



Dr. George E. Walrafen

May 18, 1929 - October 17, 2005

George Edouard Walrafen, 76, Lawrence, died Monday, Oct. 17, 2005 as a result of injuries from an accident in Gaithersburg MD.

Dr. Walrafen was born May 18, 1929 in Topeka, the son of George L. and Henria Saut Walrafen. He was a graduate of Topeka High School and was inducted into the school's Hall of Fame in 1998. He earned his B.S. in Chemistry at the University of Kansas and then M.S. and Ph.D. in Chemistry at the University of Chicago. From 1972-1973, Dr. Walrafen worked in the Chemical Physics Dept. of Bell Labs, with a brief spell, 1972-1973, as a professor of Physical Chemistry at the University of Marburg in Germany. From 1975-2001 he was a graduate professor of chemistry at Howard University. He has published over 130 scientific papers and holds two U.S. patents. He moved to Lawrence in 2001 and joined the University of Kansas as an adjunct professor, emeritus with the Dept. of Chemistry.

Dr. Walrafen served his country in the U.S. Army. He was married to Linda Glasser Walrafen for 40 years until her death Dec. 5, 2000.

Survivors include a sister-in-law, Susan Uhl, and her husband, Klaus, two nephews and a niece, all of Germany; cousins, Doris Hanlon, and her husband, Joe, Topeka, Roger Saut, Oakland CA, and Jules Saut, Richmond VA.

Dr. Walrafen was cremated. Services are pending at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, Topeka KS.

Tribute Wall



“ *Dr. George E. Walrafen*

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *Professor Walrafen became a good friend of the chemistry department and a valued colleague at KU since his retirement from Howard University. His enthusiasm for science was remarkable. I was saddened to hear about his accident. I will miss meeting him and hearing him talk about his experiments.*

*With sincere condolences,
Carey Johnson
Professor of Chemistry*

Carey Johnson - October 23, 2005 at 05:57 PM



“ *Dr. Walrafen was our neighbor in Lawrence for the past few years. He was a very kind man, and our family enjoyed seeing and talking to him. We tried to help him out with projects both in and outside the house as much as we could and had developed a nice bond with him over the past few years. Our two small children loved to wave to him as he was coming and going from the house and would say "there goes George!". We are deeply saddened by his loss and will sincerely miss him in our neighborhood. Our thoughts and prayers are with George and his family at this sad time.*

Bill and Stacey Lane - October 23, 2005 at 10:02 AM