REMEMBERING

Michael Bale

September 23, 1941 - January 24, 2014

Tribute from Wiebe and Jeske Funeral Home Staff

Wiebe and Jeske Funeral Home Staff send our condolences to family and friends.

Tribute from JOYCE MCKAY

Relation: patient

I am so saddened to hear of Dr Bale's passing. He was my doctor and my mom's for many years. He was honest and certainly never 'sugar-coated' anything but cared about us. He and I had many good chats and arguments over the years and I will miss him terribly. There will never be another doctor like him. I feel I have lost more than a doctor...Rest in peace my friend.

Tribute from Gerald Kuva

Relation: Patient

Mike had been my Family Physician since I was in high school
My health has been in his hands and He did a bang up job of taking care of me I am going to miss him Greatly I am also thanking you Micheal for extending my Medication Prescription for a year You must have known then that something was wrong You can never be replaced Rest Peacefully
and I will definitely toast a pint to a fine Doctor

Tribute from Brian and Janet Mauza

Relation: patient, sons

Patti and family,
We are deeply saddened by the news of Mike's passing. Our heart felt condolences to you and your family. We have enjoyed our years with Mike as our physician, for his down-to-earth approach to medical care, his personal interest, friendly concern and wonderful availability. We shall truely miss him! We shall think of him always with the blooming of rhodos in the spring! Know that you are in our thoughts as we offer our heartfelt condolences to you all at this difficul time.

Tribute from JOHN AND ELIZABETH FLIER

Relation: DR.BALE WAS OUR DR. FOR MANY YEARS

WE WOULD LIKE TO SEND CONDOLENCES AT THE PASSING
OF DR. BALE .EVEN THO HE WAS OUR DR.. WE FEEL HE WAS ALSO A FRIEND.HE WAS

ALWAYS GOOD TO US ,WE MISS HIM ,

JOHN AND ELIZABETH FLIER

Tribute from Georgina Patterson

Relation: Patient

My condolences to the family and staff of Dr. Bale. He was my doctor for just over 39 years. He delivered my daughter 35 years ago and he continued to be her family physician throughout those years. He always had your best care at heart and was not one to sugar coat anything. It will be impossible to find another doctor who I felt so comfortable with. Rest in Peace.

Tribute from Diane and Steve Turner

Relation: Relationship - How did you know the deceased?

Miss you already Mike you have been a good doctor and friend for the last 18years and we shall miss our little chats and kindness you have always shown me and all my family.

Tribute from Sonya Henry

Relation: patient

My deepest sympathy to Dr. Bale's family. May you find peace and comfort in your precious memories of him. He was a wonderful doctor to me for many years and I will truly miss him. My sympathies to Mary and Frieda, as well.

Tribute from Kerry Dicer

Relation: patient

There is a deep sadness in my heart at the news of Micheals passing.He was my doctor and my friend for almost 40 years, My warmest feelings go out to his family, I shall always miss him.

Tribute from Marvin Mac Neill

Relation: Dr. Bale has been my Dr. for some 20 plus years and I am deeply saddened to hear of his passing. I will truly miss him not only as a Dr. But as someone I really likes and trusted as a long time friend.

Tribute from Duncan Palmer

Relation: Patient

Dr. Bale was the best family doctor I have ever had. He was a straight shooter and told you exactly the way it was. He had a sense of humour and was very approachable and appointments were timely and not rushed. He often provided me gardening advice at the end of my appointment. I will miss him, they don't make many doctors like him!!!!. My condolences to his family.

Tribute from Pam Kimball and Brent Webster

Relation: He was our doctor

Patti and Family,
Please accept our condolences at this very sad time. Mike was an awesome Doctor and a friend, he will be missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this very difficult time.

Tribute from Dana & Helen Mosher

Relation: Patients

Michael Bale had not only been our physician for over 25 years but we also considered him a friend. His positive and honest opinion as well as a friendly attitude always made us feel good after a visit. He will be greatly missed and never forgotten.

Tribute from Debbie Blaschek

Relation: Friend

So sorry to here of your loss Patty, it's been along time since I've you but I think of you and your family often. Take care Debbie

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Tribute from Douglas & Mae Buller

Relation: Tanya's Father and Mother in Law

Lived a full life and left many fond memories.

