

**Rudolph Ward Kluiber**  
**Professor emeritus at Rutgers**

**Rudolph Ward Kluiber, 90, longtime resident of Bernardsville, NJ, passed away with his family by his side on December 2, 2020 in Mequon, WI.**

**Rudy was born in 1930 in Berwyn, IL, to Rudolph Roman Kluiber and Mary H. Nigren Kluiber. He received a B.S. from the University of Illinois, M.S. from Columbia University and Ph.D. from the University of Wisconsin in organic chemistry.**

**Rudy worked for 15 years in industry, including employment at Union Carbide. Then he completed a postdoc at Princeton University, before entering academia as a professor of inorganic chemistry at Rutgers University in Newark, NJ, where he taught for 52 years, until his retirement as Professor Emeritus at the age of 88. Teaching was Professor Kluiber's passion. He particularly enjoyed educating freshmen students and was on the forefront of using technology to improve the general chemistry lab course. Rudy's many interests included collecting rocks and minerals, making pottery and marveling at nature.**

**Rudy is survived by his wife of 65 years, Dr. Mary Ann Zlatnik Kluiber, of Two Rivers, WI, and Bernardsville, NJ, and four children: Rudolph Karl of Cambridge, MA, Catherine of Lexington, MA, Rudolph Mark of Milwaukee, WI, and Susan of Holliston, MA; sons-in-law, Michael J. Fahy and Liam O'Sullivan; and five grandchildren: Callie and Sheena Fahy, and Aidan, Michael and Summer O'Sullivan. He was predeceased by his elder sister, Helen Horn.**

**Due to Covid-19 restrictions on social gatherings, a memorial service is planned for next summer. In lieu of flowers, donations in Rudolph's memory may be made to The Friends of the Great Swamp, a nature preserve where he and his wife were active members. Visit <https://friendsofgreatswamp.org/site/donate>**