

Henry Eng

July 22, 1931 - April 2, 2020

Professor Henry Eng, 88, died peacefully on April 2, 2020 in Livingston, NJ.

Born and raised in Englewood, NJ, Henry lived in Montclair for 45 years and Cranes Mill retirement community in West Caldwell for eight years prior to moving in 2020 to The Cliffs, an assisted living community in West Orange.

He earned his Bachelor of Arts degree from Columbia College in New York, served in the Korean War with the US Marines, did graduate studies at Columbia's School of Engineering, and worked at ITT Federal Labs as an electrical engineer for ten years. He shifted his career focus during a satisfying stint with ITT Kilmer Job Corps, and returned to graduate studies in mathematics education at Columbia's Teachers College before becoming a math professor at Rutgers University. He greatly enjoyed teaching and sharing his love for math with students, doing so for over 40 years. Throughout his career, he also taught summer classes at many schools: The City University of New York, Essex County College, Essex County Vocational School, Middlesex County Vocational School, Fairleigh Dickinson University, New Jersey Institute of Technology, and Stevens Institute of Technology.

While at a social dance event in New York City, he met and eventually fell in love with May Chang, the woman who was playing the piano during band breaks. They were happily married in June 1962.

Henry, aka "The Professor", was a big fan and supporter of Rutgers football and basketball. He loved interacting with people, tinkering with old Mercedes, tending to his garden, listening to Sinatra, Nat King Cole and Italian opera, and haggling at garage sales.

A life-long learner, he was always reading up on the latest electronic gadgets or figuring out how to best tune a piano. His love of music and collecting things resulted

in a house filled with books, pianos, audio/video equipment and an extensive LP, VHS, CD and DVD collection.

The Chinese Christian Church of New Jersey was an important part of his life. He worked on the building committees as the church grew and expanded over the years, and developed long-lasting friendships with many from the congregation. He enjoyed using his videography skills to record church services and weddings held there. He and May, a fabulous hostess, opened up their home for frequent joyful songfests, bible studies and potlucks for the church family.

Henry was happiest when he was eating Chinese food and snack foods. Up to his final days, he would always greet his children with a smile and the question, "Chinese food today?" He was also known for his love of potato chips, munching on them at all hours and using them as an oatmeal topping for breakfast. When the children were young, he would often announce his arrival home from work with a boisterous "SHNAAACKS!"; a rumbling of feet quickly ensued as the kids raced downstairs to enjoy the bounty together with their dad.

He will be remembered for his authenticity and outgoing personality, as he greeted both strangers and friends with a warm smile and an extra-firm handshake. With a twinkle in his eye, he touched the lives of many and will be greatly missed.

Henry was the beloved husband of the late May (née Chang) Eng and was predeceased by his siblings, Jane, Leonard and Daniel.

He is survived by his five children, Stephen Eng, Rebecca Eng (William Dong), Beth Eng (Jeff Mihaly), Ben Eng (Julie) and Peter Eng; six grandchildren; four siblings, Susan, Arthur, William and Richard, and 20 nieces and nephews.

A private burial service will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations by check can be made to The Cliffs at Eagle Rock, 707 Eagle Rock Ave, West Orange, NJ, 07052, in Henry's memory.

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