Fred Weinstein was born in 1939 in Winnipeg, Manitoba. He graduated from the University of Manitoba at the age of 22 with a degree in dentistry, and then he went on to study endodontics at the University of Pennsylvania School of Dental Medicine in Philadelphia, under the tutelage of Dr. Louis Grossman, known as the “Father of Endodontics.”

After receiving his Certificate in Endodontics from the University of Pennsylvania in 1969, he moved his family to Vancouver and established an office in the Fairmount Medical Building, where he would go on to practice for more than 40 years.

“He enjoyed teaching and lecturing throughout the world to advance the learning within dentistry,” his family wrote in an obituary published in the Vancouver Sun.

Weinstein’s accomplishments within the profession were notable. He served as an assistant clinical professor at the University of British Columbia and was a past president of the Canadian Academy of Endodontics, the British Columbia Society of Endodontics, the Inter specialty Society of British Columbia and the International Federation of Endodonic Associations (IPEA). He was a member of the Royal College of Dentists, and he was a fellow of the American College of Dentists and the International College of Dentists.

Weinstein served on advisory boards for several leading dental manufacturers, and he lectured extensively throughout the world. He also served as a volunteer endodontist at the 2010 Vancouver Winter Olympics, and performed root canal treatment on world boxing champion Sugar Ray Leonard in the 1970s.

He was especially proud to have served as the general chairman for the 2007 IFA World Congress in Vancouver. To drum up excitement for that meeting, he dressed as a Royal Canadian “Mountie” at several events leading up to it — something that friends and colleagues remembered for years.

“Fred always had a smile and was known as the Canadian Mountie” for his outfit that he wore at every dental meeting to promote the IFAA meeting in Vancouver in 2007,” remembered Samuel O. Dom, DDS. “He was truly dedicated to the Canadian Academy of Endodontics and its place in global endodontics. His passion for endodontics and his friendship will never be forgotten.”

“I cherish my photo of us with him dressed as a Mountie when he was president of IFAA,” said Dr. William Ben Johnson. “Fred and I started out as endodontic colleagues, then became friends. So much so he would go snow skiing with me even when he didn’t care for skiing, and I would drink wine with him when I preferred scotch. I’ve lost a friend.”

After his retirement from practice, Weinstein continued to travel to dental meetings to keep his knowledge of the specialty current and to visit with his many friends.

For many years, Weinstein was editor in chief of roots magazine, the international C.E. magazine of endodontics, published by Dental Tribune America.

“Above all of Fred’s accomplishments and titles, his family remained his number one priority in his life, always,” his family wrote in the Sun. “He had a gentle heart of gold, compassion and sincerity and a smile that would illuminate a room.”