



Dr. Cedor B. Aronow

April 4, 2026

Cedor B. Aronow II, age 89, of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, passed away peacefully surrounded by family on Saturday, April 4, 2026, reuniting with his beloved wife, Noreen (née Quirk).

Cedor was born on February 26, 1937, in Shelby, Montana, along Montana's rugged highline. He spent his youth working on farms and oilfields and enjoying the great outdoors, including summers hiking the mountains of Glacier National Park. These experiences developed his resilience and shaped his lifelong appreciation for nature and exploration.

Cedor's journey in medicine began at Gonzaga University, where he earned his undergraduate degree. He went on to receive his medical degree from Saint Louis University (where he met Noreen), completing his internship at Milwaukee County General Hospital and his residency at Milwaukee Children's Hospital. It was there that his lifelong dedication to children and children's health took root. He became a board certified pediatrician whose calling was evident to all who knew him.

From 1965 to 1967, Cedor proudly served his country as a Captain in the United States Army Medical Corps, working as a pediatrician at Womack Army Hospital at Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

Throughout his career, Cedor was widely regarded as a great pediatrician, devoted to his patients and their families, deeply respected by colleagues, and beloved by generations of families he served. Known for his wisdom, integrity, and direct style, he practiced medicine with skill, common sense, and affection; often with a veiled sense of humor. He offered thoughtful guidance to parents, served as a trusted mentor to younger physicians, and played a key leadership role as a founder and partner in the multi specialty Milwaukee Medical Clinic. A lifelong fellow with the American Academy of Pediatrics, Cedor expanded his influence on pediatric healthcare through leadership, serving as president of the Milwaukee Pediatric Society, Chief of the Divisions of Pediatrics, Medicine, and Ambulatory Services at Children's Hospital of Wisconsin, and Chief of Pediatrics at Columbia Hospital in Milwaukee. He instructed medical students as a Clinical Professor of Pediatrics at the Medical College of Wisconsin, and volunteered in local schools teaching youth health and development. He volunteered for the Underground Switchboard's free medical clinic and the Traveling Medicine Show, providing emergency services at stadium rock-and-roll concerts. His influence and values left a lasting imprint on the medical community.

Beyond his professional life, Cedor was generous with his time and friendship. He believed deeply in the values of Scouting, which he first learned as a Boy Scout in Shelby, Montana. The untimely passing of his Scoutmaster and the dissolution of his troop left Cedor at the rank of Star Scout. When his son, Michael, advanced to Webelos, "Doc" rekindled his love of Scouting as an Assistant Pack Leader with Pack 397 at St. Eugene School in Fox Point, Wisconsin. He continued in Scouting for nearly four decades in leadership roles. He was Scoutmaster of Troop 380 at Maple Dale School, served Milwaukee County Council as Campmaster Coordinator, Unit Commissioner, Merit Badge Counsellor, Assistant Scoutmaster of Powderhorn training programs, and Assistant Scoutmaster and Scoutmaster at National Jamborees. He was a long-time member of the Council Health and Safety

Committee, Chairman of the Outdoor Program Committee, and member of the Council Executive Board until 2014. He volunteered as a Camp Physician at LeFeber Northwoods Camps and Indian Mound Reservation, and eliminated barriers to the outdoors by providing physical exams at no charge to youth to attend summer camp. He made possible an expansion of the dining hall at LNC through his generous gift to the Council. Cedor was recognized for his service, receiving the District Award of Merit, the District Scoutmaster Award, and, in 1994, the highest national honor a local Scouting Council can bestow on a volunteer: the Silver Beaver Award.

Doc found joy and friendship through his volunteer work with the Order of the Arrow, where he received the Vigil Honor in 1991. He served The Order as Lodge Advisor, Vigil Honor Advisor, and Vice Chief of Operations, among other advisory roles. He attended National Order of the Arrow Conferences, frequently in a leadership capacity. Cedor discovered an interest in the history of Scouting when he became an avid patch collector, a hobby that brought him great personal satisfaction during the final three decades of his life.

