

Dr. Erika Bruck, served 46 years at Children's

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A memorial service for Dr. Erika Bruck, a member of Buffalo's medical community for more than 50 years, will be held at 3 p.m. Feb. 19 in Temple Beth Am, 4660 Sheridan Drive, Amherst.

Dr. Bruck died Oct. 13 in Father Baker Manor, Orchard Park, where she had been a resident. She was 103.

She was born in Breslau, Germany, which is now a part of Poland, where Dr. Bruck studied medicine at the Friedrich Wilhelm University. She had planned to graduate in 1933 but was forced by German authorities to sign a declaration that she would never practice medicine in her native country because of her Jewish heritage. Dr. Bruck left Germany for Istanbul, Turkey, where she received her medical degree in 1935. In Turkey, she ran the clinical laboratory in Haseki Hospital in Istanbul. Meanwhile, her parents and a brother perished in Nazi concentration camps.

Dr. Bruck moved to the United States in 1939 and became an intern at Goldwater Memorial Hospital in New York City in 1941. She obtained a residency in pediatrics at Children's Hospital of Cincinnati in 1943, which was followed by a short stint as a research fellow at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. In 1947, she came to Children's Hospital of Buffalo, where she remained as

an active physician, laboratory director and clinical researcher for 46 years through her official retirement in 1978, and 15 years hence.

Dr. Bruck also served as a professor of pediatrics at the University at Buffalo. Her numerous research papers helped provide the foundations of modern clinical interventions, contributing to the improved health of tens of thousands of children. During the time she served on the National Committee of Clinical Laboratory Standards, Dr. Bruck also co-authored six manuals on blood collection that set the standards for modern practice.

In her private life, she was an outdoorswoman who bicycled and skied throughout southwestern Europe, the northeastern United States, Alaska and Quebec.

She had no immediate survivors.

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