Barry Muir



JULY 7, 2016

Barry Muir, late of Regina, SK., passed away on Thursday, July 7, 2016 at the age of 69 years. He is survived by 2 of his 4 brothers Bruce (Barb) of Ottawa and Lorne (Ellen) of Indian Head. He was a husband to Elladee “Dee” for almost 51 years; a father to Shaunine and Shannon Muir (Scott); a Grandfather to Emile and Elladee (Hope) Gariepy; and a Great-Grandfather (Grandpa GG) to Aizlynn Heglin-Gariepy - the most recent light of his life. He was an Uncle to many, near and far and not only through blood. Everyone he came in contact with was treated as such and many became part of his clan.

He taught with Regina Public Schools for 35 years and for 3 years with DND in Germany. Some of you may know him as a teacher or colleague at Thom Collegiate (late 70's-80's) and Campbell Collegiate (1992-2008). He taught Math, IB Math, and Computer Science. He ran the Outdoor Education Club at Thom – Camping, Hiking, and Horseback Riding trips; Rappelling at Big Muddy; numerous Ski Trips; weekly Spring paddling practices at Wascana; all leading up to the Annual 110 KM canoe trips down the Sturgeon-Weir River. As well, he coached Fastball, started the 1st Girls Soccer Team at Thom Collegiate, and the 1st Girls Wrestling Team at Campbell Collegiate.

He was honored to be chosen as a first aid provider for the 1988 Calgary Olympics, working the Bobsleigh, Luge, and opening ceremonies for which he was awarded the Winter Olympics volunteer medal. He was a computer Science guy and helped develop many programs as well as fixed many a distraught person's computer. He was also President of Canoeing Saskatchewan and at one time involved with the Voyageur runs out of Ottawa in the 80's. He also worked with

the Canadian Recreational Canoe Association in the development of canoe training and safety standards for Canada.

You may also know him from Motorcycles: Motor-cross, Trials Riding, and Instructing Motorcycle safety and Racing Cars: he was a Rally Car Racer and Ice Car Racer. He was a biker through and through with annual motorcycle trips to Sturgis, the Black Hills, Yellowstone National Park, the Rockies, and the 3-Flags Tours (Canada, USA, and Mexico). He even set the record for 3 Ironman's through the Rockies. All leading to his legacy in the Motorcycle Safety Programs that started back in the late 70's and continued until the day he passed. In 1999, he was honored by the Canada Safety Council for 20 years of voluntary service with the Motorcycle Safety Programs; in 2005, he received the R.M. Rowley award for volunteer of the year; and in 2011 he was inducted into the Saskatchewan Safety Hall of Fame.

The Outdoor Ed clubs, the Motorcycle Safety Program, Wrestling program,…They weren't just clubs he created, but small communities he built and nurtured, that even years later, are still thriving. He was ultimately a teacher through and through. Whether you were a friend, family, or student what he taught was so much more than just subjects and he reached more individuals than he'd ever imagined. He helped shape youth into better adults through all his hands-on involvement in their teenage years. He always advocated true life skills: respect, integrity, honesty, SAFETY 1st, work hard but don't forget to play, push your limits, try, don't give up, if you don't fail at something you never learn, and most importantly “love life” - real gifts from a true teacher who will be sorely missed!

A Celebration of Life, with an open Mic., will be held on Saturday, the 16th of July, 2016 from 2pm-4pm in The ROC Church, Albert Street South and Highway 6 Junction. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to either The Cancer Society or

The Regina Humane Society.

Messages of Condolence

My condolence to the family and friends. I was with Mr. Muir Campbell colligate class Comp Sic from 10 to 12. Thanks for everything he done.

— Mohit Gupta

Barry was our teacher in high school and we were part of the outdoor Ed club. He was an amazing man that taught us a lot about life. He will live on forever in our hearts. Our condolences to Dee, Shaunine and Shannon and families. Barry will be greatly missed

— Mindy and Al Pylauk

I am a richer person for having known Mr Muir. My condolences to friends and family. He was a friend to my Father (collegues at Thom) my wrestling coach and believed in my ability in Math even more than i did. I owe my success in life to men like this one. He will be greatly missed.

