

**Robert Ernst,
N.Y.C. firefighter**

Robert Ernst, 88, of Independence Township, N.J., died Monday, Sept. 8, in Hackettstown Community Hospital.

He was a member of the New York City Fire Department, retiring as a lieutenant in 1960.

Born Jan. 21, 1909, in Brooklyn, N.Y., he was a son of the late Fred and Clara Grating Ernst. He lived in Independence Township since 1973, moving from Brooklyn.

He was a member of Gethsemane Lutheran Church in Hackettstown, where he was currently the financial secretary and served on the council.

He was a mayor of Independence Township from 1976 to 1978, was a member of Greenpoint Lodge, F&AM, of Brooklyn, and an avid ham radio operator and member of the American Radio Relay League.

He is survived by his wife, the former Claire E. Hahl; a son, James R. of Edgewater Park, N.J.; a daughter, Roberta C. Hughes of Whitehouse Station; five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Services will be held at noon Thursday in Gethsemane Lutheran Church, 409 E. Baldwin St., Hackettstown. Call 6 to 9 p.m. Wednesday in Cochran Funeral Home, 905 High St., Hackettstown. Burial will be in Ocean view Cemetery, Amboy Road, Staten Island, N.Y.

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Claire E. Ernst

Claire E. Ernst, 88, of Lebanon Township, died July 17 at the Little Brook Nursing Home in Lebanon.

Born Sept. 1, 1912 in Mount Kisco, N.Y., she was the daughter of the late Henry and Emma Graining Hahl.

She lived in Lebanon Township for one year coming from Independence Township where she lived for since 1973.

She was an executive secretary with Sea Land Services in New York City, retiring many years ago.

She was a member of the Gethsemane Lutheran Church in Hackettstown.

She was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star in Brooklyn, N.Y., the Republican Club of Independence Township, the Soroptomist Club in Hackettstown, and the Women's Guild of Gethsemane Lutheran Church in Hackettstown.

Her husband, Robert F. Ernst, died in 1997.

Survivors include a son, James R. Ernst of Beverly; a daughter, Roberta Hughes of Whitehouse Station; five grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Services were held at Gethsemane Lutheran Church.

Interment was in Oceanview Cemetery in Staten Island, N.Y.

Arrangements were by Cochran Funeral Home in Hackettstown.

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