

Obituaries

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700 words; we may edit them for clarity and length. Obituaries may be emailed to journal@doctorsofbc.ca. Include birth and death dates, full name and name deceased was best known by, key hospital and professional affiliations, relevant biographical data, and a high-resolution head-and-shoulders photo.



Dr Lorne Gordon Irvine 1950–2024

Dr Lorne Gordon Irvine passed away peacefully at home on 23 February 2024. He was born in Estevan, Saskatchewan, to R. Keith and Phyllis Irvine on 13 September 1950.

Lorne graduated from Estevan Collegiate Institute in 1968, then went to the University of Saskatchewan to follow in his grandfather's and father's footsteps by becoming a pharmacist and returning to Estevan to work in the family pharmacy. Lorne returned to university a year later to pursue a career in medicine and graduated from the University of Saskatchewan College of Medicine in 1979. During medical school, he spent some time in Honolulu learning marine medicine, as well as training in scuba diving. He then started his family practice in Nanaimo, which also included marine medical certification.

Lorne enjoyed numerous activities, many of which he continued throughout his life. He was always physically active; even as a youth, he would run through the valley near his home. Lorne also enjoyed spending his childhood summers at White Bear (Carlyle) Lake, boating and swimming. His love of boats and water continued into his university days when he and his brother James would go on wilderness canoe trips in northern Saskatchewan.

Lorne continued running, taking long walks, playing squash, and skiing. He upgraded from a canoe to a small yacht, and he and his partner, Sandra, enjoyed many summers boating around the Gulf Islands, staying at various marinas. In winter months, they often chose the warmth of Mexico.

Lorne was very proud of his girls, Leah and Diane, and was so pleased to have them living within easy visiting distance. The birth of his first grandchild, William, also pleased him immensely. Watching William grow and seeing him celebrate his first birthday brought Lorne great joy.

Lorne is survived by his partner, Sandra Backman; daughters, Leah (Dave) and Diane (Jay); grandson, William; siblings, James (Trudy) Irvine, Betty (Glen) Trowell, Doreene (Ken) Menz, and Keith (Cheryl) Irvine; and stepdaughter, Lisa (Dan).

A celebration of life will be held on 11 May 2024 at the Nanaimo Yacht Club.

—Sandra Backman
Nanaimo

Recently deceased physicians

If you knew any of the deceased, please consider submitting an obituary for the *BCMJ* to journal@doctorsofbc.ca.

Dr Bruce Alan Beaton

26 December 1946–27 September 2023
Obituary: www.yukon-news.com/obituaries/Dr-bruce-beaton-7113052

Dr Michael Geoffrey Bendall

24 May 1946–16 January 2024

Dr Thomas Paul Broome

1 June 1932–3 September 2023
Obituary: www.legacy.com/ca/obituaries/timescolonist/name/thomas-broome-obituary?id=53117257

Dr Charles Carpenter

21 August 1929–2 April 2023
Obituary: <https://vancouver.sunandprovince.remembering.ca/obituary/charles-carpenter-1087474163>

Dr William Anthony Cawkell

19 April 1938–19 November 2022
Obituary: www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/vernon-bc/william-cawkell-11030541

Dr Ralph Marenus Christensen

4 June 1928–2 November 2023
Obituary: <https://vancouver.sunandprovince.remembering.ca/obituary/ralph-christensen-1089077353>

Dr David Douglas Cochrane

19 December 1950–17 February 2024
Obituary: www.springfieldfuneralhome.com/obituaries/cochrane-david-douglas-Dr/

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Dr Warwick Llewellyn Evans

21 October 1950–2 July 2023

Dr Bruce Alan Fleming

11 November 1951–19 July 2022

Obituary: <https://vancouver.sunandprovince.remembering.ca/obituary/bruce-fleming-1085830333>

Dr U. Pal Gareau

30 November 1927–1 October 2023

Dr James Hyndman Gough

25 December 1921–27 December 2022

Dr Norman Edgar Hamilton

30 October 1934–30 August 2023

Obituary: <https://vancouver.sunandprovince.remembering.ca/obituary/norman-hamilton-1088785490>

Dr Jennifer Elizabeth Hankins

6 December 1968–16 May 2023

Dr Earl David Hardin

10 December 1933–1 November 2023

Obituary: <https://vancouver.sunandprovince.remembering.ca/obituary/earl-hardin-1089010535>

Dr Hans-Joachim Martin Heimlich

21 June 1931–23 February 2023

Obituary: www.legacy.com/ca/obituaries/timescolonist/name/hans-heimlich-obituary?id=49337826

Dr Shane Albert Longman

23 November 1964–16 May 2023

Dr Melanie Lee Madill

11 May 1961–13 November 2023

Obituary: www.agassizharrisonobserver.com/obituaries/dr-melanie-madill-7329678

Dr Bruce Phillip Mohr

20 April 1957–28 May 2023

Obituary: <https://memorials.squamishfuneralchapel.com/Dr-bruce-mohr/5201096/>

Dr John Paul Moxham

25 June 1968–13 January 2023

Obituary: <https://vancouver.sunandprovince.remembering.ca/obituary/paul-moxham-1087057136>

Dr Jennifer Oates

26 May 1973–8 August 2023

Obituary: www.mccallgardens.com/obituaries/dr-jennifer-sibilla-maria-oates

Dr Gerald Johann Philippson

28 June 1930–18 July 2023

Obituary: www.dignitymemorial.com/en-ca/obituaries/courtenay-bc/gerald-philippson-11376189

Dr William Leo (Barry) Purcell

17 July 1932–27 April 2023

Obituary: <https://vancouver.sunandprovince.remembering.ca/obituary/william-purcell-1088345080>

Dr Noel Francis Quenville

12 July 1929–30 December 2022

Obituary: <https://vancouver.sunandprovince.remembering.ca/obituary/dr-noel-quenville-1086968384>

Dr Kennard Monteath Robertson

7 March 1931–25 January 2024

Obituary: www.dignitymemorial.com/en-ca/obituaries/north-vancouver-bc/kennard-robertson-11642703

Dr Benjamin Arthur Sawyer

18 February 1947–12 June 2023

Obituary: www.theprogress.com/obituaries/benjamin-arthur-sawyer-1942942

Dr Arthur Adolf Shier

12 September 1934–15 April 2023

Obituary: <https://vancouver.sunandprovince.remembering.ca/obituary/arthur-shier-1087504349>

Dr Matthys Michiel Slabber du Toit

23 September 1932–2 September 2023

Obituary: www.legacy.com/ca/obituaries/timescolonist/name/matthys-du-toit-obituary?id=53090641

Dr Eric Egidius Stockenstrom

23 April 1959–8 September 2023

Obituary: <https://amherstcremation.com/memorials/stockenstrom.html>

Dr Petrus Albertyn Swart

2 October 1959–25 May 2023

Obituary: <https://apt.med.ubc.ca/news/we-have-sadly-lost-one-of-our-dear-colleagues-very-unexpectedly>

Dr Zahir Shamshudin Vellani

16 July 1954–11 December 2023

Dr Margot Anne Walker

1 August 1947–13 May 2023

Dr Paul Julius Warbeck

21 October 1952–13 February 2024

Obituary: www.dignitymemorial.com/en-ca/obituaries/prince-george-bc/paul-warbeck-11667354

Dr Ernest William Wigmore

12 July 1938–10 September 2023

Obituary: www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/name/ernest-wigmore-obituary?id=53123355

Dr John Charles Wood

25 May 1950–19 October 2023

Dr Amgad Zeke

14 October 1968–7 June 2023