John Koehler, who retired from the Relativistic Heavy Ion Collider Department on December 31, 1994, passed away on December 1, 2015, at the age of 86.

A mechanical engineer, Koehler enjoyed a 37-year career at BNL, which also included work at CERN, the European high energy physics laboratory, in 1986.

In an email, John Koehler’s daughter Nancy described her father as “passionate about the plethora of projects he worked on throughout his career at BNL. My mother, brothers and his grandchildren were especially proud of the work he accomplished when working at CERN in Switzerland.

“Throughout his career, he spoke highly of his colleagues and those in charge of the projects. As a result of his time in Switzerland, we all are determined to visit a country that he found so beautiful and fascinating.
“Growing up the Bulletin was a newsletter left out for all of us to read. Many times discussions ensued about articles covered in the Bulletin. My father helped all of us understand and appreciate the importance of research.

The following obituary was published in Newsday on December 3, 2015:

JOHN T. KOEHLER

KOEHLER - John T., of North Babylon, LI, on December 1, 2015. Beloved husband of the late Ruth Koehler. Devoted father of John (Susan) Koehler, David (Rosemary) Koehler and Nancy (Gerald) Hemendinger. Cherished grand-father of six and great-grandfather of four. Reposing at The Fredrick J. Chapey & Sons West Islip Funeral Home, 1225 Montauk Hwy. (1/4 mile west of the Robert Moses Cswy.). A funeral service will be held Saturday 10:00 AM at Christ Episcopal Church of Babylon, Babylon, LI. Interment to follow at Pinelawn Memorial Park, Pinelawn, LI. In lieu of flowers donations in John's name may be made to Christ Episcopal Nourish Babylon Program, 12 Prospect Street, Babylon, NY 11702. Visiting Friday 2:00 PM until 4:30 PM and 7:00 PM until 9:30 PM.