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## Obituary

# Newsman Hub Foley was consummate professional

Hubert J. (Hub) Foley, who died Friday in Mississauga, was a consummate newspaperman respected throughout the industry.

Foley was vice-president of production for Metroland Printing and Publishing, which owns *The Mississauga News* and a chain of newspapers in the Greater Toronto Area.

"You won't find anyone who worked for him who'd have a bad thing to say about him," said Phil Bingley, assistant managing editor of *The Toronto Star*.

"To me he was a great guy," said Bingley, who was the editor of *The Mississauga Times* from 1971-73 and then worked under Foley for the *Oakville Journal Record*.

"He taught me everything I know about managing," said Bingley. "He also said the only asset a manager has is his people, so take good care of your people."

"He was smart and aggressive in business," added the *Star* executive, "but he was very practical and human in everything he did."

Born in Toronto, Foley worked for a number of years selling advertising for *Weekend Magazine* in Montreal. He also sold for photo engravers and was president of a printing firm in London, Ontario before he came to the now defunct *Oakville Journal Record* in 1973 as vice-president of operations.

"He took a place that was in a bit of trouble and really turned it around" says Bingley.

Wayne Zubek, Metroland's vice-president of administration and finance, and a friend of Foley's, says he seemed to know everybody in the printing side of the newspaper field.

"He certainly was well respected in the trade" says Zubek. "He was tough but fair. He certainly had the respect of everyone who ever worked for him."

"He had total knowledge of the print-

ing industry" adds Mike Toth, former editor of *The News*. "He was very personable and I always found him a total professional and very approachable."

Foley had been in Mississauga Hospital for the past eight months and had been in poor health since contracting encephalitis at an international printing convention in Germany several years ago.

Foley, a Mississauga resident, is survived by his wife Ruth and chil-

dren Steve, Patricia and Mary, as well as sisters Rosemary and Loretta, and brother Jim.

Visitation will take place Sunday from 2-4 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. at the Skinner and Middlebrook Funeral Home at Lakeshore Rd. and Hurontario St. in Port Credit.

The funeral will be held Monday at 9:30 a.m. at St. Matthew's Catholic Church at 1150 Monk's Passage in Oakville.



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