— Edward Stewart

Dee and family
Our deepest condolences on the passing of your dear Barry. Our memories of Barry are numerous and enjoyable.

— George and Connie Watson

With deepest sympathy for your loss. Barry was a wonderful person, and will be truly missed.

— Jack Heshka & Family

My deepest condolences to Dee, Shaunine, Shannon and family. Barry was a very influential part of my time at Thom Collegiate and Outdoor Ed. Taught me many things which are still recalled fondly at numerous times throughout the years. Always with a smile. Best wishes to all along with our thoughts and prayers.

— Adrian Leusink

Barry was a exemplary teacher and always taught students instead of just subjects. He was truly a good friend and colleague we will miss him. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.
Tom and Lynn Magnuson

— Tom Magnuson

Fred and I came to know Barry when we took the motorcycle safety course. He was a great teacher and well respected authority on safe motorcycle riding. Barry also came out before each ride season to do a presentation for the Christian Motorcyclists Association on safe group riding practises. He was passionate about seeing motorcyclist ride safe. He will be missed. Sorry for your loss.

— Helene Henning-Hill/Fred Hill

I don't know who I would be with out the influence of Barry.
He influenced so much of my life not only thorough his teaching but his actions as well.
My outdoor ed experience lasted not only through grade 9 to 12 but beyond.
Barry's humorous but strict ways gave all us TOEC members memories and friendships that have lasted our entire lives.
Dee, Shaunine and Shannon also became our family through him.
Many of my life learning experiences are directly attributed to this man.
My heartfelt condolences to Dee, friend Shaunine, lil sis Shannon and their families.
Barry left this world a better place through his teachings and example to all of us.

— Rob Meekel

I met Barry through the Canadian Ski Patrol locally and was with him at the bob-luge event at the 88 Olympics in Calgary. His steady presence, leadership and constant good humour, were valued. While I can not attend his Life Celebration to due to out of province commitments I remember him as a positive contributor to my life.

— Dan Cameron

I am very sorry to hear of Barry's passing. He was truly a remarkable man who generously shared his knowledge with a wide variety of people and organizations. He will be missed. My condolences to the Muir family

— David Cawood

It is with sadness that I have learned of the passing of one of my former colleagues at Thom Collegiate. As a teacher volunteer I spent several years working with Barry in the Thom Outdoor Ed club and have many memories of camping, canoeing, hiking and all the other many outdoor things we did with the club. Barry was a man of great enthusiasm, energy and sincerity. It is sad that he is no longer with us. My condolences to his family and friends.

— Walter Kalyn

My sincere condolences to all your family and friends Dee. Barry will be fondly remembered by everyone and in all he touched. He was a wonderful mentor to our community and students have grown in richness from his support and teachings. Take care.

— Tracy Fiacco

My condolences to his friends and family. I enjoyed his computer science class and IB math (even though it was tough).

— Greg Forrest

I'm so sorry to hear of Mr. Muir's passing. I was a member of the Outdoor's Club and the IB program at Campbell and he was a big part of my high school life. I'm sure he made a huge impact on so many other of classmates too. My condolences to his family.

— Laelie Snook

Dee - I was so very sorry to hear of Barry's passing. My thoughts are with you and your family.

— Jennefer Scheibel

So very sorry to hear of Barry's passing. Our most sincere condolences to Dee and family. Many fond memories throughout the many years of instructing motorcycle courses together. Proud to have known him. He will not be forgotten. Hugs!

— Jim and Audrey Prizeman

Condolences to family and friends for your loss. I took a learn to ride class from Barry and he instilled in me a sense of appreciation for safety on a motorcycle and the confidence and ability to do it effectively. Very greatful that I got to meet and learn from this man. May his memory be eternal.

