

## **OSCAR I. DeWald (1906-1991)**

**MR. DeWald, son of the late Regina and Ferdinand DeWald, was born in Muenstermaifeld, Germany. Mr. DeWald escaped the Holocaust but lost much of his family to the Nazi horror. He came to America in 1940, settling in Cincinnati where he worked and made his home. He was a Freemason and a Kentucky Colonel. Mr. DeWald is survived by his wife Alice, his daughter Margery Glaser, son-in-law Gary Glaser and grandson Reuben. This sculpture represents the culmination of Mr. DeWald's dream to commemorate all those who perished.**

**In speaking at the dedication, Mrs. DeWald said: "May it be a steady reminder to all who worship at Rockdale Temple, and may it serve as a 'learning center' for the children and generations to come to be taught and 'never forget' what happened in this gruesome period of history where six million European Jews were so brutally tortured and murdered by the Nazis. Let us hope that the good in people comes to the fore and triumphs over hate, prejudice and terror."**

## **Jack Mann**

**Artist Jack Mann is a Cincinnati native and a Woodward High School graduate. He holds Bachelors and Masters degrees from the University of Cincinnati, College of Design, Architecture, Art and Planning. In addition, Mr. Mann took courses in drawing and painting at the Chouinard Art Institute in Los Angeles. He is currently Associate Professor of Art at Wittenberg University in Springfield, Ohio, where he teaches courses in sculpture, basic and life drawing and water color.**

**Mann's works have been exhibited in one-man shows at Books and Company, Dayton; Accents Gallery, Lexington; Canton Art Institute and the Springfield Arts Center. The Dubois Tower, Husman Potato Chip Company and Cincinnati Bell Telephone are a few of the corporations which own his works.**

**It was the artist's deepest wish for this piece never to have had to be built.**