

Dr. Bradford Turley

Family physician was RCGA board member

Funeral services were held yesterday for Dr. Bradford Turley, a respected member of Oakville's medical and social community.

Turley died at his own home on Sunday following a battle with cancer. He was 51.

He is survived by his wife Joanne, daughter Kim, and son David.

Turley, who ran his family practice in Oakville for over 20 years, will be remembered fondly by both colleagues and patients for his efficient work, genuine attitude and friendly smile.

"I have never met a person who was as consistently upbeat as Brad," said Dr. Sol Stern, whom Turley occasionally assisted in the operating room. "The positive attitude and tremendous skill with which Brad worked made him an admired member of the hospital staff."

"Brad was a very special guy," said Dr. David Posen, a colleague of Turley's at OTMH. "He was a bright light in the medical community, someone that you could look to set a positive example in any situation."

Dr. Tim Deakin, a knee specialist at OTMH, said Turley would often develop personal friendships with his patients.

"Brad would always go that extra mile for his patients," said Deakin. "I can't count the number of times Brad came to me with details about his patients that I needed to know before I saw them. He didn't have a clipboard, either. He just remembered the details because they weren't only his patients, they were his friends."

Turley was not only a devoted father to his two children, but found time for others as well.

"He attended all of his children's events such as graduations, he was so proud of them," said friend and colleague Dr. Ken Collett. "He also took the time to help teach my kids how to

ski. He was so patient, more than I ever could have been."

Turley spent a great deal of time volunteering his services to many different ventures. He organized and coached the OTMH doctor's baseball team for years, organized an annual Oakville/Burlington hospital golf tournament, served as chairman of the Bell Canadian Open for two years, and was an Associate Governor of the Royal Canadian Golf Association. He was also a member of the Oakville Golf Club.

"Brad's love was golf," said Collett. "Whenever he organized the golf or baseball events he always approached it the right way. He was competitive just enough to want to win, but he knew that the bottom line was that these games were an

opportunity for doctors to get together and have a good time."

Turley always held his own, whether it be in the operating room, on the baseball field or on the golf course.

"Bottom line, everything he did, he did well," said Collett. "He always put everything in the right perspective. His attitude towards the world was the type that everybody should strive to have."

"Brad had what I call the gift of encouragement," said Turley's close friend, Dr. Doug Milloy. "It didn't matter if the chips were down, he would always be there with a smile on his face and a couple of encouraging lines to help you get through it. He was a supportive and special friend and I'm proud to say that I knew him."

Milloy remembered an evening in Montreal in 1997, the year the Canadian Open was played there.

"I believe he had just been diagnosed with cancer, but nobody knew about it yet," said Milloy. "One night, he had the opportunity to go out to dinner with a bunch of the guys who had gone to Montreal for the tournament, but instead asked my wife and I if he could join us for a quiet dinner. We ended up talking

about many meaningful, serious topics that many times people don't talk about.

"I cherish very much the chance my wife and I got to spend that evening with him," Milloy said.

One of Turley's best qualities was his acceptance of everybody,

regardless of their situation.

"It didn't matter if you were big or little, rich or poor," said Milloy. "Brad would always give you his time and be happy to listen or chat, anytime."

Turley has left a lasting impression on those who knew him.

"He was truly an amazing person," said Deakin. "I consider myself lucky to have known Brad, and his lifestyle is one that we can only dream of achieving."

Donations are being accepted in Turley's memory on behalf of the Operating Ward at OTMH.



