



## Dr. Edward O. Goodrich Jr.

May 7, 1925 - December 10, 2017

Dr. Edward "Ned" Olin Goodrich of Ardmore, PA, passed away peacefully in his sleep on Sunday December 10th 2017 at the Philadelphia VA Medical Center Hospice and Palliative Care Unit.

Dr. Goodrich was born in New Haven, Connecticut on May 7th, 1925 to Edward Olin Goodrich Sr. and Laura Mae MacKay. His father, who could trace his ancestry back to New England's earliest English settlement, was a manager at the Ansonia Brass Company, while his mother was the daughter of immigrants from Glasgow, Scotland. He attended the Hopkins School in New Haven, Connecticut on scholarship and went on to Yale University, where he graduated in the war class of 1944.

After completing his medical studies at New York Medical College in 1949, Dr. Goodrich joined the U.S. Army as a battalion surgeon and was promptly deployed to the Korean front. During one particularly fierce battle, Dr. Goodrich treated and then helped evacuate dozens of wounded soldiers before their position was overrun by the Chinese army. For his gallantry in battle, Dr. Goodrich was awarded the Silver Star, the third-highest decoration awarded by the U.S. Armed Forces. After his return to civilian life in 1959, Dr. Goodrich continued to serve his country in the U.S. National Guard, rising to the rank of Colonel.

As a civilian he established a successful surgical practice. Among his many accomplishments was performing groundbreaking research, including the first ever successful canine liver transplant. In the early 1960s, while living in

Santa Fe, New Mexico, he assisted in founding the Santa Fe Preparatory School. The school opened in 1963 with sixty-three students and today is a fully accredited, coeducational day school serving approximately 320 students with over 1700 alumni.

In 1980 he suffered a massive stroke that ended his surgical career. His family then moved to Philadelphia where he partially recovered and was eventually able to continue his medical career at various hospitals in Philadelphia.

Dr. Goodrich, known as a "Tough Old Yankee," never shied away from a challenge. In his early 80s he took up rowing, and with his son Alfred was able to win three Bayada handicap regattas, two while burdened with a terminal diagnosis. His lifelong commitment to the happiness of those he loved was evident to the very end.

Husband of the late Alfreda Verratti Goodrich and former husband of the late Gladys Patricia Goodrich, he is survived by five children, Edward Olin Goodrich III, Timothy Jerome Goodrich, Jonathan Patrick Goodrich, Alfred James Goodrich and Claudia Goodrich Bender. He has four grand children, Timothy Joseph Goodrich, Jennifer Richelle (Goodrich) Knueven, Mackay Ann Bender and Clayton Edward Bender.

His viewing will be from 6pm to 8pm on Fri. evening at Chadwick & McKinney Funeral Home, 30 East Athens Ave., Ardmore, PA 19003. A Masonic Service will take place at 7pm. His funeral will be held at the Main Line Unitarian Church, 816 Valley Forge Rd., Devon, PA on Sat. Dec. 16th at 11am. Int. Valley Forge Memorial Gardens.

Memorial contributions may be made to Community Volunteers in Medicine, 300 Lawrence Dr, West Chester, PA 19380.

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# Cemetery Details

## Valley Forge Memorial Gardens

352 S Gulph Rd  
King of Prussia, PA 19406

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

DEC 16. 11:00 AM (ET)

Main Line Unitarian Church  
816 South Valley Forge Road  
Devon, PA

# Tribute Wall

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“ *I'm sorry for your loss. I enjoyed our visits in the office. I admired Ned's intelligence, his interest in many things, and his spunk despite his health. What a privilege to have known him.*

*Jane Zendarski, D.O.*

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**Jane Zendarski** - December 19, 2017 at 12:07 PM

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“ *I fondly recall many happy conversations with Ned, often about shared scientific topics (he was always so full of ideas!). His optimism, intelligence, and sense of humor always served to get him and others through tough times. Our heartfelt condolences go out to his family and friends. We will miss you, Ned!*

*Charles and Doreen Ward*

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**Charles Ward** - December 16, 2017 at 08:13 PM

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“ *After my husband had a stroke in 2000, Ned began to drive him to the Men's Luncheon and Lecture at Main Line Unitarian Church the 2nd Wednesday of every month. Ken loved his company (though he was terrified by his driving :)).*

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**Jo Anne Wallen** - December 16, 2017 at 04:28 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Dr. Edward O. Goodrich Jr..*



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December 13, 2017 at 01:05 PM



“ *Sweet Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Dr. Edward O. Goodrich Jr..*



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December 13, 2017 at 12:41 PM



“ *Sapphire Skies Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dr. Edward O. Goodrich Jr..*



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December 13, 2017 at 12:04 PM