

OBITUARY

Former Citizen of the Year Hugh Stewart dead at 77

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Once described as "Mr. Port Credit," Hugh Stewart left a legacy of community service when he died at Mississauga Hospital over the weekend.

He was 77.

A longtime Rotarian, Stewart played a major role in getting the \$1-million donation for the Richard and Annette Bloch Cancer Survivors Park at Credit Valley Hospital.

He also volunteered with the Mississauga unit of the Cancer Society's transportation program where he drove patients to Toronto and Hamilton hospitals for treatments.

Prior to receiving the Citizen of the Year Award at City Hall in 2007, a humble Stewart told *The News* about what compelled him to volunteer.

"I got involved because I wanted to do something," he said. "I saw problems in the community and I wanted to help."

The Mississauga arm of the transportation program is one of the causes Stewart had requested a donation to, instead of sending flowers. Others include the Rotary International Foundation of Canada, the Royal Canadian Legion Poppy Fund at Port Credit Branch 82 or the Trillium Health Centre, Mississauga Hospital.

A former member of organizations such as the Port Credit Yacht Club and the Royal Canadian Legion, the Hamilton native also helped get the province to recognize Old Port Credit Village as a Heritage Conservation District as well as fought to keep the library in Port Credit Memorial Park.

At the time of receiving the Citizen of the



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Year award eight years ago, former Mississauga South MP Paul Szabo explained why he called Stewart "Mr. Port Credit."

"If you wanted to get something done, this is the guy you go to," Szabo had said. "He inspires people to go beyond themselves and he's done all of that on top of having a career."

Stewart worked in marketing for more than four decades. He co-founded Stewart/Downie

Public Relations and Advertising.

Stewart is survived by his wife Anne Clark-Stewart, his children Cam and Lisa, his stepchildren Kurt and Lynn, as well as several grandchildren, great-grandchildren and extended family and friends.

Visitation is tomorrow from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. at Skinner and Middlebrook, 128 Lakeshore Rd. E. His funeral will be held Saturday at 1 p.m. at Trinity Anglican Church, 26 Stavebank Rd.