

Former top citizen Doering dead at 82

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Mississauga has lost one of its stalwart volunteers.

Lyle Doering, 82, died at his Lorne Park home Monday after a long battle with cancer.

Yesterday, Mississauga's volunteer community remembered with fondness the man whose generosity to a variety of worthy local causes seemed to know no bounds.

"Lyle had a heart of gold," said Sally Dobie, who heads the Mississauga Hospital Foundation. "I just thought the world of him."

Doering was associated with a number of local charities, none more closely than

the Hospital Foundation. "Mr. Doering just had a tremendous history of support for the Mississauga Hospital Foundation," recalled Dobie. He was first elected a director of the group in Nov. 1985 and later became treasurer.

The former executive with Stelco also worked in the office and physically ran a number of fundraising campaigns for the group. He was made an honorary director in 1989 and, despite his illnesses in recent years, continued to contribute to the cause by donating his popular paintings for auction at Foundation events.

Doering had already been named Mississauga Citizen of the Year in 1983 for previous volunteer efforts. He had a long association with the Peel United Way, became a Paul Harris Fellow, the highest honor in the Rotary Club, helped establish the Mississauga branch of the Arthritis Society and served as its fundraising chair, and was a force in church work.

"He was a kingpin in the Arthritis Society," recalls old friend John Lamb of Park Royal. "I'll miss him," Lamb said. "He was just involved in so many things. He was just a really special guy in our community. This guy was involved in everything"

"It's a great loss," adds Harold Shipp, another Citizen of the Year who worked with Doering at the United Way. "He was a great member of the Mississauga Golf and Country Club and the Caledon Trout Club," recalls Shipp. "He covered all the bases."

Shipp recalled that during one of his weekly visits to see Doering since he had become bedridden, he mentioned a fundraising campaign for the Benares Museum. "He reached for his wallet," Shipp says. Shipp made a donation on behalf of Doering. "He was pleased with that," says Shipp. "He was contributing even right to the end."

Doering was a World War II veteran who served with the Royal Hamilton Light Infantry.

He is survived by his wife Edna (nee Somerville) and by a son Dennis and daughter Donna.

A private funeral service is being held today at the Turner and Porter Peel Chapel. Donations in Doering's honor may be made to the Mississauga Hospital Foundation.



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