— George Tsougrianis

My condolences to Dee and family. I had not seen Barry for a number of years although I taught with him at Campbell from 1992 to 1994. I remember him most from our mutual interest in canoeing and outdoor tripping with students in our schools. I remember an extended canoe school in Missinipe in the 1970s where we were partners during a lot of the school. I was always impressed with his intensity and skill in a canoe and learned much from him. His contributions to outdoor tripping and secondary school teaching always impressed me over the years. He will be missed and remembered by many in the province. Again my condolences to the family.

— Warren Wessel

Barry was my wrestling coach abs math teacher. He was a great mentor, coach and friend. He will be missed, I'm sad to hear this news.

— Jon Dreger

Dee, my condolences to you and your family. I had the privelege of having Barry as a colleague at Campbell from 1994-2006. He was always generous with his time and willing to help out wherever needed.

— Heather Winter

Our deepest sympathies to Mr. Muir's family and friends. He taught us IB calculus in 2004/2005. His class enabled me to have my current career. He was also a very kind man; I am sure many remember him having the class over for breakfast, and I recall him being supportive during an upsetting event at school for me. Although my husband never once did his homework, and therefore got zero on every "homework check," I don't think Mr. Muir ever got mad about it. He will be missed.

— Caitlin Laughlin and Stuart Johnston

Mr. Muir was one of my favorite, most memorable teachers at Campbell collegiate in the IB program. I am so sad to hear about his passing. Deepest sympathy to his family and friends.

— Kristin Walker

My deepest condolences to Mr. Muir's loved ones. It was a privilege to have learned from him in the early 90's at Campbell. May he find peace eternal.

— Tracy Kulach

Taught with Barry at Campbell. He was always a staff guy you could count on to be there when needed. A kind heart and a good soul. He will be missed by all who knew him.

— Duane Wright

The community has lost a great man. Barry taught me motorcycle safety and 'safety' was number one in his world. I later joined the council and taught with him. He was an amazing teacher, mentor and friend. I teach motorcycle classes in Ottawa and Barry's words and teachings are still with me today and I share them with the students I work with. That speaks to just how influential he was when he was in your world. He will live on in our hearts and our memories like he lives on in my words as I teach. To Dee and family... my condolences as his spirit was so wide spread and I trust that everywhere you go and everything you see and do, that you are always touched by his presence.

— Wanda Ponto

My deepest condolences to the Muir family. I had the great privilege to both learn from and instruct Motorcycle Safety with Barry for a few years. His enthusiasm and dedication was truly inspiring. We have lost a great one. He will be greatly missed by all the communities he was involved with. My thoughts and prayers go out to you.

— Kari Nelson

Ohno! :(

Barry - the legend you probably never new...

I was honored to work with Barry on the motorcycle review committee at sgi - I could never say enough about how valuable his words were and with what weight they carried in a room full of legit bike people. But. That's not even the best part. Barry wasn't just a bike guy - this bugger could ride - and I mean RIDE!!!!

The first time I meet Barry he and I were with our respective groups and we meet up on needles highway. John And Tom knew him and introduced our groups - maybe Doug too - time and concussions have fuzzed the details - anyway, after a chat Barry suggested our groups go for a ride together on needles. It was awkward for me. I was a young guy on a 1000cc Supersport - decent rider (Ohhh did I suck then lol) and his group were on gold wings. I politely and respectfully told him we were pretty fast riders and they probably couldn't keep up on gold wings. Welp. Barry suggested his group go first and we could follow so we didn't loose them then we would all go for lunch together. I figured ok. After all, this is needles highway. Maybe the 2nd most dangerous road in the black Hills - maybe a slow run would help me work on a few things. Barry told his group to go and he would bring up the rear. I went out front of our group to keep an eye on Barry to make sure he would be ok. He took off pretty fast. The first corner he took so fast his pipes were grinding - I thought he was about to crash - I was pretty pissed this old fart was pushing it so hard to try and impress us kids. Second corner I realized his group was gone....and Barry was getting faster. I watched him enter the corner in the forest - and lost him through the trees as he hit the apex -..... that was the last time I'd see Barry for 4 years.

