



Dr. Rev. Oscar James Hessel

July 14, 1925 - March 15, 2010

Oscar James Hessel, of Mentone, went to meet his Lord and Savior on Monday, March 15, 2010. He was born in July 14, 1925 in Cincinnati, Ohio to Oscar and Alice Hessel. He served for three years during World War II in the US Air Corps. He prepared for his distinguished career through study at the University of Cincinnati, McCormick Theological Seminary, Union Theological Seminary and Columbia University, earning a B.S., M.A., and Ed.D. He responded to the call to ministry and was ordained by the Presbytery of Cincinnati in 1952, serving as pastor in churches in Michigan and Alabama. He served in Philadelphia, PA on the staff of the Board of Christian Education, where he provided excellent leadership as a consultant, a creator of programs and an author. In 1975 he joined the faculty of Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, Georgia, and was appointed Dean of Academic Affairs where he guided and influenced thousands of future Presbyterian ministers. He was married for 60 years to the love of his life, Shirley. They were blessed with four children and ten grandchildren. Upon retirement, Oscar and Shirley chose to live in Mentone, Alabama where they had vacationed since 1955. He volunteered his ministry for many years at St. Joseph's-on-the-Mountain. He was a loving husband, wise father and a compassionate friend who devoted his life to education and serving others. He touched the hearts, minds and souls of many and will be greatly missed. Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. this Friday at St. Joseph's Episcopal Church on-the-Mountain in Mentone. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the Vann McCary

Scholarship Fund c/o St. Joseph's Episcopal Church on-the-Mountain, P.O.
Box 161, Mentone, AL 35984.

Tribute Wall



“ *Dr. Rev. Oscar James Hessel*

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