

John Douglas Milne

JANUARY 24, 2012

Dr. John Douglas Milne (Doug) passed away Tuesday, January 24, 2012 at the age of 79 years.

Doug was born in Calgary. He attended Rideau Park School and the University of Alberta - Faculty of Medicine, graduating in 1959. Doug went into practice with his father Dr. John

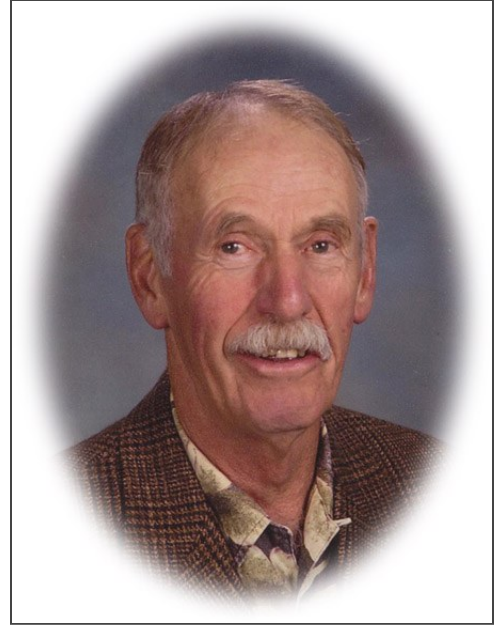
Daniel Milne and his cousin Dr. John Mahon. His nurse Dawn Gresl was with him for 43 years.

Doug is survived by his daughter Dr. Michelle Milne of Montreal, PQ and his son Michael (Karyn) and granddaughter Amy of Vernon, BC; sister Beth; and partner Gloria. The family extends a special thank you to Dr. Tim Cran and the staff of the Foothills Country Hospice.

A Memorial Service will be held at St. Matthew's United Church, 2035 - 26A Street SW, Calgary on Monday, January 30, 2012 at 1:00pm.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Doug's memory may be made to the Calgary Humane Society, 4455 - 110 Avenue SE, Calgary, Alberta T2C 2T7.

Messages of condolence may be left for the family.



Messages of Condolence

I am saddened by the passing of Dr Milne who gave me great care for over 20 years.

I knew I had found the right doctor during my first visit with him. He took one look at me and requested that I get down on the floor and do as many push ups as I could. When I struggled to do 15, he got down and did at least 20 while continuing to talk to me!

I enjoyed my visits with him and in later years, I felt that I was visiting a friend more than a doctor.

— **Ron Ramsay**

On learning of the Passing of Dr JD Milne my mind went back to the mid 60's. We were fishing the top end of the Elk River, B.C., when we came upon a man with a broken down dirt bike. We gave him a ride back to Calgary. He told us he was a doctor, and that's when he became my doctor until he retired in 2011. Dr Doug made house calls at night when the kids were sick and you could phone him day or night and he was always there to help. Over the years I golfed with him and had him over to our home for different entertaining functions. When my mother came to Calgary in 1994 he took her as a patient and when mom went to a Care Centre he would take time to visit with her and play a game of crib. Mom called him her Best Friend. Dr Doug's passing is not just the end of a life of a great family doctor but also an end of an era.

— **Ralph Graefer**

We would like to express our condolences to the Milne family at the passing of our long time and good friend Doug. He will be remembered for his kindness and generosity as a physician to our family. His passing will not only leave a void in our lives but in the hearts of all who knew him. Our sincere thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time. With deepest sympathy...

— **Abe and Dorae Epp**

My husband and I are very saddened by the passing of Dr. Milne. He delivered both of our sons and provided great care for my family for many years. He was not only our doctor but a wonderful friend too. He always made me feel so comfortable when I went to see him. I will always remember him looking over the top of his glasses when speaking to me and I would tease him that he just put them on to look distinguished. God bless you Dr. Milne.

