



Dr. Charles Richard Tim Dean

June 6, 1940 - March 7, 2023

It is with great sadness that we announce Tim's passing on March 7, 2023, following a short illness. Tim was born in Yarmouth on June 6, 1940 to Wilmot and Phyllis Dean.

Tim left Yarmouth at age of 16 to attend Mt Allison where he met his wife of 62 years, Linda Laurie. He graduated Mt. A in 1961, with a BSc in chemistry. He then taught chemistry at Mt A for one year, until Linda graduated in 1962. He attended Dalhousie University from 1962-1964, graduating with an MSc in pharmacology, and then spent the next four years at Oxford University, and graduated in 1968 with a D.Phil in Pharmacology. He then returned to the Dalhousie Department of Pharmacology, as an Assistant Professor, where he taught and did research from 1968 to 1970. In 1970, he entered the Dalhousie School of Medicine, while still teaching for the Department of Pharmacology, including his own medical class. In 1975, he graduated medical school and started a residency in Internal Medicine, followed by a Royal College Fellowship at the Hammersmith Hospital in London, England. He returned to Halifax in 1976, and began practicing as an attending Internal medicine physician at the original Halifax Infirmary, Victoria General, and Camp Hill Hospitals. He held many positions throughout his career, including the Chief of Medicine at the Camp Hill Hospital from 1983-1988. Although he was a general internist, he developed a special interest in hypertension. He had a great love of medicine and served as a mentor to many. He received several

teaching awards, including the Faculty of Dalhousie School of Medicine Professor of the year in 1983, and a Faculty Citation Excellence of Teaching in Post Graduate medicine in 1995. He retired in 2006 after a remarkable 40 year career.

Tim had a love of all music. He played the trumpet in his own band when he was 15 around Yarmouth, playing big band music. He sang base in church choirs throughout his life and as a member of Fort Massey Church in Halifax. He performed the Celtic Mass for the Sea at Carnegie Hall in New York City. He had a special fondness for Maritime music, and could usually be found tapping his feet and humming along.

Throughout his life, Tim had a passion for the outdoors. His love of canoeing was formed at a young age, paddling and fly fishing on the Bario River with his father Wilmot and local guides, who he admired and emulated. He spent many years canoeing and camping in the backwoods of Nova Scotia with his lifelong best friend and paddling partner, Earl Martin. He also fulfilled his dream of paddling the Thelon River in the Northwest Territories with his son Jamie, and longtime friend, Don Gordon. In 1984, Tim turned a one room, off-grid hunting shack on Payzant, Lake in West Caledonia into a family camp with enough room for all his kids and grandkids. This remains the spiritual home for the entire family. His generous spirit will live on in the hearts of all those who had the honour of knowing him.

Above all else, Tim loved his family. He is survived by his wife, Linda (Laurie), his four children, Kelly, Debbie (Peter MacDonald), Chris, and Jamie (Stephanie Prior), and his three grandchildren, Regan, Hugh, and Addison. He is predeceased by his parents, Wilmot and Phyllis, and his younger brother, Greg. A memorial gathering will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Alzheimer's Society of Nova

Scotia www.alzheimer.ca/ns/en or the Nova Scotia Nature Trust www.nsnt.ca
Online condolences and commemorations can be made on the Harbourside
Regional Crematorium website www.harboursidecremation.ca

Tribute Wall

CO

“ Dr. Dean was a true gentleman! I was fortunate and very lucky to know him in my career where we had many laughs and I had many learning opportunities. He had a very special way of sharing his knowledge and helping others. A favourite memory was on his birthday in 2003 when I along with my bridesmaids, showed up to clinic with a birthday cake for him! Dr. Dean words cannot express my sincere thanks & appreciation for all you have done and everything you taught me.

Cathy Wheeler O'Neil - April 13, 2023 at 03:05 PM

BA

“ So saddened to hear of Tim's passing. I remember you both well from Mt A days and chemistry labs etc. You two made a great couple that we all admired you both back then. Your stability and accomplishments are great for sure. I was Barbara Beaton, a pre med student , class of 62, and married Alick Anderson, also a Mount A er, friends of June and Earl.
Sending loving thoughts to you and your family.

