

IN MEMORIAM



Dr. Radomir Milosavljević, Doctor of Dentistry, Orthodontics Specialist
(1949-2025)

Our colleague Radomir Milosavljević has left us forever, having left an indelible mark during a period of development and operation of the Health Center in Zaječar. He was known as an exceptionally honest, hardworking, and highly responsible person. As a young dentist, in 1975, he joined our Medical Center. The management at the time soon recognized his high moral qualities and included him in the system of work organization within the Health Center.

Thanks to his ability and organization, all villages in the municipality received a nurse daily and a doctor several days a week. Additionally, under Occupational Medicine, all major companies (KTK Timočanika, Timogradnja, Putevi, Hladnjača) and factories (Kristal, Porcelain, Cables), as well as the mines (Avramica and Lubnica), had a doctor and nurse available every day.

The dental service was one of the most developed in Serbia, at the level of the Niš and Kragujevac faculties, and in some aspects, even ahead of them. All elementary schools, the high school center, and the city's kindergarten had dental offices. All of this functioned thanks to Dr. Rade's dedication.

Dr. Rade completed his specialization in 1973 in the field of pediatric and preventive dentistry—orthodontics. He was among the first in Serbia to master the fixed orthodontics method for correcting jaw and tooth anomalies. Thanks to his expertise, babies born with severe anomalies—such as cleft palate (palatoschisis)—received an orthodontic obturator appliance within weeks after birth to allow breastfeeding. This severe jaw anomaly was only treated at the Dental Faculty Clinic and in our Medical Center. Moreover, he served as a consultant in several Serbian cities, educating colleagues on the new fixed orthodontics method.

After 20 years of working at the Medical Center, in 1993, he founded his private dental practice, "Ortodent," where he remained dedicated to his patients until his last day. He trained his staff, including his daughter Dr. Nataša, who continues to run the practice successfully, much to the satisfaction of numerous patients.

His son, Aleksandar, Ph.D., is engaged in scientific research and currently works at a prestigious international institute in Paris, where he lives with his family.

Dr. Rade was one of the few who returned a staff apartment to Zaječar and moved back to his village, Vražogrnac. On the hill near the village—Preovac—he built his oasis of peace among orchards and vineyards, where his grandchildren spent their early childhood carefree in a natural environment.

He was very well-liked in society. In his village, he enjoyed spending time with his fellow hunters, and in the city, with his colleagues. For the last twenty years, every morning before work, he would have the first morning coffee, then attend to his patients at the practice, and return to Preovac. He was never ashamed of working in his orchard and vineyard. He was an excellent vintner and made high-quality wines, which we often enjoyed during the "wine tastings" Dr. Rade organized for his colleagues.

His family can be proud to have had Rade as a husband, father, and grandfather. He was an outstanding father to successful children in their professions and a grandfather to now grown grandchildren, excellent students, and high schoolers.

Most importantly, together with his wife Lidija, through upbringing and hard work, he raised wonderful children and guided them on the right path, instilling love, honesty, and kindness in them.

Numerous patients will remember him for the care and expertise he provided for nearly half a century.

We, his colleagues, will remember him for his friendliness, kindness, and willingness to help everyone.

To say he was a good person is an understatement. He was much more than that!

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Dr Branislav Predić