regards,

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**Cornelia Johnson** - October 26, 2018 at 07:52 PM

JO

*“ I am so sorry for the loss of your loved one and I would like to extend my deepest condolence to the family. May you find comfort in God’s words in (Matthews 5:5 ).*

**JoyceA** - October 26, 2018 at 05:33 PM

TW

*“ Sorry For Your Loss  
Jesus Christ Loves Me  
We Are Special*

**Thomas Widgeon** - October 26, 2018 at 05:25 PM

SA

*“ My deepest condolences to the family. May our Heavenly Father be with you to help you through this grievous time. May your precious memories give you comfort as the days and years pass by. Loving thoughts and prayers. Isaiah 41:10,13; Psalm 94:19*

**Sharon Allen** - October 25, 2018 at 01:44 PM

MJ

*“ I am sorry for your loss, please accept my sincere condolences. I hope the family will find some comfort and strength in Jesus promise of the earthly resurrection(Acts 24:15)and the renewed Paradise earth, where death will be no more and no family will mourn the death of a loved one.-Revelation 21:3,4;John 5:28,29;Luke 23:43. may GOD(Psalms 83:18)grant you peace and comfort now, during this grievous time.-Matthew 5:4.*

**M Jones** - October 25, 2018 at 12:28 PM

DF

“ *My deepest sympathy for your loss. May you find comfort from friends and family And from God's words which tells us about his purpose to rid the earth of all sufferings and pain including death, forever...Revelation21:3-4*

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**Dorothy Freeman** - October 25, 2018 at 09:54 AM