— **Marilyn Rabel**

I was a patient of Dr Milnes for at least 40 yrs.He also cared for my mom and dad as well.Dr Mahon delivered me and then Dr Milne cared for me for the better part of my life.When he told me he was retiring I knew I would never find another Dr like him.He also cared for my children as well for a few years.He was like a friend not a doctor.He took speical care of each patient.There could be 12 patients in the waiting room,and the one patient that was in the room with him was his priority.I do have a story.I have 2 daughters Jennifer(17) and Morgan(12).When Morgan was a baby,I had phoned the office to see if I could get Morgan in to see him.Dawn said that he was fully booked,so she said that he would come to my house.I told Dawn that 9 am would be good that way I could get Jennifer to school(she was in gr 1)and back.Well guess who pulls up at 8:20 am no other than Dr Miline.We all piled into his car and he drove me and Jennifer and Morgan to school.He waited in his car with Morgan while I walked Jennifer to the school door.I got back in the car.He was talking to Morgan,and Morgan was looking at him with big brown eyes.We then drove back to my house and Dr Milne examined Morgan.He will be missed.He was an incredible person and Doctor.He was one of a kind..Patricia Norris Calgary Alberta

— Patricia Norris

My wishes and prayers are with the family and Dr. Milne on his passing. He was an incredible person and role model. Dr. Milne delivered me and was one of my mentors growing up. It was through his example that first interested me to pursue medicine and emulate his caring, comprehensive and committed practice of medicine. I recall my early days of shadowing him while he made his rounds at the hospital. His unrelenting passion for medicine, matter-of fact demeanour and contagious smile and laugh will be dearly missed.

— Hussein Kanji

Who could not see an ear to ear grin when visualizing this man? He had a 'love of life' and gave his 'be all' to whatever claimed his interest at any given time. He was an integral part of this city, has had been his father. Undoubtedly all who knew him, be it his family, friend, tennis partner, patient - the list goes on - will all feel a void.

— **Andy Krebs**

We are really saddened to see that Doug is no longer with us.

Doug was a true gentleman.

Strangely, a quote I read just yesterday is most fitting:-

"The most valuable thing is to have a good reputation. Be fair, be honest, be trustworthy, be generous. Respect others."

We would all strive to be remembered so.

Ken & Brenda Franks

— **Ken & Brenda Franks**

Doug was a true friend to my father and our family.

He was a Doctor in the very best way.

My heartfelt sympathies to Michelle and Michael, Doug's family, and his many friends.

— **Jeffrey Mahon**

I knew him as good natured, steadfast, and with an easy and contagious manner and laugh. He was realistic and kind hearted.

I will always remember him fondly.

— **Mary Mahon**

To the John D. Milne family,

Sincerest regrets on the passing of your beloved Doug.

Your Friend,

Rose Sinclair

— **Rose Sinclair**

Dear Michelle, Michael and family, Gloria, and Beth,

Vania, Abi, Sophie, and I send you our sympathies and condolences and want you to know that we are thinking of Doug and of you.

Elizabeth

— **Elizabeth Mahon Brodovitch**

My family is saddened by the passing of Dr. Milne.

We were patients of his for many years. He delivered both of our sons and was not only a wonderful family doctor, but a great friend also. He always made us feel so comfortable and we enjoyed chatting with him.

He will truly be missed.

— **Marilyn Rabel**

With great regret and sadness I read in the Calgary Herald obituary for Dr. Doug Milne.

Dr. "Doug" as I called him was a long time friend and my professional health monitor and co-ordinator which no doubt accounts for my very good health today at age 85. Dr. Doug was the epitome of what a family doctor should be and his dedication to his patients was outstanding.

May he long be remembered and his family be proud to have had such a wonderful family member.

— **Jack Beacom**

Our sincere condolences and prayers go out to the family of Dr. Doug.

Doug was a true friend to many who will miss him greatly. He was a kind and honourable man, who was the friend to the rich or poor.

Our families formed a strong and loving relationship with Doug over the years and we will greatly miss him.

— **Rose Sinclair and her Sister Alice Graham**

Words cannot express how deeply saddened I am to learn of Dr. Milne's passing. You have our sympathies.

Doug Milne provided reliable care and great friendship to my father for a significant portion of his life.

I was privileged to receive my own health care advice from him for the past 40 years. Dr. Milne was also the attendant physician at the birth of our daughter. That's 3 generations.

