

W BRUCE HALL

FELLOWSHIP

FOR CANCER RESEARCH



Walter Bruce Hall (Bruce) was born to Robert Hall (Engineer) and Alice Hall in Melbourne on 13th April 1919. He completed his education at Sydney University graduating with a Degree majoring in Mathematics. He was married to his beloved wife Helen & father to six children & loved Pa to 11 grandchildren.

He worked his whole 33 year professional career to 1984 with CSIRO. He was a highly respected Principal Research Scientist, with expertise in maths and statistics his scientific forte was in cyclic research design at the Adelaide Waite Institute where he was second in charge of his division. During his time with CSIRO he developed a passion and acknowledged expertise in supporting and mentoring young Australian scientists. He enjoyed and continued this commitment throughout his life.

During the war years he served in the Australian Army Transport Corps holding the rank of Lieutenant.

He was caring, humble, generous, family loving man, a man of faith, who chose to make a positive difference in the lives of those around him. He was actively involved in serving his community through his ongoing voluntary work with YMCA and after the war his extensive involvement with Legacy. He relished his role as President of Legacy in South Australia in 1995.

Bruce also greatly enjoyed his hands on work with both sheep and crops in the management and development of his two farms. In this way he extended his love for the land from the Waite, and he continued to enjoy his fellowship with many local farmers from Tintinara/Coonalpyn and Middleton areas of South Australia.

In early 1999 he was unexpectantly diagnosed with advanced pancreatic cancer after a blood test for his arthritis. He lived only another three months. In that time he brought his whole family more closely together than ever before, and was overjoyed to see & hold his 10th grandchild Zac.

His dedication to science is shown no more clearly than by his final wishes to sell his prized family Tintinara farm donating all the proceeds to the Cancer Council of South Australia as an enduring trust in the fight against cancer and to benefit young cancer research scientists. The W Bruce Hall Fellowship was set up according to Bruce's final wishes in partnership with the Cancer Council of South Australia. In this way Bruce has been able by his generous bequest to give ongoing support, and opportunity to three young W Bruce Hall Fellowship scientists already.

The Family of Walter Bruce Hall are indebted to the Cancer Council of South Australia for managing and maintaining this groundbreaking Fellowship in close cooperation with us all.