Tribute from Jennifer Oey and Nan Bone

Relation: Friend

Please accept our condolences for your loss. I have known Mike since I was four years old. I knew him to be exceptionally kind and thoughtful. He was patient enough to listen to anything I had to say even when I was a young child and probably making little sense. He had an excellent sense of humour and I shall always remember the beautiful plants he surrounded himself with and the comical doctors' calendars he used to save for me. Because my Mum, Nan Bone, worked with him, I knew him as our friend, Mike, but he was also my doctor for 15 years. He looked out for us both when it mattered most and for this I will always be grateful. I went for a run through a somewhat wintery and soggy park this morning -- spring was, sadly, no where to be found -- and thought of him. He will be missed. Apologies, Mike, for making a fuss.

Tribute from Linda and Doug Margison

Relation: Our family Dr. for over 33 years

So sad to hear about Dr. Bale's passing. He was our family doctor for over 33 years. When we had need to visit him he always had the time to sit down and talk with us about our personal lives such as sailing and boating. Truly a wonderful person and Dr. He will be greatly missed.

Tribute from bob and jenny hodgson

Relation: patient

We are deeply saddened by the passing of Dr Bale. He was our family doctor for over 20 years Not only was he our doctor but we also felt that he was our friend. He was a straight shooter and always gave his honest opinion, we will never again find a doctor as special as Dr Bale. Our condolences to his family and his staff he will be greatly missed. Bob and Shaun say they will be thinking of him during the superbowl on Sunday and will have a pint in his honor. Rest in peace Dr Bale

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Tribute from Barbara Vitaly

Relation: patient

I will dearly miss Dr. Bale. He was caring and thoughtful even during his own illness. He and Mary showed much kindness when my son suffered a stroke this month. I am forever grateful to Dr. Bale for giving attention when he himself was gravely ill. I will have a pint in Dr. Bale's memory; albeit O'Doul's and take many walks in spring gardens - a good prescription! Sincere condolences to his family and relations as well as Mary and Frieda.

Tribute from Sue & Rick Knudsen

Relation: Patient

Rest in Peace Dr. Bale. You were the best doctor that anyone could ever have. Never sugar coated anything, always straight to the point, but honestly cared about all of his patients. He has been our entire family's doctor for many years, and it will be hard to replace him. My deepest sympathy to his family, heaven just received one of the best.

Tribute from Anita Gallagher`

Relation: patient

Dr.Bale was my doctor for many years and he was the best doctor I ever had in my whole life. Deepest sympathy to his family.

Tribute from Gilda Drozdowich

Relation: patient

Sincere condolences to the family of Dr. Bale. He was my Dr. for many years. Will really miss him.

Tribute from Meghan McKechnie (nee Rusk)

Relation: My childhood physician

I remember seeing Dr. Bale at his office when I was a little girl and I recall a kind, patient, and gentle man. Once when I was a teenager, he asked me if I was "allergic to sulpha" and I wasn't quite sure what he meant. I'm a pharmacist now and I still giggle a little when people tell me they are allergic to sulpha and I think of Dr. Bale... even 25 years later. My condolences to his family, friends, patients, and colleagues. I'm sure he will be missed terribly.

Tribute from Helen Hucul

Relation: He was my doctor

I am grateful that I had Dr. Bale as my doctor. He was wonderfully kind
and supportive. I trusted him implicitly. I wish peace of mind and strength
to his family.

Tribute from Grant Piche

Relation: Parient

Dr. Bale, you are one of a kind. Thank-you for taking care of me and my family for the past 35 years. We will miss you.

Tribute from andrew g simpson

Relation: My Doctor and Friend

to Patti and family. My sincere condolences. Mike was my first and only Doctor in Abbotsford over the past 35 plus years. I am in Palm Springs for the winter and had attempted to see him before I left at the end of December. However he was already in hospital and iwas unable to visit him. We enjoyed many evenings of Bridge and conversations on various topics. Iwill miss him as I'm sure his many other friends ,staff, colleagues and patients will. I share your loss and wish you comfort in the memories you and others who knew him will continue to have. Andrew Simpson

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Tribute from Helen Leusink

Relation: family doctor

We would like to send our condolences to the family. Dr, Bale has been our doctor since we came to BC in early 1987. He provided compassionate, personable, and quality care to my husband, myself, and our 5 children. I regret not being able to thank him for that personally. He will be greatly missed.

