

### **The Rev. J. Richard Heller**

The Rev. J. Richard Heller, 81, of St. Petersburg, Fla., died Monday, Oct. 4, 2004, in Franklin, his summer home.

He was born in Hershey, Pa., and graduated from Furman University. He received a master's degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas. He was ordained at Canal Point Baptist Church and served pastorates at Southern Baptist churches in Round Rock, Texas and Riviera Beach before becoming pastor of Emmanuel Baptist Church, St. Petersburg, in 1967. He retired in 1985. He was a member of Nitram Masonic Lodge 188 and was a master Mason for 40 years.

Survivors include his wife of 60 years, Oveda V. Heller; a daughter, Susan Elizabeth Haffner and a son, John P. Heller, both of St. Petersburg; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

E. Dale Günter Funeral Home & Cremation Services, St. Petersburg, Fla. and Bryant Funeral Home in Franklin are in charge of arrangements.

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