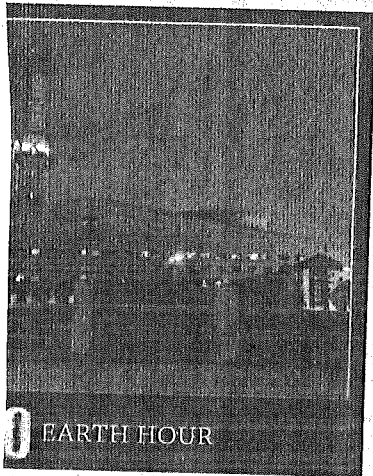


Henderson was people person

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By JOHN STEWART
Staff

During the three decades he served as president and CEO of what is now Trillium Health Centre, Merritt Henderson was a constant presence in the halls of the hospital: chatting with patients, consulting with staff

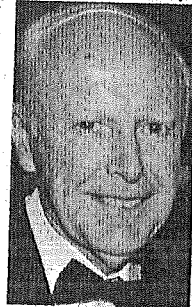


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and ensuring things were going as they should.

His personable management style, and his belief in communicating openly with his staff, were his hallmark.

"Hospitals are very much a people organization," Henderson told *The News* last June in an interview in the continuing care ward at Trillium, where he was being treated for Parkinson's disease. "We always treated the staff as a family. By giving them a venue for having their input, there always was a feeling that their voice would be heard. If you can build in an element of that, then half the battle is over."



Merritt
Henderson

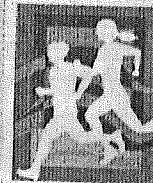
Henderson, a Lorne Park resident who started working for South Peel Hospital a few weeks before it opened in 1958, died Monday at his home. He was 76.

Henderson didn't know he was applying to work at a new hospital when he answered a newspaper

advertisement in 1957.

He became the accountant and
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Hospital CEO dead at age 76

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office manager for a financial staff that consisted of just four people. The budget was \$450,000, versus \$400 million in 2008.

Henderson became president and CEO when the founding president, Ray Copeland, died suddenly of heart failure. Copeland knew of his heart condition and had already recommended Henderson as his successor to the board should anything happen to him.

South Peel became Mississauga Hospital in 1970, and then Trillium Health Centre in 1998 when it merged with Queensway Hospital in Etobicoke.

Henderson is a former Businessman of the Year, so honoured by the Mississauga Board of Trade. He served as president of the Ontario Hospital Association in 1981.

Visitation is today and tomorrow, 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. at Turner & Porter, 2180 Hurontario St.

A funeral mass takes place at St. Christopher Church, 1171 Clarkson Rd., this Friday at 10:30 a.m.