Apparently his group showed up for lunch but got sick of waiting for us so they took off lol

110% true story.

I told this story to Barry the next time I meet him - he let out that Barry laugh and said he was glad to see I was still riding. He asked if I wanted a rematch. By then I knew I was a much much better rider having had worked hard on my craft but knew - no - your still the man Barry. I got to race him on the rcmp track - he on his gold wing me on my drz - doesn't matter who won - legends never loose their place on your podium.
Looks like you beat me again Barry. Can't wait to see you in the hills when yes - I want that rematch.

— cody Jordison

My sincere condolences to Mr. Muir's family and friends. I was fortunate to have been a student of his for IB math at Campbell, and remember his as a hard-working, dedicated, and influential educator. His passing is a tremendous loss to countless many, and he will be missed.

— Tyler Westcott

I was so saddened to hear the news that my Uncle Barry passed away. Hé was such à good man and smart Man. Im so glad my family and I got to have à nice visit with him last fall.My deepest sympathies go out to Aunt Dee and cousins Shaunine and Shannon and all their family. Im thinking of you all. Love you! Jennifer xxxx

— Jennifer Pollock

What I remember more than anything were his dogs. On a cycling camping trip to Craven with the outdoor club, he lost his dogs for a few minutes and was far more concerned about their safety than ours (which can was totally justified, given that our 15-year old brains didn't appreciate his logic and wisdom).

— Mike Poulin

I am so sorry to hear the news of Mr. Muir's passing. He taught me IB math in 2005 and was a terrific teacher. I fondly remember him teaching us math Christmas carols ("I'm dreaming of a quadratic") and having our class over to his house for a pancake breakfast.

— Carolyn Cyr

Mr Muir believed in us (students)..even when we (I) did not. Thank you.
Graduating class from Thom 89.

— Tanya

I had Mr. Muir as a teacher and Outdoor Ed leader at Thom Collegiate. He was a wonderful teacher and genuine person. My condolences on your loss.

— Regan Williams

Shannon, it's been a lot of years.... I am so sorry for your lisd

— Nancy (Barnett) Elrick

My heartfelt condolences to the Muir family and friends. I had the privilege to be a student of Mr. Muir in the IB program at Campbell Collegiate and now, from the perspective of my own career in academe, it is even clearer what a special teacher and person Mr. Muir was. He was an outstanding instructor with a rare and inspiring empathy and ability to connect with his students. I will never forget how he even had our math class over to his home for a breakfast once at the end of a school year. The community has lost a great one and he will be fondly remembered.

— Byron Purse

My condolences to Dee, Shaunine, Shannon and family. My high school memories of Thom are not what happened in the classroom, but what happened outside it. Outdoor Ed was the highlight of my high school years, and Barry was the reason for this. Whether it was canoeing in northern Saskatchewan, or skiing in the Rockie Mountains, he always had an adventure to take us on, and reminded us of the beauty around us. I have shared many stories with my family over the years, and these memories always make me laugh. He was a teacher like no other – “The mediocre teacher tells. The good teacher explains. The superior teacher demonstrates. The great teacher Inspires”, and Barry was an inspiration to us all.

— Sheila (Schick) Harlos

His name brings back sooo many fond memories from Thom and the Outdoor Ed Club. I can't even begin to express the fun and appreciation of the time we spent with him, the girls and also "Duke". My very deepest condolences.

— Kelley (Christianson) Izso

I fondly remember Mr. Muir from TOEC, geo-trig class, and his cool little red MG sports car...totally the coolest (the man and the car!)! My heartfelt condolences on your loss...

