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Streetsville lawyer Beatty worked to put an end to violence in hockey

A long-time Mississauga lawyer who gained recognition for combating violence in hockey has died.

James Miller Beatty, 69, died Saturday after a bout with cancer.

Born and raised in Port Credit. Beatty became active in the community at a young age, serving as a president of the Liberal Association for Peel and later as an elder at Streetsville United Church. He also was a long-time member of the Rotary Club.

In his profession, Beatty was considered a pioneer in the field of administrative law by focusing on the partnership between the public and private sectors.

Practising for 36 years in Brampton, Beatty is credited with championing the development of the new town concept first seen in the development of Bramalea and he was extensively involved in planning law through the Ontario Municipal Board.

Between 1969 and 1992, Beatty drew international attention to the issue of violence in hockey while championing the interests of National Hockey League officials.

"Everyone knows Jim for some of the big things he did but he was also a lawyer for a lot of the old timers in Streetsville," commented Mississauga Mayor Hazel McCallion. "He was very well respected."

In a letter to Beatty's family, Major-General Richard Rohmer said he knew Jim as, "a superior lawyer, an exceptional advocate and a forceful, yet kindly, man."

Funeral services were held yesterday.

Beatty is survived by his wife Ruth and children Brenda, Jane, Mary Ellen and Elizabeth.