

April 2024 obituaries

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Aitken, Harold E., Grimsby, Ont.; McGill University, 1955; general practice. Died Jan. 18, 2024, aged 94. Survived by 2 children, 6 grandchildren, and 3 great-grandchildren. Read Dr. Aitken's obituary: <https://obituaries.thespec.com/obituary/dr-harold-aitken-1089308905>

Allan, Bruce B., Calgary, Alta.; University of Calgary, 1993; obstetrics and gynecology. Died Nov. 19, 2023, aged 66. Survived by 2 children, and his ex-spouse Jane. Read Dr. Allan's obituary: <https://mhfh.com/tribute/details/44628/Dr-Bruce-B-Allan/obituary.html>

Aubin, Alain, Sainte-Béatrix, Que.; Université de Montréal, 1977; general practice. Died Jan. 12, 2024, aged 72. Survived by his partner, Lorraine Barrette; 2 children; their mother, Chantal Tremblay; 4 grandchildren; and his second wife, Maryse Beaudry. Read Dr. Aubin's obituary: <https://www.domainefuneraire.com/avis-de-deces/dr-alain-aubin>

Beck, John R., Baltimore, Ont.; Queen's University Belfast (Northern Ireland), 1964; internal medicine. Died Mar. 27, 2023, aged 82. Read Dr. Beck's obituary: <https://www.maccoubrey.com/service/6796/john-roderick-beck>

Bendall, Michael G., Whitehorse, YT; University of Pretoria (South Africa), 1971; obstetrics and gynecology. Died Jan. 16, 2024, aged 77.

Birt, Derek, Toronto, Ont.; University of London (England), 1957; otolaryngology. Died May 31, 2023, aged 90. Survived by 2 children, and 1 grandchild. Read Dr. Birt's obituary: <https://www.legacy.com/ca/obituaries/theglobeandmail/name/derek-birt-obituary?id=52173786>

Bissett, Randall J., Sudbury, Ont.; University of Toronto, 1982; radiation oncology. Died Sept. 5, 2023, aged 68. Survived by 2 children. Read Dr. Bissett's obituary: <https://www.sudbury.com/obituaries/bissett-randall-7527762>

Bowser, Daniel (Dan), Ancaster, Ont.; McMaster University, 1978; general surgery. Died Jan. 18, 2024, aged 70. Survived by his wife Linda Rose Brown, 2 children, and 2 grandchildren. Read Dr. Bowser's obituary: <https://westelginfuneralhome.com/tribute/details/19973/Dan-Bowser/obituary.html>

Boyer, Michael E., Peterborough, Ont.; University of Toronto, 1974; pediatrics. Died June 17, 2023, aged 74. Survived by his wife Carolyn, 2 children, and 4 grandchildren. Read Dr. Boyer's obituary: <https://www.highlandparkfuneralcentre.com/obituary/Michael-Boyer>

Caron, Denis, F., Québec, Que.; Université Laval, 1967; diagnostic radiology. Died Oct. 1, 2023, aged 81. Survived by his wife Lyse, 1 child, and 2 grandchildren. Read Dr. Caron's obituary: <https://www.journaldequebec.com/2023/10/05/a16862674c/caron-denis>

Carrier, Michel, Montréal, Que.; Université de Sherbrooke, 1978; cardiothoracic surgery. Died Feb. 20, 2024, aged 68. Survived by his wife Dyane Harvey, 3 children, and 5 grandchildren. Read Dr. Carrier's obituary: <https://www.magnuspoirier.com/en/obituaries/124365/michel-carrier>

Charbonneau, Manon, Sept-Îles, Que.; Université de Montréal, 1986; psychiatry. Died Jan. 22, 2024, aged 61. Survived by her husband Daniel Lefebvre, and 2 children. Read Dr. Charbonneau's obituary: <https://maisonmallet.com/?event=charbonneau-manon>

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Child, Dumaresq M., Essex, Ont.; Oxford University (England), 1964; general practice. Died Feb. 11, 2024, aged 85. Survived by his wife Eryl, 4 children and 11 grandchildren. Read Dr. Child's obituary: <https://www.reidfuneralhome.ca/obituaries/Dr-Dumaresq-Child?obId=30721651>

Cochrane, David D., West Kelowna, BC; University of Toronto, 1975; pediatric neurosurgery. Died Feb. 17, 2024, aged 73. Survived by his wife Barbara, 2 children, and 4 grandchildren. Read Dr. Cochrane's obituary: <https://www.legacy.com/ca/obituaries/theglobeandmail/name/david-cochrane-obituary?id=54456181>

Cogswell, Eric E., Burlington, Ont.; Dalhousie University, 1962; internal medicine. Died Feb. 19, 2024, aged 85. Survived by his wife Patricia, 3 children and 6 grandchildren. Read Dr. Cogswell's obituary: <https://www.smithsfh.com/memorials/dr-eric-cogswell/5385393/>

Cullen, James B., Toronto, Ont.; University of Toronto, 1963; general pathology. Died Aug. 12, 2023, aged 83. Survived by 3 children and 4 grandchildren. Read Dr. Cullen's obituary: <https://www.legacy.com/ca/obituaries/theglobeandmail/name/james-cullen-obituary?id=53057865>