Cedor enjoyed fishing in the remote, northern forests of Ontario, and time with friends over a glass of Jameson. He volunteered with the WiSE Division of the National Model Railroad Association and served on the Trainfest Committee. He was a 3rd Degree brother of the Catholic Fraternal order Knights of Columbus. He was unfailingly curious and found meaning in offering his wisdom to help others.

Cedor will be remembered as a devoted physician, mentor, leader, friend, and father whose compassion, integrity, and guidance touched countless lives.

Cedor is survived by his children Natalie Aronow, Kathleen (Tom) Rushing, Mary Ellen (Joe Burns) Aronow, and Michael (Cori) Aronow; his grandchildren

Nate, Henry, Edward, and Katya; and many loving nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Cedor was preceded in death by his wife Noreen; his sisters Marcia and Natasha; and his parents, Cedor and Jane.

In Milwaukee: Memorial Visitation will be held Friday, May 1, 2026 from 10:30 AM until 11:45 AM at ST. EUGENE CATHOLIC CHURCH, 7600 N. Port Washington Rd, Fox Point, Wisconsin (Please use West Side Parking Lot) followed by Mass of Christian Burial at 12:00 Noon. A Celebration of Life reception with family and friends to follow immediately at a nearby venue.

In Whitefish, Montana: Memorial Visitation and Celebration of Life will be held August 28, 2026. Venue location forthcoming.

In lieu of flowers, we suggest a lasting tribute in honor of Dr. Cedor B. Aronow to:

Boy Scouts of America, Three Harbors Council, Milwaukee or Children's Hospital Wisconsin.

See the link for more information about giving: <https://sites.google.com/view/cedor-aronow/home>

Upcoming Events

Memorial Visitation and Celebration of Life

AUG 28.

Venue location forthcoming
Whitefish,, MT

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

MAY 1. 10:30 AM - 11:45 AM (CT)

St. Eugene Catholic Church
7600 N. Port Washington Road
Fox Point, WI 53217

Mass of Christian Burial

MAY 1. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

St. Eugene Catholic Church
7600 N. Port Washington Road
Fox Point, WI 53217

Celebration of Life Reception

MAY 1. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM.

Reception Venue

Directions available at Church and upon request.

Tribute Wall

RT

“ I just learned of Cedor's passing yesterday. Though we've been out of touch for several years, it brought back a flood of memories. I think I first met him when he was a Webelos Leader, but really began to know him when Michael was about 12 - so that gives you an idea how long ago we met. I even remember his OA Ordeal weekend! A rare and cherished friend and accomplice in many escapades; he's one of the rare folks who are included in the secret of how to put a garbage can over the top of a flag pole!

Cedor was a friend to both Laurie and I who joined us at our home for many celebrations. He also became a part of an extremely large extended scouting family that one individual at the National Scout Office called "The Lenape Mafia". I've reached out to some of them to tell them of Cedor's passing. People in Wisconsin, Iowa, Tennessee and even one who works in the National Scout office now. They all responded with their favorite memory and the fun we all had together.

Whenever those friends gather or chat, Cedor will be remembered as we retell the legendary escapades we were part of. Never to be forgotten!

Bobby T.

Robert Thibault - May 06 at 03:31 PM



“ Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Dr. Cedor B. Aronow.



April 29 at 09:22 PM

FR

“ Michael and entire Aronow children, so sorry to hear of your dad's passing. He wasn't just a wonderful pediatrician but also a great role model for the boys in Troop 380. A memory that gets repeated often in our family was the Christmas break you, your dad, my late husband. 2 sons and other scouts from the troop took a trip to ski in Whitefish Mt during one of the worst snowstorms ever. Your dad, a man of great physical appearance, stood in our kitchen and assured me not to worry since he had driven this route under worse weather conditions. I don't know if that was the truth but you all arrived safe and sound with your dad's reassuring and confident words. My prayers for your dad and your family.

Fran Romans

Fran Romans - April 29 at 06:02 PM

DT

“ I remember how caring Dr. Aronow was as my pediatrician, his dedication was always spot on. I remember how mad my mom was when he retired. I'm glad to see and hear what a great man he was.

