



Mr. Williard "Bill" M. Sessler

July 1, 1923 - December 6, 2010

Williard "Bill" M. Sessler, 87, of Asheville died Monday, December 6, 2010 at Brooks Howell Home. Born July 1, 1923, he was a native of Tampa, FL and son of the late Otis and Hazel Arter Sessler. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his foster brother, Henry Fleck and an infant daughter.

Mr. Sessler attended Emory University until he joined the US Air Force where he was a B24 pilot. Following his military service, he continued his studies at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill earning a BS and MS in physics. He began working in the Research and Development Department with American Enka Corp. retiring as a corporate executive after a career spanning 35 years.

Following his retirement, he worked for Montreat Anderson College as Director of Development and Church Relations. He was a member of First Presbyterian Church where he was a teacher, deacon and elder. He also served the church in many other capacities and this service extended to the wider church where he served on many Presbytery committees. He was elected moderator of the Asheville Presbytery and the Synod of North Carolina and later helped organize the Presbytery of Western North Carolina and served as its moderator. He also served as moderator of the Synod of Mid-Atlantic of the PC (USA).

He was president of the Men's Garden club and brought their national convention to Asheville.

His survivors include his wife of 62 years, Sue D. Sessler; son, Mark Sessler and his wife, Ann; two daughters, Peggy Swann and her husband, Jerry and Susan Sessler and five grandchildren, Brian Swann, Valerie Swann, Elizabeth Sessler, Mary Sessler and Bill Sessler.

A memorial service will be held at 11:00 AM, Friday, December 10, 2010 at First Presbyterian Church with Rev. Dr. Mark Burnham and Rev. Margaret Torrence officiating. The family will receive friends following the service in the Wallace Foyer.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to First Presbyterian Church, 40 Church Street, Asheville, NC 28801, Brooks Howell Home, 266 Merrimon Avenue, Asheville, NC 28801 or charity of one's choice.

Morris Funeral Home, 304 Merrimon Avenue is assisting the family. Condolences may be sent through the website www.morrisfamilyfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

Memory Wall at First Presbyterian Church Asheville

40 Church Street
Asheville, NC 28801
<http://www.fpcasheville.org>

Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Williard "Bill" M. Sessler*

October 07, 2023 at 11:15 AM



“ *'The Sesslers' has been a household name in my family for my entire life. I cannot think of a more superb 'second' mother than Sue nor a more respectable and honorable man than Bill. My parents, Bert and Betty, will again toast their toddies with Bill and share many more laughs. As with others I have cherished and lost during my career in horticulture, Bill's memories and love of gardening will live on with every new plant I nurture. My sincere thoughts and prayers are with the entire Sessler family.*

Ellen Blair - December 09, 2010 at 06:56 PM



“ *Peggy, you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. Your father had such a distinguished life and was a true servant of the church. May your many memories sustain you.*

The Stockbridges - December 09, 2010 at 02:25 PM



“ *Sue and Family, We remember well our first contact with Bill as Board of Visitor members of Montreat College and then later while we were still in Charlotte your son and wife joined Sardis Presbyetian Church where we were active for 34 years. In life we are never ready to lose our loved ones and the only comfort has to come from our Faith in the Sovereignty of God and the manifested concern of caring friends. Please know we are thinking of you and will hold you in our prayers. Joe and Zunita Clark*

Joseph Clark - December 09, 2010 at 07:12 AM