

# Settlement reached in suit over boxer's death

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A Berks County Court lawsuit was settled Tuesday that alleged negligence on the part of two doctors and Reading Hospital led to the delayed cancer diagnosis and death of champion boxer Stephen K. Little.

Attorneys involved in the case refused to discuss the terms.

Little's widow, Wanda J. of Sinking Spring, did not comment.

She reached an agreement with Dr. Joseph P. Cavorsi after a jury heard testimony from Dr. Howard S. Kaufman, chief of colorectal surgery at the University of Southern California.

Wanda Little had reached an agreement with Reading Hospital and emergency room physician Dr. David E. Texter before testimony began Monday.

Tom Kline, Little's Philadelphia attorney, said the parties were able to resolve their differences.

"All parties were pleased and satisfied," he said.

Steven D. Costello, an Allentown attorney who represents Cavorsi, said he did not feel it would be appropriate to comment.

Edwin L. Stock, who represented the hospital and Texter, was unavailable.

Little died at age 34 on Jan. 30, 2000. He had six children, then ranging in age from 9 to 17.

He was a former WBA super middleweight champion and an IBC middleweight champion.

The suit alleged that doctors failed to recognize that Little's rectal bleeding was caused by cancer and not hemorrhoids, as the doctors thought.

The misdiagnosis led to a 10-month delay in his treatment and his cancer became incurable, according to the suit.