Former reeve dies at 79

Dr. Gabriel A. Montemurro, one of Streetsville's best-known physicians and a former reeve of the town, died at Sunnybrook Medical Centre on Friday at the age of 79.

Dr. Montemurro was born in Sherman Mills, Maine and moved to North Bay with his family as an infant. He graduated in medicine from the University of Toronto in 1931 and set up practice that year in Streetsville.

He joined the staff of Peel Memorial Hospital that year.

Dr. Montemurro was chief of medical staff at the hospital, served as president of the Peel County Medical Society and was coroner of Peel County for 40 years.

Dr. Montemurro served as a colonel in the Royal Canadian Army Medical Corps during World War II. He was in command of prisoner of war camp hospitals in Alberta and Newfoundland and was commanding officer of medical boards at Exhibition Park in Toronto.

He served as a councillor and reeve of the former town of Streetsville and as warden of Peel County.

Dr. Montemurro is survived by his wife, the former Reta Freeman, son Howard and grandchildren Sharon and Scott.

Rev. Fred Joblin conducted a private service on Sunday. Burial was at Streetsville Cemetery.