Tribute from The Phillips family

Relation: Patient

Dr. Bale was our family doctor for many years.
Although at such a time as this,
There's little one can do,
We hope it helps in some small way
To know we think of you.
Our sincere condolences to the family.

Tribute from patti kimball

Relation: doctor/friend

Thanks for all you have done for me over the past 35 years. To Patti and all of your family my deepest thoughts and best wishes. I can honestly say that Dr.Bale made a difference in my life...we may not have always agreed on a subject but I always left his office feeling better and good about myself. Quite a gift.....

Tribute from Alice Rozario

Relation: Patient

My family's sympathy to the Bale family. Doctor Bale was more than a doctor, he was a friend. We had a lot of laughs during our visits and enjoyed talking about trips to the Asia. We will miss him a lot. May God wrap His loving arms around him.

Tribute from Raymond Windecker

Relation: patient

Mrs. Bale & family:

I have been a patient of Dr. Bale since 1974 when my wife first went in to see him with burns to her hand. He delivered both of our
children, Danielle & Jeffrey, and was a source of inspiration to us when he put us on to the War Amputations of Canada after our
daughter was born without a right hand.

In 1997, Dr. Bale arranged specialists and surgeons for a serious neck cancer operation. I was very upset, of course, and will never
forget him telling me that I would live for many more years. Almost two years ago my cancer returned and once again Dr. Bale
made further arrangements for surgery and eased my mind with his gentle and reassuring manner.

I was totally unaware of his own personal struggles which speaks volumes for his unselfish kindness and dignity. He was a man
I shall never forget, a scholar and a true gentleman. The medical community, his patients, friends and acquaintances will miss
him immeasurably.

I can only imagine the sense of loss your family must feel. Please take some degree of comfort in knowing that he will not be
forgotten. It would be impossible to forget a man with such admirable qualities.

Please accept my family's condolences.

Raymond, Deborah, Danielle & Jeffrey Windecker

Tribute from Kevin Plastow

Relation: Patient

Sincere condolences to Dr. Bale's family during this difficult time. Dr. Bale cared for me for over 25 years and his professional care and friendly demeanor spoke volumes. He will be missed by everyone who knew him and please take comfort in knowing that he touched, helped and improved many lives throughout his distinguished career. Michael, I will wait for a warm, sunny spring day for a wonderful garden walk and promise I will to enjoy a fine pint in your honour.

Rest well my friend.

Tribute from Charlotte George

Relation: a longtime patient

My sincere sympathy to Dr. Bale's Family. He was such a wonderful Doctor to us over the many years.I especially remember the extra care and comradery that he shared with my late husband , Art, .I know he will be missed my many. with love, Charlotte George

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Tribute from Joan Penner and family

Relation: Family Doctor and friend

Words cannot express the sadness I have in my heart for the loss of a great Doctor and friend. He was my Doctor and friend ever since Dr. Woods passed away. I have many memories of him and the helping of my family in our time of need. RIP Mike you will be missed

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Tribute from Lois Duke

Relation: Worked with Patty at MSA

Hello Patty,
Sheila called me this morning with the news that Mike had died (I think she was just talking to Amanda). I'm so sorry. Hoping you have a good support system. Hugs, Lois

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Tribute from Ingrid Reiner

Relation: Patient and friend

35 years of consistent care. Always helpful and reassuring. An intelligent, caring man. Absolutely irreplaceable. We spoke of life and its meaning...deciding perhaps it was to make a difference....michael certainly did. He will be missed.

Tribute from Glenn Flyman

Relation: Patient

My sincere condolences to the family.I will miss his humor and insight.I trusted Michael with my health and well being and he never let me down.I always felt I was confiding in a friend when I came to see him.A true professional and outstanding individual whom I shall truly miss.

Tribute from Dale McGregor

Relation: Family Doctor

Please accept my sincere condolences at Dr. Bale's passing. Dr Bale was my physician since 1990 and I never met a more dedicated, sincere, committed, caring health professional in my life. He was always there for me when I needed him and would take time to have a short visit whenever I had a medical appointment to empathize and share his philosophy on the topic at hand. He was a great family man and so very proud of his family and hobbies. I will greatly miss my great doctor.....and my friend. God bless and keep you all.

