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## Dr. John F. LeCocq, 69



Memorial services for Dr. John F. LeCocq, 69, noted orthopedic surgeon whose career included many contributions to medical education, were scheduled this afternoon in the Westminster mortuary. The memorial service was to be directed by Butterworth's mortuary.

Dr. LeCocq, of 1227 Lexington Way E., died of cancer Thursday in a hospital. He had been hospitalized three months.

The surgeon in 1928 was co-founder, with the late Dr. Charles Eikenbury, of the Seattle Orthopaedic and Fracture Clinic, 1011 Summit Av. He remained head of the clinic until his death.

Chief of staff of the Swedish Hospital and chief of orthopedic services at the Children's Orthopedic Hospital were among the posts Dr. LeCocq held in a career that stressed the equal value of clinical work, teaching and research.

From 1942 to 1959, he was chairman of the Children's Orthopedic Hospital executive committee and for 11 years was chief of orthopedic services there. He was made chief emeritus thereafter.

**LAST YEAR** the physician established the Dr. John F. LeCocq Memorial Lectures at the University of Washington School of Medicine. His association with the school included serving as clinical professor of orthopedic surgery and, from 1956 to 1958, acting head of the division of orthopedic surgery.

In late 1960 Dr. LeCocq went to Indonesia for four months in connection with the medical ship Hope's visit.

Dr. LeCocq also had been a trustee of the Seattle Orthopedic Research Foundation and a faculty member of the Instructional Course of the American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons.

He initiated, developed and fostered an educational development between the Kobe, Japan, Medical School, the Swedish Hospital and the U. W. School of Medicine for training Japanese orthopedic surgeons.

**BORN IN** Harrison, S. D., Dr. LeCocq took his undergraduate studies at the University of Washington and the University of Oregon. He received a bachelor of arts degree in 1920 after Army service in the First World War.

After graduating with honors from the University of Oregon Medical School in 1925 and internship, he became the first resident at the Shriners Hospital for Crippled Children in Portland. Later he also studied at the University of Iowa.

Dr. LeCocq was a past president of the North Pacific and Western Orthopaedic Associations. He also was a member of the American Orthopaedic Association, the American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons, the Seattle Surgical Society, the King County Medical Society and the American Medical Association.

**HE WAS** instrumental in establishing one of the Pacific Northwest's first bone banks.

Survivors include his wife, Florence B.; three daughters, Mrs. John R. McGinnis and Mrs. Arthur S. Langlie, both Seattle, and Mrs. Donald Reichert, Spokane, and three brothers, Irwin and Ralph, Lynden, Whatcom County, and Frank LeCocq, Riverside, Calif.

The family suggests remembrances to the Dr. John F. LeCocq Lectureship Fund at the U. W. or the Children's Orthopedic Hospital.