

WENONAH, N.J. — Dr. Robert T. Lentz, 87, Emeritus Librarian and Emeritus Professor of Medical Bibliography and Library Science at Thomas Jefferson University, died at Kennedy Memorial Hospital, Washington Township Division, on Monday, March 2, 1998.

Born in Thornolow, N.J., he spent the last 45 years in Wenonah. Associated with Thomas Jefferson University since 1931, Dr. Lentz also was Adjunct Professor of Library Science at the Graduate School of Library Science at Drexel University. Many medical librarians in this area received training from him. In addition, during his retirement years he was Adjunct Librarian at Gloucester County College. Also for a number of years he was the Archivist at Thomas Jefferson University.

He was president of the Medical Library Association which has an international membership. Also, he was president of the Philadelphia Chapter of Special Libraries Association. He was a member of the American Library Association, the American Society for Information Science, the Pennsylvania Library Association, the American Association for the History of Medicine and the Historical Society of Pennsylvania.

As chairperson of the Committee on International Cooperation of the Medical Library Association, he had a unique experience in the selection and counseling of foreign medical library students, many of whom were entertained in his home. Because of his interest in other cultures, he performed volunteer work in a village renewal in India. Also, he assisted in the education of a nomad from Somalia who was graduated from the former Glassboro State College.

He graduated from Banks Business School, Philadelphia, Pa. He received his bachelor's degree from Temple University and his master's degree from Drexel University. Thomas Jefferson University awarded him honorary degree of Doctor of Science. Drexel University's Graduate School of Library Science awarded him the Distinguished Alumnus Award.

He contributed articles to medical library journals and was a contributor to Dorland's Medical Dictionary. He was a contributor to the recently published book, "Thomas Jefferson University, Tradition and Heritage."

He served on the Wenonah Board of Education from 1967 to 1969 and there after served on the Gateway Regional High School Board of Education. He served ten years as a Boy Scout leader.

He was a member of Philadelphia Trail Club.

He has served in various leadership roles in the Wenonah United Methodist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Marjorie (Kirby), of 55 years; two sons, Kirby W. (BJ) Lentz of Onalaska, Wis., and Kinship J. (Sue) Lentz of Louisville, Colo.; and a sister, Elsie Sietman of Woodbury. Also he is survived by three grandchildren and a step-grandson.

A Celebration of Life will be held in the Wenonah United Methodist Church on Sunday at 2 p.m. Visitation will be held beginning at 2 p.m. A time of fellowship will be held in the Fellowship Hall following the service. Private burial will be held at Eglington Cemetery at the convenience of the family.

In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be directed to the Wenonah United Methodist Church, 105 E. Willow St., Wenonah, N.J., 08090. Arrangements are being handled by the Smith Funeral Home, Mantua, N.J.

## Obituary for Robert T. Lentz (Aged 87)

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