



Oscar E. Torkelson

October 16, 1920 - November 1, 2010

Oscar E. Torkelson was born in Everest, Kansas the sixth of seven children born to T. B. Torkelson & Elizabeth Ruth Hart Torkelson. His elementary education was obtained at a little country school called Clearcreek, which had one teacher teaching all 8 grades. He went to Enterprise Academy in Kansas for his high school grades and then on to Union College in Lincoln, Nebraska. He spent 4 summers in colporteur work to help pay for his college education. He later got his Masters degree in School Administration from the University of Minnesota and a 2nd Masters degree in Marriage and Family Counseling from Chapman University in California. He married Laura Ann Jarnes, August 20, 1944. They had 2 children, Jack Conrad and Karen Jill Torkelson born to them while both he and Laura taught at Indiana Academy in Cicero, Indiana. Oscar Torkelson taught for 37 years in Adventist schools. He was a principal for most of those years. The last 2 schools being, Union Springs Academy in New York state and Cedar Lake Academy in Michigan. Oscar Torkelson was ordained to the ministry in 1962 at the Michigan Campmeeting. His determination to serve the Lord in his early childhood stayed with him throughout his lifetime. A Celebration of his life will be held on Monday, November 8th at 1 PM at the Greenbrier Chapel of Austin & Bell Funeral Home with Rev. Richard Harbour and Rev. Jeremiah Smartt officiating. He was a member of Ridgetop Adventist church. In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by his brothers, Ted Torkelson & Fred Torkelson; sisters, Elizabeth Story, Ann Kelly, Agnes Christianson & Ester Way. He is survived by

his wife of 66 years, Laura Jarnes Torkelson, Greenbrier, TN; son and daughter-in-law, Jack Conrad and Liz Torkelson, Greenbrier, TN; daughter and son-in-law, Karen Jill and Richard Harbour, Killeen, TX; grandchildren, Leslie Camacho, Alan Camacho, Kristina Rettler, Andrew Teton Torkelson, & Timothy Walden Torkelson. Friends may visit with the family on Sunday, November 7, 2010 from 2-4PM and on Monday, November 8, 2010 from 12 to 1PM time of the service. Interment will follow the service at Greenbrier Cemetery with Andrew Teton Torkelson, Timothy Walden Torkelson, Tyler Rettler, Alan Camacho, Doug Armentraut & Jim Raines serving as pallbearers. Honorary Pallbearers, Herb Hewitt, Joe Malmede, Bert Carter, Larry Kelley, and Calvin Shaffer. Austin & Bell Funeral Home, Greenbrier Chapel was in charge of the arrangements. Phone 615.643.4000

Tribute Wall

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“Oscar was the principal at the Metro Adventist Academy when I was a student there. I have very fond memories of him. He was a tremendous influence and helped shape my spiritual life and walk with God. I will forever be grateful to him for his contributions in my life! I will join you in reuniting with him in Heaven!

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