

OBITUARY

Otto Froehlich

Otto E. Froehlich, 84, of Hackettstown, who in 1986 became the oldest person in history to receive a bachelor's degree from Centenary College, died May 29 at Morristown Memorial Hospital.

Born in Brooklyn, N.Y., Mr. Froehlich was the son of the late Egmont and Louise Koch Froehlich. He spent his childhood in Brooklyn. He lived in Bridgewater and in White Township before moving to Hackettstown.

Before retiring he was a self-employed chicken farmer. He ran his Bridgewater farm until 1973.

After receiving a bachelor's degree from Centenary, Mr. Froehlich went to East Stroudsburg State College, East Stroudsburg, Pa., receiving a master's degree in history at age 80. He was a member of

the Phi Alpha Theta history fraternity at East Stroudsburg.

He was a former president of the White Township Republican Club and a member of the White Township Historical Society.

He was a volunteer at Hackettstown Community Hospital for 14 years and served more than 12,000 hours, achieving a commendation from the hospital for his service.

He was a member of the Pennsylvania Playhouse by the River, Upper Mount Bethel, Pa.

He attended the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Tranquility.

Mr. Froehlich's wife, Helen, died in 1980.

He is survived by a sister, Marie Lavallard of Fayetteville, Ark., and many cousins.

Funeral services were at 7 p.m. June 2 at the Cochran Funeral Home, 905 High St., Hackettstown. There was a graveside service on June 3 at the Hazen Cemetery in Belvidere, where interment followed.

Memorial donations may be made in Mr. Froehlich's name to "Tree of Life," Hackettstown Community Hospital, Willow Grove Street, Hackettstown, N.J. 07840.

Otto E. Froehlich, master's degree at 80

HACKETTSTOWN — Otto E. Froehlich, 84, of Hackettstown, died Saturday, May 29, in Morristown Memorial Hospital in Morristown.

He was a self-employed chicken farmer in Bridgewater before retiring in 1973.

Born July 16, 1908, in Brooklyn, N.Y., he was a son of the late Egmont and Louise Koch Froehlich. He moved to Hackettstown from White Township and formerly lived in Bridgewater after spending his childhood in Brooklyn.

He graduated from Centenary College in Hackettstown with a history degree on May 17, 1986, the oldest person to graduate from the school. He received a master's degree in history at age 80 from East Stroudsburg University.

He was a member of Phi Alpha Theta history fraternity at East Stroudsburg, Belvidere Nutrition Center and Warren County Nutrition Council, former president of White Township Republican Club, and member of White Township Historical Society and Pennsylvania Playhouse by the River Inc. in Upper Mount Bethel Township.

He was a volunteer at Hackettstown Community Hospital for the past 14 years, accumulating over 12,000 hours, and was recognized by both the hospital and the press for this accomplishment.

He attended Tranquility Seventh Day Adventist Church in Tranquility.

Services will be held at 7 p.m. Wednesday in Cochran Funeral Home, 905 High St., Hackettstown. Call 2 to 4 and 6 to 9 p.m. at the funeral home. Graveside services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday in Hazen Cemetery in Belvidere.

The family requests memorials to Tree of Life, care of Hackettstown Community Hospital in Hackettstown.

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NAME: Otto E. Froelich

DATE OF DEATH: May 29, 1993