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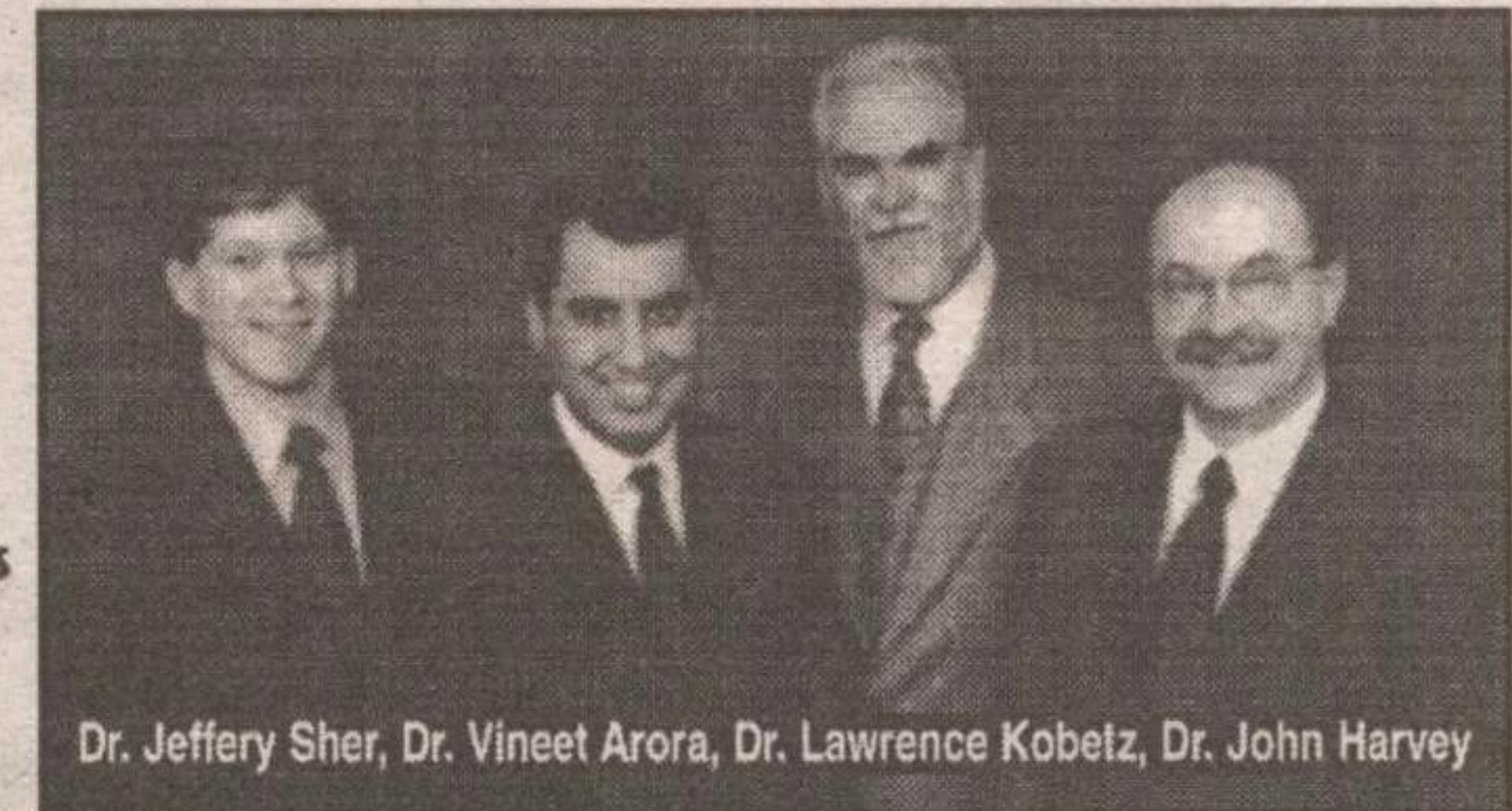
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Blood donor clinic Aug. 11th

A blood donors clinic will be held on Wednesday, Aug. 11th at the River Oaks Recreation Centre.

The clinic will run from 3:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Blood is needed to help accident victims, cancer and leukemia patients, organ transplant recipients, people with blood disorders and those undergoing surgery. Health individuals age 17 to 70 year are urged to attend.

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