

C-K's loss (Editorial, Chatham Daily News, Apr 13, 2007)

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Editorial - He was a man of compassion and conviction. Chatham-Kent will certainly miss Dr. Hub White.

Mere months after finally retiring at age 74 as a practicing physician, White passed away Friday (Mar 30).

Working nine years past the date most people retire, White was committed to better the health and welfare of as many local residents as he could assist.

To some, White may have come off as a bit gruff, but to those who knew the man, he was one of the most compassionate people you could ever meet. He always went the proverbial extra mile

White was part of a vanishing breed, a general surgeon who truly did it all. Today, surgeons specialize their field of expertise.

White was one of the biggest advocates for patients' interests. He was never afraid to stand up for what he believed was right, regardless of the toes he stepped on to make his point.

The provincial health-care system has changed a great deal in recent years, and White was always standing up for the best interests of his peers. He was an advocate for the medical profession, ensuring doctors' voices were heard.

Outside of the health-care field, White was also a very community-minded person.

In recent years, White had taken a strong stand on nutrient management and was an advocate of placing caps on the size of pig farms in Chatham-Kent.

The man was a straight shooter. He didn't play political games; you knew what side White stood on in an issue.

Dr. John Morrison, chief of surgery at the Chatham-Kent Health Alliance, wonderfully summed up White's contributions to Chatham-Kent.

"He was a superb individual; superb gentleman . . . He cared deeply about the people, about the environment and about the hospital. He is one of the pillars of the community."

The world could use more men like Dr. Hub White.