— Janice (Horne) Aubé

I adored Mr. Muir. He was so much fun and a great teacher. I was a student of his in the late 70's at Thom. He would have after school science class to offer a chance for experiments we didn't get a chance to do in class, like heating up marbles and glass tube bending (I still have a scar on my thumb!). I loved Outdoor Ed and the trips we would take to learn orienteering (the 70's version of geocaching!). Mr. Muir was a positive person in my life and I am blessed to have known him and be taught by him.

— Deb (Stephens) Mievre

Mr. Muir taught me math and IB math at Campbell Collegiate. I later went on to become an Engineer, and I have no doubt that Mr. Muir's incredible teaching abilities contributed largely to my academic and career success. He was one of the highest caliber teachers and people I have ever met. In a box in the next room are my notes from his IB calculus class, which I've kept because they are of substantially better quality than my calculus notes from 1st year university. Occasionally I refer to them and then think about how much I enjoyed his classes.

My thoughts go out to his friends and family, and I hope they know that he has made a large and positive impact on so many students like me.

— Jonathon Dehm

Dear Elledee and family. So sorry to hear of Barry's passing. I was lucky to have a quick chat with him when I was in Regina for my sister's passing Doreen) and he told me of the battle he was having -- just when you two were beginning to really enjoy retirement. I was always impressed with his positive and "can do" attitude and the ability of you as a couple to battle through the good and bad times. I certainly will miss him. Please feel free to call if you just need someone to listen (416-530-8080). I will be in Regina this fall and will touch base. Take care. Love Wes

— Wes Shera

My condolences to the family and friends of Mr. Muir! So sad to hear the news. I have been meaning to share a story of Mr. Muir actually, and I was planning to mail him earlier but now I regret how tardy I was. Anyways I hope you find this story interesting.

Mr. Muir had a huge impact on my life for a rather random reason. I took IB Calculus from him at Campbell and he was a very good teacher. More strict than the other teachers but I think that's why I learned so much.

Anyways, we were doing applications of calculus during class once, and one of the applications was applying calculus to economics to calculate marginal cost and marginal revenue (this is fundamental to basic economics). Mr. Muir mentioned briefly, almost as an aside, during class that "if you like this application, you should take economics in university".

I had never thought about taking economics, but for some reason that brief mention stuck with me. I then took my first economics course at the U of R during my first semester and I loved it. I got hooked from there. I ended up majoring in economics and then going on to get a Ph.D. in economics from the University of California, Irvine. I now teach economics at Tulane University in New Orleans.

I know for a fact that I wouldn't be where I am without him. It's interesting how big of an influence people can have on your life, for the better.

I sometimes wonder why I took that brief suggestion of his, to take economics, to heart so much. I think it's because I knew fundamentally that Mr. Muir was someone I looked up to and respected so much.

I wish I could thank him in person, of course, but I hope I can at least pay this forward and be a good mentor and role model to my students like he was to me and others.

Thank you for providing me the opportunity to share this. I can't imagine what this loss is like for those that were closer to him. Please let me know if I can be supportive in some way.

Sincerely,

-Patrick Button

— Patrick Button

I am saddened to hear of Mr Muir's passing. For whatever reason, today I was thinking why do I even remember "the bottom times the derivative of the top minus the top times the derivative of the bottom over bottom squared", even though I'm far removed from any field requiring Calculus. It's because Mr. Muir drilled the fundamentals in our heads (class of '04/'05), to the extent that I think those who took his IB Calculus classes were far ahead than most in University. He did this while being a consummate badass riding around Regina on his bike.

Even though I did get caught dozing off in his class (Calculus should never be the last class of a long day), a lot of what he taught - particularly the thought process he tried to instill in us - has stuck, more than a decade later. He will be missed; my thoughts go out to his family and friends.

— Sourin Mahbub

Alternatives
FUNERAL & CREMATION SERVICES

https://www.myalternatives.ca/obituaries/muir-barry

Printed on November 22, 2026