



## Stanley I. Avis

September 24, 2009

Stanley I. Avis, 90, of Monroeville and currently living at the Terraces at Park Place in Sewell passed away on September 24, 2009 at the Kennedy Hospital in Washington Township. Born in Woodbury, Mr. Avis was the son of Irvin & Virginia (Cloak) Avis.

Raised on the family dairy farm, Mr. Avis was given a car at the age of 12 by a family member and he in turn stripped it down and rebuilt it sparking his interest and love for cars. Prior to serving in the U.S. Navy during the Second World War, he had worked at the Camden Ship Yard as a welder. After the war, he and his wife of 69 years, Marie (nee: Epley) moved to Monroeville and he opened his first shop in the back garage. After learning about a German built car, the Volkswagen, he pursued and was eventually awarded a dealership in 1952 and thus Avis Volkswagen was born. First selling cars at their garage in Monroeville, they eventually moved to their current location on Route 40 in 1958. He not only enjoyed repairing cars but he also had a passion for racing them. After thirty plus years, Mr. & Mrs. Avis decided to retire and eventually sold their business in 1976. Mr. Avis was a graduate of Woodstown High School and while living in Monroeville they were members of the Monroeville Methodist Church.

Mr. Avis is survived by his wife Marie, his daughters, Sharon Gruber of Upper Pittsgrove and Fay Teal and her husband David of Media, PA., his grandchildren, Wayne Hickman of Alloway, Rachel Watson of Upper Deerfield, Stacey Welsh of Deptford and Ann Gruber of Philadelphia and three great grandchildren, Dylan Hickman, Caelan Watson and Tristan Turner. He was predeceased by his son-in-law, Ted Gruber.

A Memorial Services will be held on Tuesday night, September 29, 2009 at the Terraces at Park Place, 661 Delsea Dr., Sewell, NJ 08080. The family will begin to greet friends and relatives starting at 6:30pm and the service will follow at 7:30pm. The family has asked that donations be made to Laps to Conquer MS, P.O. Box 94, Lenni, PA 19052, [www.lapstoconquerms.org](http://www.lapstoconquerms.org). Adams Funeral Home, [www.adamsfuneralhome.org](http://www.adamsfuneralhome.org)