

A.W . GROSVENOR JR., 90, EX-PROFESSOR AT DREXEL

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Alvah W. "Doc" **Grosvenor** Jr., 90, a former engineering professor at Drexel University, died Saturday at his home in the Dunwoody Village retirement community in Newtown Square.

Mr. **Grosvenor** was born in Piqua, Ohio, and graduated from Ohio University. After working as chief metallurgist for Laclede Steel Company in St. Louis, Mr. **Grosvenor** in the 1930s became an assistant professor at Drexel University. At Drexel, he later became a full professor and headed the Department of Metallurgical Engineering.

Mr. **Grosvenor** was editor and part author of a college textbook, Basic Metallurgy. In 1977, Drexel University presented him with an honorary doctorate in engineering.

He received two awards for distinguished teaching: one from Drexel and the other from the American Society for Metals in Cleveland. The Philadelphia Chapter of the American Society for Metals created a scholarship honoring him in 1985. The previous year, a professorship was established in his name at Drexel for a professor in materials engineering.

Upon his retirement in 1965, Mr. **Grosvenor** became a full-time consultant, serving as an expert witness across the United States in lawsuits involving metal failures and product liability.

He was a member of the Science and Arts Committee of the Franklin Institute for 20 years. He had been president of the Residents Association of Dunwoody Village.

He is survived by his wife, the former Dorothy Doering, and his daughter, Nancy G. Wallace of Ancaster, Ontario, Canada.

A memorial service will be held 2 p.m. April 20 in the Marple Presbyterian Church, North Sproul and Marple Roads, Broomall. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that memorial contributions be sent to the Mr. **Grosvenor** Scholarship, c/o Treasurer, Drexel University. A private interment will be held before the service.