

## DR LLOYD ELAM



Dr. Lloyd Elam was the longtime president of Meharry Medical College in Nashville, and made an indelible and much-welcomed mark on the field of mental health as well as the education as one of the nation finest Black physicians.

Born Oct. 27, 1928 in Little Rock, Elam earned a Bachelor of Science degree at Roosevelt University at Chicago in 1950, and seven years later earned a medical degree at the University Of Washington School Of Medicine in Seattle. From 1957 to 1958 he did his internship at the University Of Illinois Hospital in Chicago. His 1958-1961 residency in psychiatry was at the University of Chicago.

Elam began his clinical career in 1961 as a staff psychiatrist at Billings Hospital in Chicago. The same year he was named a staff psychiatrist for the George W. Hubbard Hospital of Meharry Medical College. He held that position for the next 34 years. In 1982 he became a psychiatrist for the Parthenon Pavilion HCA/ Centennial .He was a 1981-1982 fellow at the Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences at Stanford, California.

Elam's teaching and administrative positions included: instructor of psychiatry at the University of Chicago and Billings Hospital; assistant professor, professor and chairman of the Department Of Psychiatry at Meharry Medical College which he established. Prior to becoming president (1968-1981), he served Meharry as interim dean at the School of Medicine. He was named chancellor of the college in 1981 and served until the following year. He then became a Distinguished Service Professor of Psychiatry at Meharry and held that title until his retirement in 1995. He continued to serve the school as a volunteer faculty member.

In 1996 Elam was named Professor Emeritus of the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at Meharry. In 1997 he was named Chairman Emeritus of the department.

Elam earned numerous honors and awards, including several honorary degrees. In 1972 he was named Man of the Year by the Nashville Club, National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs Inc. He received the 1976 Human Relations Award from the National Conference of Christians and Jews and the 1978 Citizen of the Year Award from The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, P&A.M of Tennessee. Elam also received the 1988 National Board of Medical Examiners Distinguished Service Award.