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Terry Fox, the one-legged runner who ran more than halfway across Canada to raise funds for cancer research, died in Westminster, British Columbia, June 29, after a four-year battle with cancer.

The 22-year-old runner covered almost 3,400 miles in his 5,432-mile cross-Canada "Marathon of Hope" before being forced to end his run near Thunder Bay, Ontario with the discovery of cancer in his lungs. He had lost his right leg to the disease in 1977. Last January, the cancer had spread to his stomach and doctors began to treat him with interferon, an experimental anti-cancer agent. Mr. Fox was readmitted to hospital for the last time, June 19, for treatment of a bronchitis-like infection and his condition continued to deteriorate.

Flags at half-mast

In an unprecedented move, the federal government ordered that its flags fly at half-mast until the funeral — an honour

usually reserved for distinguished politicians and statesmen. To honour Mr. Fox, communities across Canada held memorial services at the same time as the private funeral.

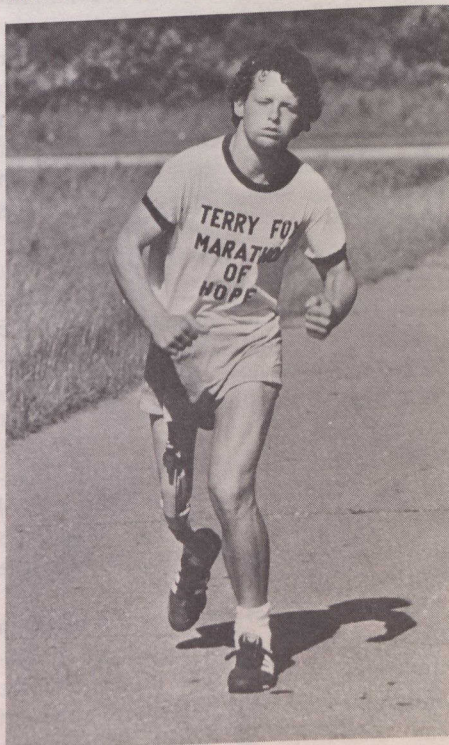
Tributes poured in from across the country following the death. Governor-General Schreyer said that Mr. Fox instilled "a sense of pride and hope in Canadians from coast to coast".

Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau said that "Canadians mourned the passing of a young man whose courage and awesome determination inspired this country as no one else has ever done". He said that Mr. Fox's run gave "help and hope to others" and "elevated him into the exceedingly thin ranks of the truly heroic".

Progressive Conservative leader Joe Clark said the young runner "became a symbol of courage to the world". New Democratic Party leader Edward Broadbent called Mr. Fox, an outstanding Canadian. "His life was a triumph over death. He fought magnificently to the end for himself and for others," he said.

When Mr. Fox began his "Marathon of Hope" in St. John's, Newfoundland in April 1980, he hoped to raise \$100,000. By the time he crossed into Ontario at the end of June last year he had earned more than \$300,000 in pledges and had revised his goal to \$1 million for cancer research.

A year ago on Canada Day, Mr. Fox's cross-country run brought to him to Ottawa where he met the Prime Minister and the Governor General. While passing through Toronto on his run Mr. Fox told a crowd that his run, painful and exhausting as it was, was not "nearly as hard as the struggle being faced by hundreds of cancer patients in this country".

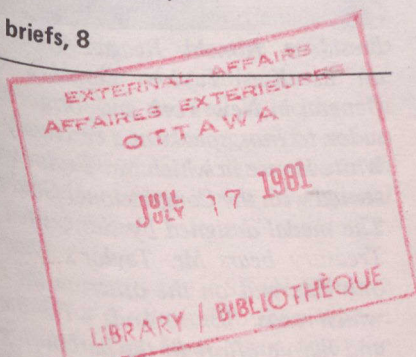


Terry Fox

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Raised millions

Since his run was halted last September more than \$23 million has been donated in his name to the Canadian Cancer Society. The cancer research funds raised



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On July 18, 1959, the Canadian government announced the creation of a nine-man National Energy Board which was given wide powers over the oil and natural gas industries and international electric power connection.

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