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WINNICK, ROBERT L.

Robert L. Winnick; retired naval officer, engineer, at age 65

MIDDLETOWN — Retired Navy Cmdr. Robert L. Winnick, 65, of 6 Park Drive, a registered professional engineer, died Thursday at home. He was the husband of Muriel (Benjamin) Winnick.

Born in New York City, he was a son of the late Harris and Tillie (Goldstein) Winnick.

Mr. Winnick retired in 1977 after serving for 35 years. He became president of R.W. Associates, and also served as a consultant for various firms.

He graduated from the City College of New York with a degree in chemical engineering. He did graduate work in electronics, mechanical and chemical engineering. He saw sea duty in World War II, and was recalled to active duty as an ordnance specialist in the Navy Bureau of Ordnance in the Korean War.

Mr. Winnick served 29 years at the Naval Underwater Systems Center. Transferred from an assignment in the New York area in 1949, he began as a materials engineer at the Central Torpedo Office. Successive promotions included technical director of the quality evaluation laboratory, director of engineering, technical director of the Naval Underwater Weapons Systems Engineering Center, and associate director for fleet readiness at the Underwater Weapons Research and Engineering Center. After formation of the Naval Underwater Systems Center, he was named director of the Fleet Readiness Directorate.

During this period he received 38 awards and commendations for outstanding performance of duty, including the annual award for excellence in management in 1968, the Secretary of the Navy Executive Achievement Award in 1975 and the Department of the Navy Superior Civilian Service Award in 1977.

He was a member of the National Society of Professional Engineers, the American Society of Naval Engineers, the American Society of Quality Control, the American Chemical Society, the Aircraft Owners & Pilots Association, the U.S Naval Institute, the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the Naval Reserve Association, the CCNY Alumni Association, the National Association of Retired Federal Employees and the American Association of Retired Persons.

Mr. Winnick was a founder and a charter member of Temple Shalom.

Besides his wife he leaves a son, Dr. Richard Winnick of Jamestown; a daughter, Diane Winnock of Middletown; a sister, Mrs. Howard Richmond of Miami, Fla., and a granddaughter.

A funeral service will be held tomorrow at 10 a.m. at Temple Shalom, Valley Road. Burial will be in Beth Olam Cemetery.