

ELWYN LOWELL SWARTS



Elwyn Lowell Swarts, a resident at the Longwood-at-Oakmont retirement community since 2007, died on February 19, 2024. He leaves behind his beloved wife, Rachel Homet Swarts; his much-loved children, Heidi Swarts of Arlington, Mass, Andrew Swarts and his wife, Lorraine, of Bloomfield, NY and Adam Swarts and his partner Elle Stodolak, of Zelenople; Johnathon, Jordan, Hannah, Emily, and

Michael; his sister, Doneta Weatherly of Forney, TX; and nephews Harrell, Matt and Aaron Weatherly.

Elwyn was born February 26, 1929, to Gertrude and Elwyn Swarts in a farming district in Western New York State. He received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Hamilton College in 1949 and a PhD in physical chemistry from Brown University in 1954. He was employed at Alfred University, General Electric Company and PPG Industries. He retired from PPG in 1994 after 35 years in their glass technology laboratories. Upon moving to Pittsburgh in 1959, he lived with his family in Shaler and O'Hara Townships until moving with Rachel to Longwood-at-Oakmont in 2007. His affiliations included the Unitarian-Universalist Church of North Hills, Ingomar (one of the founding members in 1961), the American Ceramic Society, the American Chemical Society, the International Glass Commission, the Oratorio Society of Pittsburgh, the Pittsburgh Concert Chorale, and the Funeral Consumers' Alliance of Western Pennsylvania. He treasured his many relationships within these organizations and with esteemed professional colleagues at PPG and within the national and international glass communities. His life was immeasurably enriched by travels with Rachel, the fine arts of Pittsburgh, being an enthusiastic choral amateur, having fun with photography and enjoying the company of good friends. He was grateful to all those at Longwood whose company he has enjoyed in recent years, Arrangements entrusted to **THOMAS M. SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CREMATORY**, Blawnox, PA.

A memorial service will be held on March 16, 2024 at the Longwood at Oakmont. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Doctors Without Borders, www.doctorswithoutborders.org.

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