Throughout a nursing career that spanned 40 years, Mrs. Audrey Hall, B.S.N, cared for patients of all ages while working for three of Nashville’s hospitals. Her steadfast commitment to serve others continues to follow this lifelong nurse well into retirement.

The daughter of a general practice physician, Audrey grew up in Lebanon, Tennessee, in a household where there was an emphasis on helping others through medicine. For the opportunity of a better high school education, Audrey moved to Nashville to live with her sister so she could attend Pearl High, the predecessor to today’s Martin Luther King Magnet School, where she graduated in 1958.

Audrey then attended Meharry Medical College where she was a member of the last class to graduate from the school’s Bachelor of Science in Nursing program in 1962. She then went to work at Meharry Hubbard Hospital for two years before joining Vanderbilt University Medical Center in 1964. During this same time, Audrey became a mother and was raising two young daughters, Kimberly, born in 1962, and Carla, born in 1964.

At Vanderbilt, Audrey worked as a staff nurse in other areas, including the clinic, but her most memorable period was when she became a head nurse for the Nursery where she worked with Dr. Mildred Stalhman.

After eight years at Vanderbilt, in 1972, Audrey was called back to Meharry to start an infection control program. To prepare for this work she trained at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Upon return from the CDC she spent the next two years helping to establish robust hospital infection control protocols.

Audrey left Meharry in 1975 to join the Nashville Veteran’s Hospital to set up an infection control program there. She spent the remainder of her nursing career serving veterans until she retired from the VA in 2003.

Audrey continues to remain active in the community through various volunteer activities with organizations such as the Council on Aging, AARP, and through other volunteer commitment.