

Morton, Dr. Gerald Alexander

**DR. GERALD ALEXANDER  
MORTON**

Funeral was conducted Friday from Bridge Street United Church by Rev. Harold Wilson for Dr. Gerald Alexander Morton of RR 2, Belleville who died May 13 in Homewood Hospital in Guelph in his 83rd year. Interment will be in Belleville Cemetery.

Honorary bearers were Ted Parker, Jack Devine, Phil Flagler, Ralph Morton, Fred Deacon, Stan Hagerman, P.C. McGuire, Ormonde Butler, Tom Wills, Lorne McDougall, John Trudeau, Murray McIntosh, Dr. S.D. Horne, Lincoln Elliott, Robert McLaughlin, Jack O'Flynn, E.M. Parker and Dr. Jack Marshall.

Active bearers were John Porter, Stephen Morton, William Morton, William Mulock, Frank Murray, and Roy Taylor.

Son of the late William Herbert Morton and Margaret Herity, Dr. Morton is survived by his wife, the former Freeda E. Myles; a son, Myles, of RR 1, Belleville; a daughter, Mrs. Thomas Alexander Mulock (Joyce) of Newmarket; six grandchildren, Stephen Morton, Virginia (Mrs. John Porter), Cynthia Morton, William Morton, William Mulock and Deborah (Mrs. Edward Barbour) of Toronto; and three great grandchildren, Justin Porter, Jennifer and Lindsay Mulock.

Born in Tweed, Dr. Morton attended Farnsworth School near Tweed until his family moved to Belleville in 1910 when his father purchased The Ontario newspaper.

Dr. Morton attended the old Victoria School, located where Belleville Collegiate Institute now stands, and also spent a year at Queen Alexandra School on Ann Street. He spent three years in the Canadian Army Dental Corps from 1917. He was a sergeant.

In 1920, he graduated from the Royal College of Dental Surgeons and began practicing dentistry at 249 Front St. He remained in practice until 1929 when he was obliged to give up his practice because of eye haemorrhages.

Dr. Morton then entered his father's newspaper business, The Ontario Intelligencer Publishing Co. where he became managing editor, a position he held until the death of his father in 1962. He then took over the business, becoming president and publisher.

Dr. Morton retired in 1977, when his son Myles took over the position.

Dr. Morton was a member of Bridge Street United Church.

His associations also included the following: director and past-president of the Belleville Club; member of the Bay of Quinte Country Club; member of Belleville Branch No. 99 of the Royal Canadian Legion; past-president of the Twenty-Second Club; past-president and director of the Belleville Cemetery Board; a member of Psi Omega Fraternity in Toronto during his college years; director and past vice-president of Victoria and Grey Trust Co.; past chairman of the Belleville Advisory Board of Victoria and Grey Trust Co., committee; past member of the Empire Press Union of London, Eng. and member of the International Press Institute of Geneva, Switzerland.

Dr. Morton greatly enjoyed golf, fishing and travelling.

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