

RALPH K. TURP, 78, of Forked River, died Friday at Community Medical Center in Toms River.

Born in Mays Landing, Mr. Turp moved to Forked River several years ago.

He was employed as a teacher at various schools throughout the state and had served as principal at several of those schools.

A member of the Forked River Presbyterian Church where he served as an elder since 1953, Mr. Turp also taught adult bible classes there.

He was president of the Irvington Principal's Association, the New Jersey Education Association and the New Jersey Radio and T.V. Commission.

A former president of the Burlington Artist Guild, Mr. Turp was of the Burlington Grange 150, president of the Irvington Rotary, and treasurer and vice president of the Forked River Rotary.

Mr. Turp served two terms as president of the New Jersey Society of the Sons of the American Revolution. He also served as the national trustee and the national vice president general of the Society of the Sons of the American Revolution.

He was president of the Lacey Historical Society, the Ocean County Cultural and Heritage Commission, and the Mariners Lodge, the Excelsior Consistory of Collingswood. He also was a member of the Ocean County Shirners.

Surviving are his wife, Elizabeth; a son, R. Kenneth of Forked River; a brother, John of South Carolina; and a sister, Hazel Smith of Clayton.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday in the Forked River Presbyterian Church. Friends may call from 7 to 9 p.m. Monday at the Riggs Funeral Home, Forked River. Burial will be in Union Cemetery Mays Landing.