

## Ross R. Hastings, composer and symphony conductor

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Services were held for Ross R. Hastings, 75, of Hackettstown, who died July 5 at his home.

He was a composer and former conductor of the San Diego Symphony in California.

He also was staff arranger-orchestrator and music coordinator for the Hollywood Bowl in Los Angeles. He also worked in various capacities in the music publishing industry.

After his retirement in 1979, he spent some of his time conducting his compositions at the annual choir festival in Ocean Grove.

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He is survived by his wife, Marion; a daughter, Verdi Morley; a son, Stephen; five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

HACKETTSTOWN — Funeral services are scheduled tonight for 76-year-old Ross R. Hastings, composer and former conductor for the San Diego Symphony.

He died at his home in Hackettstown on Friday.

The cause of death was not disclosed.

Hastings was with the San Diego Symphony under Fabien Seyitsky and later became staff arranger-orchestrator and music coordinator for the Hollywood Bowl in Los Angeles.

He also worked as chief editor at the Bourne Co. in New York and editor-in-chief at Music Publishing Holding Corp., a subsidiary of Warner Bros. Publications. He retired from Bourne in 1979, spending some of his retirement years conducting his compositions at the annual choir festival in Ocean Grove.

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Funeral services are scheduled for 8 tonight at the Community Church of Cedar Grove.

The Star-Gazette: July 18, 1991

The Easton Express: July 9, 1991

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