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## **St. James Mercy Hospital Mourns the Loss of Joseph P. McCormick, MD**

**Hornell, NY....**Colleagues at St. James Mercy Hospital and residents throughout the Hornell community are mourning the loss of Joseph P. McCormick, MD, who died on May 19, 2012 at St. James Mercy Hospital.

A native of Hornell and general surgeon at the Hospital for thirty-three years, Dr. McCormick was a well-known and well-respected professional and humanitarian throughout the area.

“We are deeply saddened by the loss of Joe at our Hospital and in the community,” said Mary E. LaRowe, President and CEO at St. James Mercy Hospital. “He devoted his entire professional career to treating and healing thousands of people in the area. Joe was personally committed to our mission of serving the poor and disadvantaged, and was a dedicated and caring humanitarian to patients and staff alike.”

Upon completing medical school and residency at George Washington University and Medical Center, Dr. McCormick returned to Hornell to serve the community he loved. In addition to his private practice and career at St. James Mercy Hospital, Dr. McCormick had served as a Clinical Assistant Professor in Surgery at University of Rochester School of Medicine/Strong Memorial Hospital, President/Member of Steuben County Medical Society, and was a member of the Medical Society of New York State, Rochester Academy of Medicine, and Rochester Vascular Society.

“He generously gave of his time to activities that benefited patients, as evidenced by his work as chair of our Ethics committee and his generous and untiring devotion to St. James Mercy Hospital,” said Ms. LaRowe. “Joe’s philosophy was to provide the best surgical care to all patients in a caring, professional way. He lived that philosophy every day, and we will miss his compassion, humor and kindness.”

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