Former store chief dies

JOHN Suter, former chairman of Suters of Slough and Uxbridge, died at the Nuffield Nursing Home, Wexham, on Friday, aged 90.

A long-time Rotarian, he was born in Ledbury, Herefordshire, the youngest of five children.

He was educated at St Paul's School, London, from 1921 to 1925 and joined the family business after training in London.

In 1932, he married Irene (Bobbie) Margaret Milner and they enjoyed 57 years of happiness, most of which were spent in Gerrards Cross, until her death in 1990.

During World War Two Mr Suter served in the RAF and was demobilised in 1946 with the rank of Flt Lieutenant.

He was the longest serving member of the Uxbridge Rotary Club having joined in 1934. In 1989 he received Rotary's Paul Harris Award – the highest honour Rotary can make.

For more than 40 years he worked in the family department store business at Slough and Uxbridge, and was chairman of the board for the six years prior to Owen Owen buying the company in 1978.

Although a passionate sportsman and a member of the MCC, his family was the most important element of his life.

He leaves a daughter and three sons, nine grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.