



William H. "Bill" Nelson

September 8, 1936 - July 17, 2011

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William Harris Nelson (Bill), 74, a long-time resident of Swarthmore, passed away July 17th. Mr. Nelson is survived by his son, Stephen Alden Nelson, his sister, Jane N. Beatty of Villanova, and many beloved nieces and nephews. Another sister, Ann N. Behrman, predeceased him. Stephen commented on his father's "loyalty, understanding and good nature."

For the past eight years, Mr. Nelson struggled, but lived independently despite complications from a stroke. Susan Walcoff, a social worker with Intervention Associates, said part-time aides stayed with him, because they "genuinely liked him. I use the word 'remarkable' about him. He was a determined guy. We all loved Bill."

After attending Lower Merion High School and Dean Junior College in Massachusetts, Mr. Nelson served in the U.S. Army from 1956 – 1957 and was stationed in Korea with the U.S. Air Force until 1960.

During the next four decades he was a salesman, primarily selling men's clothing in a succession of Philadelphia department stores – Gimbel's, Wanamaker's, Strawbridge & Clothier and Macy's. His son remembers the joy

his father “brought to his customers and to himself” through his work.

His Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, August 27, 2011 at 11:00 a.m. in the Chadwick & McKinney Funeral Home, 30 E. Athens Avenue, Ardmore, PA. Interment West Laurel Hill Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Christopher’s Foundation for Children, 1800 JFK Boulevard, Suite 401, Philadelphia, PA 19103-7421.