

Dr. Garrett C. McCandless

Class of 1923

Dr. Garrett McCandless served the Franklin, Pa., community as a physician and community leader since 1932.

Even after retiring from performing general surgery in 1965, he remained in general practice as a member of the Franklin Medical Group. In addition to serving Franklin's people as a physician, McCandless had a remarkable influence on Franklin's landscape. A gifted fundraiser, he was the driving force behind several renovation and building programs at Franklin Hospital. He coordinated the successful drive to renovate and build an addition to the old Franklin Library building, and he chaired the committee raising funds for the restoration of the Egbert Memorial Fountain in Franklin's city park.

He also helped raise funds for the education building of the First United Methodist Church and for the YMCA's new facility. McCandless was involved in a variety of health services in the Franklin area, he was chairman of the City of Franklin's Board of Health. He was president of the Venango County Society for Crippled Children, the Franklin Hospital medical staff, the Venango County Branch of the American Cancer Society, and the Venango County Medical Society. He also served on the board of directors of Polk Center.

His interests and activities extended beyond health care and included service as president of the United Fund. Franklin's Chamber of Commerce honored McCandless in 1969 by naming him "Man of the Year." In 1979, he received an award from the Pennsylvania Medical Society in celebration of his 50 years of continuous practice of medicine in the state.

He passed away Oct. 25, 1996.

Additional degree: Medical degree, Jefferson Medical College

