

MILES, Dr. Frank

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## Born in Belleville, doctor devoted life to battling cancer

FRANKLIN T. MILES, M.D.  
Belleville

Dr. Frank Miles, 75, died in Belleville March 10 and funeral services were held March 13.

The son of the late Arthur and Mary Miles, he is survived by his wife Hilda, sons Harold and Ross, daughter Evelyn, their spouses and three grandchildren with another grandson expected in mid-April.

Also surviving are brothers Robert (Bob), Joseph (Joe) and Dr. Sam Albert Miles and sister Margaret Hutt, all of Belleville. He was predeceased by brothers William, John, Fred, Gordon and two sisters Gladys and Janet.

Services were conducted at the Belleville Funeral Home and Chapel with Rev. Dr. Hal Wilson and Rev. Dr. Neil Miles officiating. Burial was in Belleville Cemetery.

Born in Belleville in 1914, Dr. Miles attended Belleville Collegiate. As the second youngest in a family of 11 children, it was necessary to deliver two different newspapers on an extensive route.

In 1934 he entered Queen's University, Faculty of Medicine. During his second year he won the Leonard Scholarship for dissecting and in the third year he was second in his class and won the Boak Scholarship for the highest marks for written and oral exams in anatomy. Dr. Miles graduated in 1940 with Medical Degree (M.D.) and Master of Surgery degree (C.M.). He then was a teaching fellow at the McGill University, Department of Anatomy, Montreal until the end of the 1941 session.

Dr. Miles then undertook post graduate studies in radiology, first at Kingston General Hospital and then in Winnipeg where he was also an instructor at the University of Manitoba until 1945. During this period he passed his examinations in diagnostic and therapeutic medical radiology.

In 1947, he became Director of Radiology in Sarnia, Ont. starting a cancer clinic in 1949, the first of its kind opened in Ontario in conjunction with the Ontario Cancer Treatment and Research Foundation. It

was patterned after a clinic in Manchester, England and included the first use of radium. As a pioneer, he achieved 100 per cent cure rates for skin cancers in early stages. For this work he became a licentiate to the Medical Council of Canada and a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons.

Wishing to expand his horizons, in 1960 he became Dipomate of the American Board of Radiology in diagnostic, therapeutic and nuclear medicine. Practicing radiology in the Detroit area, he was also Associate Professor of Medicine at Wayne State University. As was his natural love for medicine, he continued to study and became a licentiate from the Medical Board of Florida in general medicine, surgery and radiology in 1970.

Returning to a more intimate type of practice where he could more fully utilize his broad base of experience, Dr. Miles headed the Radiology Department of Hardee Memorial Hospital in Wauchula, Fla. from 1972 until his retirement in 1983. However, he continued to be active and as the founding president of the Visiting Nurses Association of Hardee County in 1978, he served as president until 1988.

Until death, he was a member of the Florida Medical Association, the Radiological Society of North America and the American Diabetes Association.

Dr. Miles was noted among his peers to have superior medical knowledge. However, he was also a friend to all; always interested in everyone and what he could learn from them, no matter their station in life.

When diagnosed at the end of January as having a non-treatable brain tumor, he treated the course of the disease as another learning experience. He was able to visit with many of his friends and made the trip from Florida visiting along the way until his destination in Belleville, where he enjoyed a final round of visits and was buried in his hometown March 13.