

SKELLIE, Jr., Fred A. FRED A. SKELLIE, JR. Fred A. Skellie, Jr., 92, passed away March 3 at home in Decatur, GA, with his devoted wife of 70 years, Lucille, by his side. Born in Cuevas, MS, he enjoyed childhood with his seven siblings on the Gulf Coast in Long Beach, MS, where he graduated from Long Beach High School in 1938. In 1942, he graduated from Tulane University with a degree in economics. While attending Tulane, he was a member of the Naval ROTC. After marrying Lucille McPherson, Fred served in WWII as a lieutenant and navigator aboard the destroyer USS Rodman. One of the ship's first duties was escorting President Franklin D. Roosevelt to the Tehran Conference. The Rodman sank a German submarine and helped rescue the crew before taking part in the Normandy invasion. In January 1945, the ship was assigned to the Pacific where it was heavily damaged by Japanese kamikazes. His detailed account of his Navy experiences can be found at <http://tinyurl.com/codq89b>. After the war, Fred and Lucille moved to Chicago where he worked in accounting while he completed graduate courses at Northwestern University. In 1948, he moved his growing family to Atlanta, where he qualified as a Certified Public Accountant and worked for Rich's Department store for 25 years, retiring as assistant treasurer. Fred then opened his own tax consulting and estate planning business, which he enjoyed until 2007. Fred and Lucille loved to travel, including trips to Alaska, Hawaii, Germany, Norway, Australia and numerous family reunions. Remembered for his generosity and servant's heart, Fred was a leader in his church and was active in the broader community, touching countless lives with his kindness and encouragement. He saw the best in people, enjoyed helping others, and was quick to thank those who helped him. Fred was a loving and patient husband, father, grandfather, uncle, and friend. Whether boating on Lake Blue Ridge, golfing, playing bridge, coaching Little League, or rooting for favorite college basketball teams and the Atlanta Braves, Fred enjoyed life with cheerful enthusiasm. In addition to his wife Lucille, Fred is survived by two sons, Bert (Karen) and Don (Elizabeth); a daughter, Nancy Gerhardt (Gary); four grandchildren, four step-grandchildren; and a sister, Anne Herrington. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Druid Hills United Methodist Church. Online condolences may be expressed at www.wagesandsons.com.

CELEBRATION OF THE LIFE OF FRED A. SKELLIE, JR.

November 21, 1920 – March 3, 2013



Druid Hills United Methodist Church
March 23, 2013
1:00 p.m.

CELEBRATION OF THE LIFE OF
FRED A. SKELLIE, JR.
NOVEMBER 11, 1920 – MARCH 3, 2013

PRELUDE IN THE GARDEN

GATHERING

THE WORD OF GRACE Rev. Dave Allen Grady

GREETING

†HYMN: *Blessed Assurance* UMH 369

PRAYER

OLD TESTAMENT: *Isaiah 40:28-31* Ashley Skellie

PSALM 23:

**The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:
he leadeth me beside the still waters.
He restoreth my soul:
he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness
for his name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil: for thou art with me;
thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.
Thou preparest a table before me
in the presence of mine enemies:
thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life:
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

† Please stand as you are able.

NEW TESTAMENT: *Selection from Romans 8* Elizabeth Skellie

†Hymn: *It is Well With My Soul* UMH 377

†GOSPEL:

WITNESS: Rev. Dave Allen Grady & Rev. Rex Kaney
Ronnie Skellie, Karen Skellie,
Others

HYMN: *How Firm a Foundation* UMH 529

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

THE LORD'S PRAYER

†HYMN: *Hymn He Lives* UMH 310

†BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: HYMN OF PROMISE

You are invited to a reception in the church Fellowship Hall immediately following the service. To get to the Fellowship Hall, use the stairs in the Narthex or the elevator at the back of the sanctuary.