

Dr. Wylie L. Collins, for 49 years a physician on Nantucket; at 92

Dr. Wylie L. Collins, a physician who practiced on Nantucket for 49 years, died of congestive heart failure Tuesday in Nantucket Cottage Hospital. He was 92 and lived on Nantucket.

An internist who performed surgery and delivered more than 1,000 babies during his career, Dr. Collins was, for many years, Nantucket's only doctor during the winter months. He functioned as the island's only radiologist for years after

bringing the first X-ray machine to Nantucket in 1938.

He opened a practice on the island in 1928, left in 1935 to open offices in Kenmore Square and Wellesley, and returned to Nantucket to practice for another 42 years until his retirement in 1980.

Dr. Collins served as medical examiner, president of the staff at Nantucket Cottage Hospital, a member of the Nantucket School Committee from 1957 to 1960, draft board member from 1948 to 1978 and town physician from 1956 to 1960.

Born in Port Williams, Nova Scotia, he graduated from Acadia University in 1921 and Harvard Medical School in 1926. During World War II he served as a major in the Army Medical Corps at installations in Pennsylvania and Georgia and as commander of the 328th Station Hospital in Attu, in the Aleutians.

He leaves his wife, Louise (Coffin); a son, Dexter S. 2d of Nantucket; a daughter, Nancy Collins of West Hartford; a brother, Charles M. of Port Williams; four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. in the First Congregational Church, Nantucket. Burial will be in Prospect Hill Cemetery there.

Charles Hurst, 82

Headed aluminum siding firm

Charles Hurst, founder and retired president of Ideal Home Aluminum Co. of Brockton, died yesterday in New England Sinai Hospital, Stoughton. He was 82 and lived in Brockton.

Born in Russia, Mr. Hurst was educated in the East Boston public schools and attended Suffolk University.

He was a past president of the New England Roofing and Siding Contractors Association and of the General Home Improvement Contractors Association.

He leaves his wife, Charlotte (Goldstein); two sons, Robert M. of Newton and Richard T. of Brockton;