



## Dr. Gilbert Richard Atwood

April 9, 1928 - October 29, 2011

### DR. GILBERT RICHARD ATWOOD

Dr. Gilbert Richard Atwood passed away Saturday, October 29, 2011. He was born April 9, 1928 in Taunton, MA, the son of Gilbert Humphrey and Louise Rogers Atwood, and grew up in Moon Township, PA. He received a BS degree in Chemistry from Carnegie Institute of Technology, a MS from Prudue University, and a PhD in physical chemistry from the University of Pittsburgh. He worked for Koppers Company in Pittsburgh, PA, and Union Carbide Corporation in Tarrytown, NY. His invention and patents of Separation and Purification of transformer fluid to remove PCB's started the Unison Division of Union Carbide for which he received the first "Chairman's Award."

He was a Past Master of Pleasantville Hiawatha Lodge # 434 and a DDGM, F. & A.M., a 32nd Degree member of the Scottish Rite, and a Shriner. He was a Past Patron of OES and an Advisor of the Rainbow Girls. He was a life member of the American Chemical Society and Sigma XI, the Mayflower Society, and had been very active in the Pleasantville, NY, Methodist Church. His avocation was playing the piano and organ and singing in choirs.

He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Donna Elaine Oelschlager Atwood, son, Stephen Parker Atwood and Linda, daughter Elaine Atwood Henderson and Craig, and grandchildren, Stephen Christopher Atwood, Donovan Richard

Atwood, Craig Tyler Henderson, and Alyssa Elaine Henderson. He was predeceased by a grandson, Bradley Clark Henderson, 1998-2004.

Viewing hours will be 4:00-8:00 Tuesday, November 1, 2011, with a Masonic Service at 8:00 and Funeral Services at 11:00 am Wednesday, November 2, 2011, at the Bates & Anderson Funeral Home, 110 Green Street, Hudson, NY.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to the Scottish Rite Children's Dyslexia Center, 3579 Masonic Way, Pittsburgh, PA, 15237, or the Shriner's Children's Hospital in Springfield, MA.