

In Memory of  
**Henry Swartley Ruth, M.D.**  
1899-1956



**HENRY SWARTLEY RUTH**  
Editor, *Anesthesiology* 1940–1955

ON JUNE 7, 1956, Henry S. Ruth, M.D., died at his home in Penn Valley, Pennsylvania. By his works shall we remember him.

Born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, August 12, 1899.

Swarthmore College and Hahnemann School of Science, B.S. 1921, Hahnemann Medical College and Hospital, M.D. 1923.

Member, Department of Anesthesia, Hahnemann Medical College and Hospital 1924.

Member, Editorial Board, *American Journal of Surgery* and Guest Editor of the December 1936 Issue (Symposium on Anesthesia).

Charter member, Anesthesia Travel Club 1929 to 1954.

Member, American Society of Anesthesiologists (seniority number 221); Vice President, 1937. President, 1938.

Member, Division of Anesthesia, Philadelphia General Hospital 1933 to 1940, and Consulting Anesthesiologist since 1940.

Director, American Board of Anesthesiology, 1937 to 1951. President, 1943.

Fellow, International College of Surgeons (Anesthesiology) and Chairman of the Certifying Board of the College.

Editor; *ANESTHESIOLOGY*, 1940 to 1955.

Member, Philadelphia County Medical Society.

Founder and Chairman of the Anesthesia Study Commission of Philadelphia for five years.

Member, American Medical Association and Representative of the Section on Anesthesiology in the House of Delegates since formation of the Section to 1954.

Professor and Head of the Department of Anesthesiology, Hahnemann Hospital and Medical College 1942 to 1955.

Author, Section on Anesthetics and Associate Editor of *The Cyclopedia of Medicine, Surgery and the Specialties*, F. A. Davis & Company, 1931.

Author, Section on Regional Anesthesia, F. W. Bancroft's *Operative Surgery*, D. Appleton-Century Company, 1941.

Member, Philadelphia Society of Anesthesiologists. President, 1947.

Member, Pennsylvania Society of Anesthesiologists. President, 1948.

Member, World Medical Association.

Consultant to the U. S. Naval Hospital of Philadelphia during World War II.

Recipient, A.S.A. Distinguished Service Award, 1952.

Member, Academy of Anesthesiology since 1954.

Author of many articles in various medical journals concerning anesthesiology.

Professor Emeritus of Anesthesiology, Hahnemann Hospital and Medical College 1955.

Editor Emeritus of ANESTHESIOLOGY 1955.

As clinician, teacher, organizer, author and editor Henry S. Ruth, M.D., thought, worked and lived for anesthesiology. His name will be legendary in the annals of our specialty.

To his son, Henry S., Jr., and to his daughter, Mrs. James Straus, we offer our sincerest sympathy in their loss.