Barbara Beaton Anderson - April 10, 2023 at 12:26 PM

DM

“ Doctor Dean was an exemplary physician. His care for patients was admirable. He was superbly knowledgeable and had the capacity to manage complex patients with calm confidence. I was very fortunate in having him as a clinical instructor. My condolences to the family.

David MacNeil MD - March 23, 2023 at 07:26 PM

NM

“ Dear Kelly, I am very sorry over the loss of your beloved father. I remember him fondly as a very kind man who was so devoted to his family. Whenever I visited you for an overnight stay he always made me feel so welcome and part of your family. Your dad was the sweetest man. I hope you find comfort in the love he had for you, Debbie, Jamie, Chris and your darling mother. In Sympathy,
Natasha (Zinck) Mohr.

Natasha Mohr - March 19, 2023 at 04:49 PM

PF

“ Dear Linda and family. We want to express our deepest sympathies to you on the passing of Tim. My dad enjoyed singing in the choir at Fort Massey with Tim and marvelled at Tim's contributions on the various committees they sat on together over the years. I am grateful for the wonderful mentorship Tim provided during my formative years of training at the VG and Infirmary. Peter Fong and family.

Peter Fong - March 19, 2023 at 08:07 AM

SK

“ I knew Tim from Fort Massey when he was Treasurer. He was always friendly to all, asking about you & really listening. Reading about all of his accomplishments & all the people he touched during his life solidifies the man I remember. Thinking of all the family at this time.

Sancia Knorr - March 17, 2023 at 08:39 PM

JJ

“ Dr. Dean shared with me his vast knowledge of medicine, physical assessment, clinical acumen and hypertension. More importantly, though, he taught me about people, humility and looking beyond what is in front of me. My time working and collaborating with Dr. Dean in the hypertension clinic was the highlight of my career. I was so privileged and honoured to have him as a mentor. He gave me wings. My deepest condolences to Linda and family. He will not be forgotten.

Jackie Jayasinghe

Jackie Jayasinghe - March 15, 2023 at 07:18 PM

JP

“ Heartfelt condolences to the Dean family. I didn't spend a lot of time with Tim but our conversations usually involved soccer, family or school and his genuine interest in others was always apparent. Jamie (Chuck) had a special bond with his Dad and always smiled when talking about his activities with Tim. We are thinking of you all during this difficult time of loss.

Jesse Parker - March 14, 2023 at 10:01 PM

PP

“ While planning our next symphony concert (Rose Cousins on March 25), I almost called you folks to suggest that we get together for dinner, as we had done in the past. Sad that we will never have a chance to do that again.

Tim is dearly remembered as the father figure of the Class of '75- mature, kind, tolerant of his less mature classmates. He was a great physician-wise, empathetic and very down to earth.

Please accept my condolences and rest assured that Tim has left an amazing legacy. He was the kind of physician that his colleagues aspired to be. His work was supported and made possible by the backing of a loving family.

You and Tim will be in my thoughts at the concert

Patti Pearce

patti pearce - March 14, 2023 at 06:47 PM

BM

“ I was saddened to hear of Dr Tim Dean's passing. As a medical student back in 2001 who had no idea what specialty I wanted to do, I fluked into a summer research project (thanks in part to the Associate Dean of Research at the time, Dr, Harold Cook) with Dr. Dean and Adam Clarke (then a Cardiology fellow). Dr. Dean was such an amazing physician and mentor who blended brilliance, humility, compassion, and patience that I quickly knew that Internal Medicine was what I wanted to do - far more to do with the fact that I wanted to be a physician like him rather than anything to do with the specialty. I will be forever grateful to him for all that he has done for me and so many others.

My Condolences to Linda and all of the family.