We wanted his family and the community to be aware of our gratitude for this man's gentle, compassionate, and caring manner.

He will be missed.

— Wendy Park

My dad shared a medical practice over many years in Calgary with Doug, his cousin who was almost like a brother to dad, and I remember Doug as having a wonderful sense of humor and tremendous energy and vitality.

Above all he enjoyed life and he told me to always keep fit. The charm and warmth of the Douglas Clan were very much alive in Doug and I am proud to share my middle name with him.

— Charlie Douglas Mahon

We would like to offer our condolences to Doug's family and friends.

He will be missed out at Mishemokwa.

Richard & Barbara

— **Richard Lewanski & Barbara Scott**

Please accept our deepest sympathies.

Dr. Milne was our doctor for 37 years. His death has left a huge hole in our lives. He was always there for us and our family, always only a phone call away.

What a wonderful, good, kind and caring man he was.

We miss him terribly.

May God give you strength and peace at this time.

— **Karen and Bob Forsyth**

My heartfelt condolences go out to the Milne family on the loss of Doug a wonderful Dr., father, grandfather and friend.

Special love to Mike, Karen and Amy.

Heidi Daumler (Rob's mom)

— **Heidi Daumler**

My condolences on your loss, he was my doctor till he retired and also my friend, my family has been with him since I was born.

Myra Ena and Myself will miss greatly

— **Kevin Hayes**

I worked with John at the old Calgary General in Emergency. Many years ago.

I will always remember him as a gentleman. I always enjoyed working with him

— **Holly Heffernan**

I was shocked and saddened to read of Dr. Milne's passing.

He was my doctor for 43 years (since I was 13 years old). He saw me through the births of my two sons, and was always a trusting and gentle person.

I was surprised when he decided to retire (unlucky for his patients); I thought he would surely reach 100!

My sympathies to his family, and also to his nurse, and I am sure very good friend, Dawn.

— **Pam Temple**

You have my sincere condolences

— **Mel Shannon**

My mother and I have been patients of Dr Milne's for over 40 years. We are greatly saddened to hear about his passing. He was of great service to my mother for many years and who is almost the same age. I was delivered 48 years ago by his fellow physician whom he worked with Dr Mahon and he's been the only family physician I've ever known my entire life.

He will be greatly missed and can never be replaced, you never truly value something until it's no longer there and this is the case with Dr Milne. Finding another physician with the same caring attitude, the same level of compassion and dedication to his patients is proving to be next to impossible.

I truly believe there are almost no younger physicians who have the same "country doctor" persona that Dr Milne had, and most do not understand the value of having a compassionate ear in today's time constrained, resource limited version of medicine as is currently practiced.

We will miss him greatly.

— Glen and Sune Young

I met Doug as a young nurse in the ER at the old General Hospital in 1978. Our birthdays were a day apart and we seemed to have built a friendship on that alone. I stayed in intermittent contact with him over the years but just learned of his death yesterday. He was a caring, dear man and the world is a little less cheery somehow now that he is gone. I know he had many, many friends and I feel as if I know his family as I have heard so many stories about them from Doug over the years. He was very proud of his children and their accomplishments. I hadn't seen Doug for many years and I wish I had stayed in contact with him. My greatest condolences to his family...

— Lori M. Beresford

My sincere condolences on your loss. I met Doug through our passion for the game of tennis, and I have fond memories of the countless double matches at the Glencoe and other clubs in Calgary and other Western Canadian cities over a period of thirty three years.

Hans Jensen

— **Hans Jensen**

Hi Michelle and Michael.

I didn't get to meet either of you in person at the memorial for your father and I'm sorry! My father was a classmate of your dad's in medical school at U of A and he had passed away 4 years ago. Your dad and Dr. Fairbanks attended his memorial. My mother thought very highly of your dad and said he always included the older spouses of his classmates at events they had attended throughout the years! I miss seeing your dad at the Glencoe Club too! I spoke with Dr. Chepeha today (another classmate in Edmonton) and they have forwarded on your dad's obituary to other classmates.

Take good care!!

— **Janet Currie**



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