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Dear Friend of ECSA:

It is with the greatest of sadness that the Board of Directors announces the sudden and unexpected death of ECSA founder and President William O. Johnston. He died at home on June 4. He leaves an emptiness in our hearts that can never be filled.

At Bill's request he will be buried in the family plot in his home town of Henderson, Kentucky next week. The ECSA board is planning a memorial service in New York City in the near future, and we will alert you to the time and place as soon as possible.

Contributions in his name can be made to Greenpeace, one of his favorite troublemakers, in lieu of flowers.

Bill's was a life of service and devotion to the oppressed, a life well and purposefully lived. We are grateful that he lived to see the independence of Africa and the final eradication of colonialism and apartheid. But as we have discovered in the last days, his commitment to racial, social and environmental justice was not limited to Africa; so many people in so many places had contact with Bill.

If you have a story about Bill, or feel moved to share your feelings about his impact on your life, please forward it to us.

His work lives on in the bright eyes and high hopes of African children who will never know the humiliation and terror of apartheid and colonialism.

Hamba Kahle Bill. Your struggle for justice continues.

Oscar Callender
Jim Cason
Mike Fleshman
Betsy Landis
Gerry Puelle

The memorial service will be held on Monday, July 13, at the Church Center for the United Nations, 777 UN Plaza (First Ave. at 44th St., entrance on First Ave.) at 5 p.m. The Chapel will be open from 4-8.