

Henry Weisl, 88, of Moorestown, retired marketing executive



Henry Weisl, of Moorestown, a retired marketing executive, an amateur magician, and a cultivator of prizewinning roses, died Friday, Dec. 10, just two days after his 88th birthday.

Born in New York City in 1922, he received his bachelor's degree in chemistry from Lafayette College in 1943.

After a medical discharge from the U.S. Army in 1944, he worked at Columbia University, assigned to a government research project until he was hired by the DOW Chemical Company in 1945.

He worked for DOW for 41 years, starting with inside sales in New York, and retiring in 1986, as a senior account executive in the Philadelphia office. He helped market Styrofoam, a Dow trademarked product introduced in 1954, and was a member of Dow's Styrofoam Hall of Fame.

Following his retirement he was a substitute teacher for the Moorestown School District from 1986 to 1997, and volunteered as a reader for Recordings for the Blind and Dyslexic. He was also an active member of the Moorestown Rotary for many years.

An avid rose gardener, he was a Past President of the West Jersey Rose Society, where he was voted Rosarian of the Year in 1995 and awarded the Bronze Medal for service to the society in 1999. He had a lifelong interest in magic tricks and performed with the USO during World War II.

A popular fixture at the local fitness center, Henry Weisl attended aerobic classes until two days before his death.

He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Janet (Adler), daughter, Carol, of West Mt. Airy, and sister Sue Hanau Deutsch of Florida. He was predeceased by son Richard in 1976.