Daniel Taylor - April 20 at 11:25 PM

CY

“ Dr. Aronow served our family well. Gretchen, Peter, Andrew and Colin all were treated so wonderfully. My wife Terri so appreciated him because he listened to her. He was close by in Thiensville, even when Peter got a fishhook in his hand and he used a new technique to remove it.
Our whole family sends our thoughts and prayers.
Charles Young and family

Charles Young - April 15 at 11:33 AM

LC

“Cedor will always be remembered for his work with the Wise Division and Trainfest in model railroading. Also He and my wife Joan, (School Psychologist) working with kids to getting them better .Both of us will sincerely miss him. Thanks for the memories.

LaRoye Chisley - April 14 at 06:34 PM

PC

“Dr. Aronow was my pediatrician in the 1960's and 70's. Happily, he was my first choice when choosing a pediatrician for our three children in the 90's and 2000's. He always had a smile on his face. His kind, generous spirit put child and parents at ease immediately. He never rushed you through an appointment; answered every question a young mom had (even if they were silly). He was the best doctor and, more importantly, the best person. My deepest sympathy to his family.

Peggy Coffey - April 14 at 05:20 PM

MB

“When I saw the name in today's paper, I went back in memory when our oldest child was a Boy Scout and Dr. Aronow was absolutely one of his favorite mentors. I just needed to thank his family for sharing his precious time with all those moldable young boys. Our Steve did earn his Eagle award. Today he is the father of four boys with the youngest graduating from MUHS this May. Steve is the director of campus ministry at MU.

Maggie Blaha - April 12 at 08:43 PM

DC

“ *As President of the Milwaukee County Council of the BSA, I participated in the awarding of the Silver Beaver to Cedor. I can think of no more deserving recipient.*

Cedor and I were also fishing companions in northern Ontario. Returning from Canada one time, we submitted our passports to the US border guards in International Falls. When they got to Cedor's, a fairly young guard asked "What kind of name is 'Cedor'?" He answered "Russian." The guard turned pale and rushed to confer with his colleagues. In the end, he waived us through.

A great human being--combining professional expertise, personal integrity of the highest order and a delightful personality--Cedor enhanced every life he touched and elevated the communities to which he belonged.

djc

DONALD CHRISTL - April 12 at 08:11 PM



Ha! That's a great story about the border crossing. Thanks for sharing

Michael Aronow - April 13 at 04:31 PM

VH

“ *I have known Dr. Aronow for over 50 years. He guided our family through the most difficult time of our lives when my then 16 year old daughter was his patient. His kindness will always be remembered. It was an honor to know Cedor Aronow. My thoughts and prayers go out to his family. Vicki Hackel and family.*

Vicki Hackel - April 12 at 05:33 PM

MG

Dr. Aronow was our children's first doctor starting in 1982. At times, he was gruff on the outside, but a real sweetheart inside. He diagnosed our son with Spinal Meningitis without even doing a Spinal. He was almost always correct in his diagnosis. A mutual friend's life was saved when he was choking. I would regularly see him at Model Train shows. I always had a special place in my heart for him. He will be missed.

Milt Greenberger

Milt Greenberger - April 19 at 12:27 PM

JM

“ *As a young mother of two little boys, it was a great comfort to have Dr Aronow as our pediatrician. He had such a gentle manner and was so knowledgeable and kind to us. We have all spoken fondly of him over the years.*

Sending my sympathy to his family, Jane Martin

Jane Martin - April 12 at 04:29 PM

BW

“ *What a great Doctor! I contracted a Canadian staph infection during a family trip to Yellowstone. My parents took me to well over 20 doctors trying to clear up the open sores on my feet. 10 years of open wounds, white cotton socks all came to an end with one visit to Dr. Aronow. I still remember the visit like it was yesterday! Thank you Dr and rest in peace!*

Bob Wesel - April 12 at 01:36 PM

NS

“ *Dr. Aronow was the most wonderful pediatrician. I was so grateful for his medical expertise, knowledge, kindness, and patience when raising my three children under his care. We were so lucky to have him.*

Nancy Shimon - April 12 at 01:28 PM