

John Mackay, Renowned Craftsman

HACKETTSTOWN — John W. Mackay, nationally renowned for his wood carvings of circus miniatures, died yesterday at Hackettstown Community Hospital after a short illness. He was 70.

Mackay's large collection of miniature carvings, containing more than 1,200 individual pieces,



Mackay

was displayed at various locations throughout the country.

Mackay was born in Syracuse, N. Y., and lived in Fanwood before moving here in 1977. He retired in 1975 as chief draftsman of Bell Laboratories in Murray Hill.

"When I was a small boy in Syracuse, the circus always parked in a lot next to our vegetable patch. Like all small children I was enchanted and would spend hours watching and investigating everything," Mackay said in an interview with the Daily Record three years ago.

Mackay, who carved circus miniatures for more than 35 years, was a member of the Circus Model Builders and Owners Association of Barbo, Wis.

He was also a member of the Telephone Pioneers of America, Jewett Chapter, the Hackettstown Historical Society and the Fanwood Presbyterian Church. He was an elder of the Panther Valley Ecumenical Ministry, here.

He was a 1939 graduate of the Newark College of Engineering.

Mackay is survived by his wife, Julia; two daughters, Judith Tierney of North Muskegon, Mich., and Jane LaMarca of Tewksbury; a brother, Robert W. of Kansas City, Mo.; a sister, Elizabeth Mackay of Upper Montclair; and four grandchildren.

Funeral arrangements are by the Cochran Funeral Home, 905 High St., here.

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OBITUARY:
John MacKay.
Date of Death,
January 26, 1982.