



## Walter C. Klingensmith, MD

October 17, 1922 - January 1, 2007

Walter C. Klingensmith, M.D., formerly of Bryn Mawr and New Hope, died Monday, January 1 of complications of malignant lymphoma. He was 84 years old. He and his wife of 63 years, Paula, resided at Waverly Heights, a retirement community in Gladwyne, where she still lives. The couple had lived there for 6 years. Dr. Klingensmith met his wife, Paula, at Allegheny College. They married in 1944.

Dr. Klingensmith was born in Pittsburgh, Pa. After graduating from the Pittsburgh public school system he went on to earn a B.A. at Allegheny college in Meadville, Pa. in 1943, and an M.D. at the University of Pennsylvania in 1946. He continued at Penn for internship and residency in internal medicine and was appointed a Post-doctorate Fellow in Medicine in 1952. He then became a Clinical Associate in Medicine from 1961-1992. At Penn he held the offices of Chief of the Medical Clinic and Director of Outpatient Medical Services. He was board certified in internal medicine since 1955. He was a Fellow of the Philadelphia College of Physicians and the American College of Physicians, and a member of Phi Beta Kappa and Alpha Omega Alpha. He possessed an active intellect with special interest in history, and audited courses at Penn in his later years.

He served in the US Navy Medical Corp. from 1947-1949 with the rank of Lieutenant (JG).

Before moving to Waverly, Dr. and Mrs. Klingensmith lived on Tuckwimensing Farm near New Hope for 30 years. He found great pleasure in carriage horses as well as maintenance of farm equipment and other agricultural activities. Throughout his life he enjoyed travel in the western US and Europe.

Upon moving to Waverly he served as president of the resident's association and wrote for the Waverly newsletter. He was a long time member of the Bryn Mawr Presbyterian church.

Dr Klingensmith is survived by his wife Paula, his three children Susan, Pamela and Mark, and five grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held in the Chapel of Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church, 625 Montgomery Avenue, Bryn Mawr at 2:30 PM on Saturday, January 6. A reception at Waverly Heights will follow. In lieu of flowers donations may be sent to the American Cancer Society 527 W. Butler Pike, Chalfont, PA 18914.

Chadwick and McKinney Funeral Home, Inc  
[www.chadwickmckinney.com](http://www.chadwickmckinney.com)

# Previous Events

## Service

JAN 6. 2:30 PM (ET)

Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church  
625 Montgomery Avenue  
Bryn Mawr, PA

# Tribute Wall



“ *My thoughts and prayers go out to your family this week. I'm so glad I had the chance to recently visit with Uncle Walter and Aunt Paula at Raegan Kopetz Peters' wedding. He was a wonderful man, just like my grandma had always described him to me, and I know he will be missed dearly. God be with all of you.*

*With deepest sympathy,  
Mary Lynn Kopetz and Dana Toniolo##imported-begin##Mary Lynn  
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