



Mark Scott Skelton

January 15, 1920 - May 27, 2015

Mark Scott Skelton, age 95 of Scottsboro, passed away on Wednesday, May 27, 2015.

He is survived by his wife, Vesta Lou Skelton; two sons, Scott Skelton (Rita) and Andy Skelton; and grandchildren, Colleen Jane Skelton, Graham Scott Skelton and Anna Christine Skelton.

Visitation will be on Friday, May 29, 2015, from 11:30 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church. Funeral services will follow, at 2 p.m., with Dr. Steven Screws officiating. Burial will follow at Cedar Hill Cemetery.

A great-grandson of Robert Thomas Scott, the founder of the city of Scottsboro, Mark Scott always stayed true to his heritage.

Born in 1920, the only son of Pontiff J. Skelton and Charlotte Bynum Skelton, he attended Jackson County High School through the ninth-grade, and then transferred to Tennessee Military Institute, where he graduated.

He graduated from Auburn University in 1942 with a degree in Agricultural Engineering. Ten days after graduation, Mark Scott reported for active duty in World War II, where he served as a field artillery battery commander all over the Southwest Pacific for over 18 months.

Following the war, Mark Scott came home and married Vesta Lou McElmore in 1947. He was later back in war, this time the Korean War. In the National Guard, he became commander of Company B, 151st Engineer Combat Battalion.

In 1956, Mark Scott went in business with his best friend, Charles Bradford, who he grew up with. They purchased a John Deere franchise and named it General Equipment Company. In 1958, he was part of a group that formed the Scottsboro Community Development Foundation, where he served as president and on the board of directors for 24 years. Today, the group is known as the Greater Jackson County Chamber of Commerce.

As chairman of the Downtown Improvement Committee in 1971, Mark Scott played an active role as a liaison between the business community, city council and TVA TownLift Committee in the renovation of the downtown square, which was completed in 1978.

One of his most satisfying accomplishments was being blessed to have participated in the laying of the cornerstone of two churches, St. Luke's Episcopal and First United Methodist.

Mark Scott served on boards and committees throughout his life, always striving to make the city of Scottsboro a better place.

He was a man's man, who had best friend for more than 75 years and his girl for more than 65 years. Mark Scott Skelton loved the city of Scottsboro and meant much to it for his work, dedication and simple care.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers; please make donations to The First United Methodist Church or to the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation.

Cemetery Details

Cedar Hill Cemetery

210 South Cedar Hill Drive
Scottsboro, AL 35768
(256) 609-8166

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 29. 11:30 AM - 2:00 PM (CT)

First United Methodist Church Scottsboro
1105 South Broad St.
Scottsboro, AL 35768

Service

MAY 29. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mark Scott Skelton*

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“ *Fred, Will and I are so sorry to hear about Uncle Mark's passing. What a wonderful man. Many happy memories. Will especially remembers the times that Uncle Mark would take him for rides on the John Deere in the back yard. Prayers are with you.*

Fred, Nancy and Will Leopold

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