

**Bent, Richard L. "Dick"**

Penfield: November 9, 2008 at age 91. Predeceased by his parents Walter G. and Bessie Bent, three brothers and one sister, Walter F. Bent, John T. Bent, Thomas P. Bent, and Betsey Goodwin, nephews Robert E. Bent and Walter L. Bent. Survived by sister-in-law June Bent of Westborough, MA, nephews John G. (Carolyn) Bent of Pittsford and Charles B. Goodwin of Warner MA, nieces Janet (Jeff) Killeen of Hopedale, MA, Betsey (Douglas) Wilson of Asheville, NC and Lee Bent of Marco Island, FL. Also survived by long time friend Ruth Carlson of Penfield.

Richard was born in Rochester, NY and in 1920 the family moved to Harrow in England. He received a B.A. in physics and chemistry in 1939 at Cambridge University. While at Cambridge he was a cox on the Rowing team. After graduation he returned to the United States and attended the University of Rochester and the University of California at Berkeley for additional studies in physics and chemistry. In 1941 he joined the Eastman Kodak Company and was a Research Chemist, his field was in the color Photography Division on Photographic Developers until his retirement in 1979.

He was a member of the American Chemical Society for 64 years and locally served as secretary and historian. He also served as a volunteer at St. Johns Home in Rochester. Photography was a lifetime hobby that he skillfully used in his many trips around the world. He also devoted considerable time building an extensive scientific library, and collected and bound cartoons depicting English humor. Richard was always kind and gentle to everyone he met and was a fascinating conversationalist who could explain the splitting of an atom to a child.

The family wishes to thank Valley Manor Assisted Living and Rochester General Hospital for their care and kindness. A memorial service will be held at a future date. Donations in memory of Richard may be directed to the Salvation Army, 10 Franklin St. Box 41210, Rochester, NY 14604 or to Lollypop Farm, Humane Society or Rochester, 99 Victor Rd. Fairport, NY 14450.