

Dr Eugene Giuseppe Caira, 1918–2016



Dr Caira passed away with his family by his side on 5 September 2016 at Shuswap Lake General Hospital in

Salmon Arm in his 98th year. Dr Caira was the cherished father of Loren, Janine, Nadia (Dave), Daren (Jeff), Martene (Mark), Rachel (Tim), and Leean; and dearly loved Nonno (Granddad) of Anders, Kristian, Stefan, Katja, Drew, Caira, and Briar.

Dr Caira studied medicine at the University of St. Andrews for Medicine in Glasgow, Scotland, from 1943 to 1948, and in 1949 he was admitted to the Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh. In 1956, after completing his master's of science in experimental surgery at the University of McGill, Montreal, he was accepted into the Royal Faculty of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow. In 1959 Dr Caira obtained his certification as a general surgeon, and in 1972 he became a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons of Canada. Dr Caira dedicated his life to his profession as a respected general surgeon who was qualified in the United Kingdom, British Guiana (Guyana), and Canada. He was also instrumental in bringing the first nuclear medicine scintillation camera to Canada in 1970.

Eugene will be remembered for his lively personality, sense of humor, and his love for all things alive. He was known as a mean painter and an able golfer by his friends. He was described by a very dear friend as “an astute diagnostician and a skilled general surgeon whose humanity, good

nature, and humor has put the practice of art into the practice of surgery to the benefit of his patients.”

Eugene's family would like to extend their heartfelt gratitude to his dear friends and staff at Lakeside Manor, where he spent the last 3 years with the help of We Care Home Health, and for the wonderful care Eugene received from Dr Herman Venter and the exceptional staff at Shuswap Lake General Hospital, Salmon Arm, during his final weeks.

Cremation has taken place, and a celebration of Dr Caira's life was held at the Prestige Harbourfront Resort in Salmon Arm on 23 September. Charitable donations may be made in lieu of flowers to Shuswap Lake General Hospital. Online condolences may be sent through Dr Caira's obituary at <https://memoryleaf.net/dr--eugene-caira>.

—Nadia Caira
100 Mile House

Dr Sheldon C. (Shelly) Naiman, 1937–2016



Dr Sheldon C. Naiman passed away in July 2016 following a short illness. Dr Naiman was a beloved family man and a mentor to many individuals in the medical community in BC.

Born in Toronto, Dr Naiman graduated from the University of Toronto in 1962. After medical school he moved to California and while at the Los Angeles County Hospital he became interested in bleeding and clotting problems and decided to pursue a career in hematology. (Dr Naiman later became well known in

Vancouver as Dr DIC.) After returning to Toronto for further training he was subsequently recruited by Drs Mac Whitelaw and Wally Thomas to join UBC and the staff at VGH. With Dr George Gray he directed the hematology lab at VGH for many years.

Dr Naiman became the province's first full-time clinical hematologist and subsequently the first head of the UBC Division of Clinical Hematology. During this time he also joined the first examining board of the new Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada subspecialty of clinical hematology.

During the 1970s and 1980s Dr Naiman traveled with his popular hematology road shows around the province where he educated and befriended many practitioners. After 15 years of frustration with the outcomes of acute leukemia treatment in adults, Dr Naiman helped organize the Bone Marrow Transplant Program at VGH in 1979. Overall, he practised hematology for over 40 years at both VGH and St. Paul's Hospital in Vancouver.

Dr Naiman was a shining example—and one of the last—of a hybrid clinical and laboratory hematologist and was widely regarded as an outstanding educator. His lengthy consultation letters and impromptu lectures on virtually any area of the specialty were a testament to his vast knowledge and experience. He received several master teacher awards, and many students considered him to be the best teacher they had ever had. Even as his sight was failing he was still considered the go-to person for difficult blood film and bone marrow interpretation. In 2009 he received the prestigious Dr Cam Coady Foundation Medal of Excellence.

Shelly was a true *mensch*, always finding time for family and friends as well as for his patients. He and his wife, Dr Linda Vickars, were a true

force, working together for over 20 years at St. Paul's Hospital. They were also passionate about traveling and visited all seven continents before Linda's untimely death in 2014. While traveling they consulted for their friend, Dr George Deng, in Chengdu, China, and contributed to the annual postgrad hematology course in India.

Shelly and Linda created an endowment at the UBC Centre for Blood Research, and the multipurpose lab in the Life Sciences Centre has been named after them.

Shelly was particularly grateful for the care given him by his lifetime personal physician and good friend, Dr Lyle Levy, and was overwhelmed by the compassionate attention shown to him by the ICU staff at VGH during his last hospitalization.

Dr Naiman is survived by his five children and their mother, Marcia Schultz; his brother, Neil; and eight grandchildren.

— Gershon Growe, MD
Vancouver
— The Naiman family
Vancouver

Dr Charles Edward (Ted) Reeve, 1936–2016



Directing British Columbia's kidney transplant program for 19 years might seem an unexpected

destiny for a skinny kid from small town Alberta, but Dr Ted Reeve's trajectory had a logical—albeit idiosyncratic—path that made such an outcome all but inevitable.

Born in Stettler, Alberta, to an Anglican priest and his schoolteacher wife, Ted grew up in Calgary before attending Bishop's University, as his parents had before him. While there,

Ted found his interests in theatre, music, philosophy, and Christianity repeatedly drawing him into the circle of Phyllis Parham, the young woman who became his wife. Married in 1958, Ted and Phyllis continued to debate these themes, then with their five children and, still later, seven grandchildren. Characterizing their relationship, Phyllis said they'd been discussing Sartre for 60 years.

But Bishop's University held further attractions for Ted. It was there that he began in earnest the scientific career that would bring him to organ transplantation's leading edge. Following his bachelor's degree in mathematics and physics, Ted studied medicine at McGill University before he and his young family moved west for a residency at St. Paul's Hospital in Vancouver and a postdoctoral fellowship at UCLA.

The science thrilled him, but so did the opportunity and responsibility of treating acutely ill patients, regardless of their background. It was a matter of pride for Ted that when he and his colleagues brought transplantation to British Columbia they didn't just help pioneer this therapy, they did so in an environment where it was available to unemployed cafeteria cooks and self-made millionaires equally. This emphasis on quality of life led him to branch out from nephrology and transplantation to related research in immunology, hematology, and genetics, and to frequent involvement in the organizations and committees that governed and lobbied for medi-

cal practitioners, like Doctors of BC.

After several decades as a physician, Ted sought a new career, feeling that administrative and philosophical changes had moved medicine and academia away from his ideals. He and Phyllis acquired Page's Resort & Marina on Gabriola Island where he became as dedicated to the island community as he had been to his medical practice. Together, Ted and Phyllis nurtured their business and supported the arts, opening their home for concerts, book launches, and art exhibitions.

In his 60s, Ted was diagnosed with hepatitis C, likely picked up during his medical career. As his battle with the disease stiffened he was fortunate to have had the sympathetic care of Dr Francois Bosman. Ted's suffering, however, did not diminish his compassion; rather than lamenting that new treatments arrived too late for him, he worried that their exorbitant pricing limited their accessibility.

Ted is survived by Phyllis and their children: Dorothy (Jacques), Charles (Amy), Gloria (Ken), Elizabeth, and Henry (Tiffani). His beloved family also includes grandchildren Christopher, Amandine, Nicolas, Stephanie, Michelle, Lioba, and Charlie. His sister Helen, brother Norman, and parents Charles and Dorothy predeceased him. He was blessed with numerous cherished friends who, along with his wife and family, miss him dearly.

— Charles Reeve, Jr., PhD
Toronto

Recently deceased physicians

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