Tribute from Pharmacist

Relation: As a Colleague

Dear Family,
Dr. Bale did an outstanding job and he will be missed dearly.
Did a great contribution to the society.

RIP Dr. Bale.

Tribute from walt and pat harms

Relation: patient

Our condolences to Dr. Bales family and staff. He was our Doctor for over 30 years and in that time also became a friend. He was very caring and always straight forward. We will miss our visits with him.

Tribute from Jim and Elinore Lyons

Relation: Friends and Patients

Dear Patricia and family

Jim and I had been patients of Mike for the last 35 years and feel we have also lost a very good

friend. He was always compassionate to our medical concerns and we felt at ease that we were in the best hands possible.

He always took a little extra time for small talk with us, whether it was about cars or gardening and we left his office feeling he genuinely cared about us and our family.

We enjoyed working with him on our little invention and dreamed of riches. It would have been such a thrill for him if we had been able to get it off the ground and to market as was our plan.

I will be taking extra care of the numerous rhododendrons that he gave us as young plants. They are beautiful and thriving in my garden and will mean so much more to me now.

We are so sorry that Mike left us all too soon.

Sincerely

Jim & Elinore Lyons

Tribute from GAIL SCHERBAN

Relation: doctor

I would like to extend my sincere sympathy in the passing of Dr. Bale. He was my doctor for many years and then my husband's. I will be forever grateful for the care and all the conversations he had with Harold, especially in the final years of his life. Dr. Bale was always availabe for Harold- that is rare nowadays. I think Harold thought of him as a friend as much as a doctor. May he rest in peace.

Tribute from Danielle Windecker Knowles

Relation: Patient

Dr. Bale delivered me, and was our family GP for many years. I was born with 1 hand, and he was excellent with providing information to my parents. He also took excellent care of my Dad while he went through two bouts of cancer and other health issues. Rest in peace, Dr. Bale. I was saddened to hear of your passing. I live in England now, and I'll be sure to have a pint and go for a walk in a local garden in your honour.

Tribute from Sharon Flavelle & Norman Matt

Relation: patient

We were patients of Dr. Bale's for many years. We appreciated everything he did for us, and send our deepest sympathies to the family.

Tribute from John and Anda Pawlovich

Relation: friend

Patty--just returned from vacation and got the notice of Mike--so very sorry--he was a great guy and will be dearly missed. My brother was diagnosed with the same disease and did not make it even after a lung transplant--I share your sorrow. RIP Mike

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Tribute from bonita marno

Relation: my family doctor since 1987

michael was a friend and fellow gardener, he delivered all my babies and my twins were his 25th set! i remember him coming into the delivery room in gum boots:) natasha graduated with my son jesse. a loving gentle man, cheerio, will miss my english smile :)

Tribute from Laura Wallace

Relation: friend

Dear Patti. I was so sorry to hear of Mike's passing. His love of medicine, gardening and his family is his legacy. May your many memories and knowing that others care, bring you comfort at this very sad time. Sincerely, Laura

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Tribute from Doris Rettich

Relation: patient

Sorry for your loss. DR Bale was such a kind, honest man. Even as I was dealing with my mom's decline and death, he was willing to take the time to listen and give advice. He will be missed. and I will go stroll through the garden and remember him.

Tribute from Dr Chris Finch

Relation: Professionally, friend

Suzanne and I met Mike on our return to Mission in 1976. Mike was with friends developing a squash club in Abbotsford(now the bubble).
We kept in touch over the years but we left the area in 2008. We are saddened to hear of his loss to the community. He did make a difference and will be sorely missed. His note to us is pure Mike! We will take that pint.

Tribute from Reg and Wendy Jensen

Relation: Family Doctor and Friend

Like so many others that have posted we considered Dr. Bale a friend as well as our doctor. It was so sad for us to hear of his sudden illness and passing. The ease and promptness of being able to see him the same day or the next day when calling to make an appointment was only the start of a pleasant experience that often included a conversation about similar likes etc. We will miss him very much.

Tribute from John Mitchell

Relation: Old Friend and also my GP

When I lived in Abbotsford in 1980-1984, Mike was not only our family GP but was also a good friend. We spent many hours playing chess with pints in hand at our home and many discussions regarding our shared heritage coming from the UK. My deepest condolences to Mike's family and friends, I share your loss of a great guy.RIP Mike...