Brian Moses

Brian Moses - March 14, 2023 at 06:04 PM

MS

“ *To the Dean Family
I was saddened to read about the passing of Tim. He was an example of what a good doctor should be. The patients that I sent to him always had a good word to say about how well he treated them. On the occasions that we did meet we always had a good conversation about canoeing which we both enjoyed. My condolences to the Family Merv Shaw*

merv shaw - March 14, 2023 at 02:27 PM

RB

“ *It was my privilege to work with Dr. Dean in the General Medicine clinic. He was a pleasure to work with and I learned a great deal about medicine and the art of caring for people from him. He was a staunch supporter of nurses and in particular Jackie Jayasinghe and me.
Sincere sympathy to Linda and all the family.
Roz Benoit*

Roz Benoit - March 14, 2023 at 07:09 AM

DH

“ *Linda and the rest of the family I am so saddened to hear of Tim's passing. He was a mentor, colleague, and friend who taught me so much particularly about the management of hypertension. Most of all, I will remember him for his quiet gentle spirit and his personal caring approach to patients, colleagues, and staff. He was so special and highly regarded by everyone he met and worked with. Knowing that he has passed away from this life does leave a void and I pray for God's comfort to surround you all at this time.
David Haase*

David Haase - March 13, 2023 at 08:47 PM

VR

“ Dear Debbie and the entire Dean family,
Please accept my sincere condolences on the loss of your father,
husband and grandfather. I had the privilege of being taught by your
dad at Dal. He was a wonderful physician and mentor with empathy,
grace and patience.
Sincerely,
Valerie Ross

Valerie Ross - March 13, 2023 at 05:50 PM

LM

“ Dear Linda, Kelly, Debbie, Chris, Jamie and families-deep
sympathies for your loss of your beloved. I remember Dr. Dean for
his infectious kind smiles and soulful baritone laughter-and his
stalwart friendship with my Pops, Earl Martin, forever together
reaping the medicinal benefits of nature and humour.



Lori Martin - March 13, 2023 at 03:11 PM

DC

“ Very sorry to hear of Tim's passing. Tim taught me as an Internal
Medicine resident - I learned from his mentorship; he was a great
role model. He had a very pleasant, caring and respectful manner
with patients and families. He also had a lovely sense of humour. I
recall patients and families commenting to me that Tim "...is a real
gentleman" - very true! Thank you Tim for your teaching, guidance
and leadership.

Dan Carver

Daniel Carver - March 13, 2023 at 02:52 PM

MF

“ Dear Linda

I hope you will remember me: Maryel FitzRandolph - Class of '60. Foye Weatherhead forwarded Tim's Obituary to me today.

I knew Tim before we went to Mt A. We both attended the YMCA Camp Wapomeo outside Yarmouth. Fun filled days. Tim certainly achieved a great deal in his life, keeping you all on your toes. I was not surprised to read about all his achievements.

I am sure you will be surrounded by many friends and family.

Kind regards to you and your children.

Maryel FitzRandolph - March 13, 2023 at 01:57 PM

JR

“ *I met Tim when Ron was starting his Master's degree in Pharmacology in the fall of 1970. He was such a kind person who treated his student and his wife like we were family. We were invited to dinner, to family events and even visited the family in London when you lived there. I remember the day Linda called saying she was exhausted looking after four young children who were so close in age. I said that I would check to see if my seventeen year old sister could help her out and that is how Christine came into your lives. Tim and Christine got along marvellously except maybe for the time she accidentally dyed his intern uniforms pink. I have not seen you since Christine's wedding where the girls were flower girls and Tim gave the toast to the bride. That was many years ago but I have never forgotten the smart and kind Tim Dean nor his wonderful smile. May the many happy family memories you share help you through this difficult time.*

Judy Rondeau

judy rondeau - March 13, 2023 at 01:18 PM



“ Hi; This is Rex and Heather Dunn. We knew Tim and Linda well back in the Med School days. We were among the older students, Tim by quite a bit. For a long time we stayed in touch; they even visited us in Cape Breton, many years ago. Nothing but admiration, and fond memories of Tim, and we will be thinking of all of you during these days. Nova Scotia Nature Trust is one of our favorite groups also.

Rex Dunn - March 13, 2023 at 12:27 PM

MB

“ Tim was a role model for physicians for years. He was always a phone call away for family docs, he would see referred patients quickly and he generously edified us to our patients. He was respected for his caring approach to diagnosis and for declining to flog the products of Big Pharma, even when they sponsored his talks. I had the pleasure of travelling with him many years ago. It is not hyperbole to say he was “one of a kind” . My condolences to Linda and family.

Michael Banks - March 13, 2023 at 11:19 AM

DG

“ My thoughts and sincere condolences to all of Dr Dean’s loved ones. I knew him as an esteemed physician, but mostly as a kind father to my best friend Jamie. He had many a belly laugh at our foolishness years ago. The family camp on the lake is a truly special place. I’m so sad to hear that he has passed.
Sincerely,
Dave Gunn

David Gunn - March 13, 2023 at 07:40 AM

SD

“ I am so saddened by this news, and I am thinking of all of you. No matter what kind of foolishness I was up to, or my children were up to, Tim somehow always made me feel like I mattered, and that he cared. He would stop me, but his hand on my elbow, looked at me with that big warm smile, and say, ‘How are you doing Sarah?’ I will always carry this memory with me.

Sarah Dorey - March 12, 2023 at 06:42 PM

DM

“ I was saddened to learn of Tim Dean’s passing. I was fortunate to have been an intern on his service at Camp Hill. He was truly a unique individual. He instilled a love of therapeutics , in the importance of teamwork, and in caring for and about patients. He was an inspiring individual. My condolences to his wife and family.
George Macdonald

Dr. N. George Macdonald - March 12, 2023 at 04:01 PM

MW

“ My deepest condolences on Tim Dean's passing. I met him during my residency and we later were colleagues and shared some patients. Tim was a wonderful person and physician. He was the most caring doctor I ever met and always had his patient's best interests in mind. He was an exemplary role model for numerous medical students and residents. I was honoured to have known him and worked with him. I still remember at the old CampHill hospital ICU giving a patient the first dose in Nova Scotia of iv captopril as an investigational drug under Tim's supervision. Nothing untoward happened of course and now we use this antihypertensive drug with great frequency and impunity but at the time it was still under investigation. Tim will be greatly missed.
Michael West

Michael West - March 12, 2023 at 11:36 AM

DZ

“ Dera Linda,
Thank you for sharing some of your lives. Tim was a role model for me. I remember sharing times in the “barn” in the back of the garage, helping care for the animals. Tim and his neighbour, David, invited me to play *Flight of the Bumblebee* when I was learning to play the trumpet. I had never heard of this trumpet music. We laughed after I finished trying to sightread this magnificent music. I send my love to you and your family.
Dave Van Zoost

Dave Van Zoost - March 12, 2023 at 08:21 AM

DY

“ Linda and Tim's Family ; Sun and I are so sorry to find out Tim's passing. We have been a good friends for the last 40 years and we remember so many good memories with Tim, as great friends, cottage visits etc. Most of all Tim was a great man, so nice and so wise, so caring, and a good gentleman,--.
Professionally Tim was a remarkable Doctor, teacher, and very caring. I admired him a lot as a friend and colleague. Most of all his gentlemanship.
Sadly Tim passed away and we will miss him a lot. Sun and I send our
condolence to Linda.
Sun and C.K. You

Dr. C.K. You - March 12, 2023 at 07:13 AM

DA

“ Condolences on the sad news of Tim’s passing. Tim was a great, positive influence on a generation of young boys, sharing his knowledge and love of canoeing and the outdoors. Together with Earl and Dad, we had many good times in the woods, lakes and rivers of NS. While provisioning sometimes over-emphasised sardines, and even though the ratio of paddling to bushwhacking with a canoe on one’s head was not always optimal, Tim’s dry wit, wilderness knowledge, and caring nature helped make it all enjoyable, educational and above all memorable. I’m glad I got to see him one last time last August at Milford. Best wishes to the Dean family and RIP Tim.

Dave Addison

dave addison - March 12, 2023 at 04:09 AM

JL

“ So sad to hear of the passing of such an amazing Dad, husband and member of the community. Our sincere condolences to Linda, Kelly, Debbie, Chris and Jamie
Joan, Krista and Jessica

joan laurie - March 11, 2023 at 09:21 PM

DS

“ Saddened to hear of Tims passing. I worked with him for many years. He was an example of what many of us should try to achieve with our lives. Well done Tim. You will be dearly missed.
Condolences to family. Dr John Stewart.

Dr John Wood Stewart - March 11, 2023 at 08:18 PM

LC

“ Tim’s grandfather and my grandfather were brothers. So we arrived at Fort Massey to discover the connection. Tim served as elder, treasurer and wore a host of other hats during our time at the church. He became a friend as well as a parishioner. So we were saddened to hear of his sudden death. And we know how much Linda, Kelly, Debbie, Chris and Jamie will miss him. He was truly one of a kind.

Linda (& Trent) Cleveland-Thompson

Linda Cleveland-Thompson - March 11, 2023 at 07:15 PM

ME

“ Dear Linda, I am so sorry to hear that Tim has passed away. I’ve known him all my life and have some good memories. Please know I’m thinking of you and your family and my prayers and sympathy are with you all.

Mary Eldridge

Mary Eldridge - March 11, 2023 at 06:55 PM

KG

“ I am so very sorry to hear of Tim’s death. Your family and mine share many raucous, funny, and wonderful Perry Road memories (generations of them). I felt like I got to know my grandma, mom and aunts as young people when the stories started. I will never forget Linda and Tim making the trip to Killarney last summer to help remember my mom. Linda and family, much love is sent your way. Kelly Grant (Field)

Kelly Grant - March 11, 2023 at 06:51 PM

RM

“ I knew Tim when we were both Cub Masters years ago at St Andrew’s Church. I remember him as a person who took great interest in helping people and had a passion for enjoying nature and the great outdoors. My condolences to Linda and the family. Richard Miles

Richard Miles - March 11, 2023 at 06:31 PM

DB

“ DrTim Dean was one of the kindest persons that I have ever met. I am no longer working in the medical profession but I still remember his intelligence, kindness for people and especially for members of my family. He will be missed by many. My condolences to his dear wife and family. Rest in peace Dr. Dean.

Doreen Burke

Doreen Burke - March 11, 2023 at 04:52 PM

JC

“ Linda and family:
Jim and I were saddened to learn of Tim’s recent death Although it has been many years since we saw you both we remember Tim well from the days when Jamie and Duncan were pals. We are thinking of you all at this difficult time and extend our sincere condolences.

Jane Cowie

Jane Cowie - March 11, 2023 at 03:45 PM

FC

So sorry to learn of Tim’s passing. One of my favorite cousins on Dad’s side. Always greatly enjoyed visits and encounters about nature, bird watching. Tim took my kite flying in early 60’s. Great memories of a joy filled man❤️.

Freeman Churchill - March 11, 2023 at 08:03 PM

HT

*To the Dean Family,
I first met Dr. Dean as a patient 22 years ago upon entering the QE2
Emergency with heart and kidney failure. Dr. Dean literally saved my
life and brought me back to health over the succeeding months. I
remain , along with my wife, continually grateful to him and remember
him often.*

*In addition to him being an amazing physician, his attentiveness and
compassion were above and beyond what any patient could hope for
during a time of crisis.*

With deepest sympathies and gratitude. Harry D. Thompson, KC.

Harry Thompson, - March 13, 2023 at 01:24 PM

FC

*Tim was a cousin...and I always enjoyed seeing him...In the early 60's
he took me to a kite flying event at the golf course in Yarmouth. I recall
there being some doubt as to whether we could actually get the thing
the air...but we did and I remember him being more excited than I.*

*Over the years we shared common interest in birds and general
wildlife. Every visit was a joy..*

My sincere condolences to Linda and family.

Freeman and family.

Freeman Churchill - March 14, 2023 at 08:28 AM

PA

“ *Linda - we were saddened to learn of Tim's passing. He was such a
wonderful man, always smiling, interesting and engaging. Really
enjoyed our time together. We will fondly remember him as Dr Dr
Dean! Our thoughts are with you all at this difficult time. May your
memories be a blessing. Peter & Anne Aldous*

Peter Aldous - March 11, 2023 at 02:44 PM

KW

“ To the Dean Family,
I was saddened to read of Dr. Dean’s passing for so many reasons. When I was a (very) young pharmaceutical representative, Dr. Dean treated me with the respect of a seasoned colleague. He would explain any internal medicine or drug question I had in any area with such kindness. Today, I was speaking to a family physician friend of mine and she said that Dr. Dean was the best teacher she ever had. I said, “I feel the same way.” My sincere condolences on this tremendous loss. May he rest in peace.

Kelly Williams - March 11, 2023 at 02:21 PM

JM

“ I knew Tim (Dr. Dean) first as a medical student and he a resident; then as a practicing physician in a rural community and he as an on call internist assisting in a difficult patient situation. Finally, I was able to assist briefly with his care and offer him some small tidbit of advice (to my surprise and delight) when he was a patient at Valley Regional Hospital. I was so happy to be able to give back to him in some small way for the kindness, generosity and true patience he exhibited and shared with me during our brief and infrequent encounters. Of all the physicians, and people, I have met in my life he was a rare one who left me with a permanent marking-one that says be gentle, kind and caring, be humble and most of all, be patient. Sometimes I would forget and then Tim's (Dr. Dean's) name would show up in some manner or for(u)m. Thank you to his Wife and Family for allowing him the space to share that mark on me. I carry it with pride.
John MacEachern

John MacEachern MD - March 11, 2023 at 02:18 PM

KR

“ *Caring condolences, and heartfelt sympathy on the loss of Dr. Dean. I fondly remember his keen interest and kind support for school activities with his elementary school children. Blessings and warm regards to all the family. Kathryn T. Ross*

Kathryn Ross - March 11, 2023 at 12:09 PM

AB

“ *So sorry learn of Tim's passing. He was a mentor not only to so many in the medical field, but to the people he shared his love of the outdoors and canoeing in Southwest Nova Scotia with. I was speaking with Earl recently and he asked if I remembered our Winter trip to "Tim's Payzant Lake Cabin" and a snowy hike to Lake Rossignol- how could I forget? I can still hear the hiss of the pressure cooker of beans on the woodstove.*

Another happy memory I have is when he was with a large group of us trying to make way across a very windy and whitecapped Kejimkujik lake. Two to a canoe, we were trying our best not to capsize and barely keeping even with the shore when I looked over my left shoulder and there was Tim calmly passing us. Solo, Tilly hat, a smile from ear to ear, and with his ottertail paddle and a canvas ruck the size of Stana's sack for ballast in the bow...

You never passed up a chance to canoe with Tim & Earl

Andrew Bourke - March 11, 2023 at 11:50 AM

TM

“ *For over fifty years Tim was a colleague, friend and at one point my physician. I always admired his gentle kindness, intelligence and humor. He was a terrific teacher, but more notable was his caring, empathetic approach to each patient. My condolences to Linda and family.*

T. Jock Murray - March 11, 2023 at 11:11 AM

RB

“ So sorry to read of Tim's passing .
My condolences to Linda and family .
Tim was a very fine gentleman and a great doctor .
It was my privilege to call him a friend and colleague .
Robert Baillie Sydney

ROBERT BAILLIE - March 11, 2023 at 10:31 AM

NJ

“ My condolences to the Dean family. I have fond memories of Tim and the family while hanging out with Chris on Ogilvie St. during our Gorsebrook years living in Halifax. I considered it a safe space during our tumultuous journey that is adolescence. I always enjoyed my time there and remember Tim's positive and upbeat spirit.

Nick Jeffrey - March 11, 2023 at 10:07 AM

RP

“ So sorry to hear of Tim's passing. Even though I didn't know Tim personally, where he had left Yarmouth when I was only 4 years old, I did know his parents, Wilmot and Phyllis, and his brother Greg. I certainly remember them living in the family home on Brunswick Street and later after they sold the house in Town and moved to the place on Fanning Lake in Carleton. Tim certainly had a full career and he will be missed. My thoughts are with his family as they go through this most difficult time.

Rick. Pitman - March 11, 2023 at 07:53 AM

IN

“ We were saddened to see Tim's obituary this morning. He was an extraordinary person, and we consider ourselves honored to have known him. What wonderful conversations took place! The Deans played a great role in the life of Fort Massey Church during our years there.

Sympathy to all.

Rev. Ivan and Judy Norton

Ivan Norton - March 11, 2023 at 07:31 AM