



Dr. Karl Frederick Rugart Jr

June 23, 1923 - April 30, 2014

Dr. Karl Frederick Rugart, Jr. of Haverford, PA

Died peacefully on April 30, 2014. He was born June 23, 1923 in Philadelphia, to Helen D. and Karl F. Rugart, Sr. of Penn Valley. He was the beloved husband of the late Patricia (Patsy) R. Rugart for 59 years, 51 years spent at their Haverford, PA house. Survived by Four Children: Cynthia, Karl III (Trip), Conrad and Eric, seven grandchildren, Michael, Gregory, Genevieve and Hannah Maicher and Robert, Jaqueline and Paulina Rugart

He attended Episcopal Academy graduating in 1941, Princeton University graduating in 1945, and

University of Pennsylvania Medical School graduating in 1948.'

Dr. Rugart was stationed at Fort Knox and Philadelphia Naval Hospital before being assigned to Lakehurst Naval Hospital in 1949. In 1954 he was decommissioned and moved to Pennsylvania Hospital where he worked in private practice as an OB/GYN until his retirement in 1998. He claimed to have

delivered nearly 7,000 babies during his 50 year career. Dr. Rugart's other positions included:

Booth Maternity Center in Overbrook until it closed, as an associate professor at

Univ. of Penn. Med. School, at the old Pennsylvania Hospital Institute, the

Philadelphia

Women's Penitentiary, Graduate and Presbyterian Hospitals.

He was an 80-year member of The First Presbyterian Church in Philadelphia. I

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Mawr Presbyterian Church.

Dr. Rugart's Club memberships included: Union League of Phila., The Merion Cricket Club, the Nassau

Club of Princeton, The Right Angle Club, Hillsboro Club, College of Physicians, The Faculty Club at Penn,

Phila. Country Club. He was a long-time supporter of: Camp Tecumseh, Gilbert & Sullivan Operettas, The Library Company, The Horticultural Society, Baker Industries, The Franklin Institute, The Wistar Institute, The Philosophical Society, PAFA, ICA, The Phila. Art Museum, The University Museum, Squam

Lakes Association, and every charity group that asked for contributions through the mail. (Karl

was famous for carefully opening, reading funding literature and slipping a \$20 bill into every

return envelope he had ever received from a charity institution.)

Favorite sports included: golf, tennis, squash, cross country skiing, competitive bridge and snow

sledding at all times of the day or night. He also loved his Phillies!

His Memorial Service will be held on Tuesday May 27th, 12 noon in the Chapel of Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church, 625 Montgomery Ave., Bryn Mawr, PA.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in his memory to Wellbody Alliance, 2 Atlantic Ave., 4th Floor Boston, MA 02110 to benefit the "Rugart Family Health Center in Kono, Sierra Leone"

Cemetery Details

Burial will be private.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAY 27 (ET)

Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church
625 Montgomery Avenue
Bryn Mawr, PA

Tribute Wall

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“ *Dr. Rugart was more than my mother's long-time employer, he was like a caring, loving uncle who provided both love and support to family members and a beautiful Ocean City vacation retreat that the Bowers used for family reunions almost annually. He and Patsy will be long remembered for their love and support to so many. The world has lost a true philanthropist and a caring physician to so many mothers and infants,*
Tom Bowers

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“ *A special day today, remembering Karl, and his and Patsy's gracious hosting at Squam Lake. Walking at a nearby New Hampshire Lake today, amidst the pines and granite, I thought of the loons having a new, treasured depth in their call. May Dr. Rugart rest in joy and peace. All of the New Hampshire Turners send their love to Eric, Trip, Cynthia Conrad, Robert, Paulina and Jackie.*

Nancy F. Turner, Manchester, NH

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