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HORST HOYER, 96, A 54-YEAR RESIDENT OF MONTCLAIR, DIES

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Horst Hoyer, 96, a 54-year resident of Montclair, died in his Watchung Avenue home on July 10.

A memorial service will be held on Oct. 15 at 1 p.m. in the Unitarian Universalist Congregation at Montclair at 67 Church St.

Mr. Hoyer was born in Germany in 1920 and came to America with his mother and two brothers in January 1926 on the German ocean liner Deutschland to join his father who had arrived two years earlier.

He graduated from City College in New York in 1942 with a B.S. in chemistry and soon after married Margarete Kergel and they had four children together.

He was drafted into the U.S. Navy and served in southern California.

After the war, he earned a M.S. in chemistry at the California Institute of Technology and a Ph.D. in chemistry at the University of Southern California.

As a Fulbright scholar, he moved his family to northern California to study and work at the University of California, Berkeley and later to Denmark to teach and do research at the Technical University of Denmark.

Mr. Hoyer taught at the University of North Dakota in Grand Forks and then became an instructor in chemistry at Hunter College in New York City, which became part of CUNY and was actively involved in planning the Ph.D. programs in chemistry and biochemistry, among other posts and duties.

He retired from Hunter College in 1983 and taught himself how to make drawings that observers would interpret as three-dimensional. Mr. Hoyer wrote several articles on this process and had many exhibitions of his work shown locally in the Montclair area, winning awards for his work. He completed a book describing the process a few months before his death.

Mr. Hoyer had been active in the Unitarian Universalist Congregation at Montclair and served as president of its Board of Trustees.

Mr. Hoyer was predeceased by his wife of 64 years, Margarete Kergel, in 2007 and his son, Rudi Hoyer.

He is survived by two daughters, Sandra Hoyer and Lisa Hoyer; son, Eric Hoyer; and three granddaughters, Greta Healy, Helen Healy and Rebecca Dion.

Mr. Hoyer is also survived by his sister, Edith Timm, and many cousins, nieces and nephews.

Donations may be made in his memory to the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF).