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Dr. James McSherry

The funeral for one of Belleville's longest-serving family doctors was held in Belleville in May.

Dr. James McSherry, who moved to the city with his wife Leona Claire in 1954, a year after their marriage in Montreal, died from cancer Tuesday, May 28, 2002. He was 77.

Dr. McSherry, a general practitioner and anesthetist, retired from active practice about 20 years ago, but continued to do work in the operating room at Belleville hospital up to this year.

The Belleville hospital operating room was to be closed for two hours in honour of Dr. McSherry and to give staff a chance to attend the funeral Mass at St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church.

"There's great interest because they've worked with Dr. McSherry in the past," said Quinte Healthcare Corporation's Jennifer Shea, Thursday.

Dr. Eugene Manderville, himself retired, said Dr. McSherry was an Irishman — he arrived in Montreal from Ireland in the early 1950s — "with a lovely sense of humour."

Manderville also remembered him as a devout Catholic.

"He was very involved in his church and he was involved with Quinte Right to Life."

The McSherrys had seven children — he was predeceased by his eldest daughter Catherine Ann.

The doctor's daughter Audrey said her father's work and his family took precedence, but he was also a captain with the Hastings and Prince Edward Regiment for 12 years, a member of the Bay of Quinte Yacht Club and of the Third Order of St. Francis.

"He was just a real gentle, beloved member of this city...humble and kind of heart," Audrey said.

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