Czarnecki, Jan. S., Thunder Bay, Ont.; University of Toronto, 1968; ophthalmology; former medical officer, Canadian Forces. Died Jan. 6, 2024, aged 80. Survived by his wife Kellin, 2 children, and 2 grandchildren. Read Dr. Czarnecki's obituary: <https://www.tbnewswatch.com/obituaries/dr-jan-stanislaw-campbell-czarnecki-8069767>

de Souza, Henry R., St. Catharines, Ont.; University College Cork (Ireland), 1958; internal medicine, neurology, nephrology. Died Jan. 9, 2024, aged 90. Read Dr. de Souza's obituary: <https://obituaries.stcatharinesstandard.ca/obituary/henry-de-souza-1089259552>

Dostie, Louise, Québec, Que.; Université Laval, 1989; family medicine. Died June 22, 2023, aged 58. Survived by 3 children. Read Dr. Dostie's obituary: <https://www.lepinecloutier.com/fr/avis-de-deces/71845-louise-dostie#/>

Dumont, Charles H., Gatineau, Que.; University of Ottawa, 1968; internal medicine. Died Nov. 18, 2023, aged 79. Survived by his wife Rachelle Lafleur, 4 children, 8 grandchildren, and 3 great-grandchildren. Read Dr. Dumont's obituary: <https://www.creehealth.org/news/cbhssjb-mourns-passing-dr-charles-dumont>

Ek, Daniel M., Thunder Bay, Ont.; University of Toronto, 1990; family medicine. Died Nov. 20, 2023, aged 60. Survived by his wife Dr. Janet Primmer, and 3 children. Read Dr. Ek's obituary: <https://www.legacy.com/ca/obituaries/chroniclejournal/name/daniel-ek-obituary?id=53734458>

Fayerman, Paula R., Calgary, Alta.; University of Calgary, 1989; family medicine. Died Feb. 15, 2024, aged 59. Survived by her partner Doug Harkness. Read Dr. Fayerman's obituary: <https://mhfh.com/tribute/details/45622/Paula-Fayerman/obituary.html>

Fitzpatrick, John D., Comox, BC; McMaster University, 1973; family medicine. Died Nov. 5, 2023, aged 74. Survived by his wife Lynn, and 3 children. Read Dr. Fitzpatrick's obituary: <https://www.comoxvalleyrecord.com/obituaries/john-drummond-fitzpatrick-md-7289466>

Geddes, Scott A., Cambridge, Ont.; Western University, 1973; general surgery. Died Mar. 3, 2024, aged 76. Survived by his wife Valerie, 3 children, and 11 grandchildren. Read Dr. Geddes' obituary: <https://obituaries.therecord.com/obituary/scott-geddes-1089437748>

Giesinger, Regan E., Toronto, Ont.; Queen's University, 2008; neonatal-perinatal medicine. Died May 16, 2023, aged 42. Read Dr. Giesinger's obituary: <https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/name/regan-giesinger-obituary?id=52008856#obituary>

Graham, John S., Coldstream, BC; University of Alberta, 1955; ophthalmology. Died Feb. 14, 2024, aged 93. Survived by 3 children, 6 grandchildren, 1 great-grandchild, and his long-time companion Iris Lawrence. Read Dr. Graham's obituary: <https://www.vernonmorningstar.com/obituaries/dr-john-s-graham-bsc-md-frcs-faao-dabo-7320993>

Greenwood, William R. (Bill), London, Ont.; Western University, 1963; ophthalmology. Died Feb. 21, 2024, aged 83. Survived by 3 children, and 2 grandchildren. Read Dr. Greenwood's obituary: <https://lfpres.remembering.ca/obituary/william-greenwood-1089403490>

Hakim, Ronnie, Mississauga, Ont.; Université de Sherbrooke, 1980; obstetrics and gynecology. Died Nov. 4, 2023, aged 70. Read Dr. Hakim's obituary: <https://www.dignitymemorial.com/en-ca/obituaries/north-miami-beach-fl/ronnie-hakim-11527004>

Harvey, Janice A., Dundas, Ont.; McMaster University, 1986; family medicine. Died Dec. 6, 2023, aged 64. Read Dr. Harvey's obituary: <https://www.circleoflifecbc.com/obituaries/Janice-Harvey-8/#!/Obituary>

Hutchison, W. Glen, Guelph, Ont.; University of Manitoba, 1958; ophthalmology. Died Feb. 2, 2024, aged 98. Survived by his wife Marian, 4 children, 2 stepchildren, 8 grandchildren, and 5 great-grandchildren. Read Dr. Hutchison's obituary: <https://www.guelphtoday.com/obituaries/hutchison-william-glen-8207803>

Irvine, Lorne G., Nanaimo, BC; University of Saskatchewan, 1979; family medicine. Died Feb. 23, 2024, aged 73. Survived by his partner Sandra Backman, 2 children, 1 stepchild, and 1 grandchild. Read Dr. Irvine's obituary: <https://www.nanaimobulletin.com/obituaries/dr-lorne-irvine-7328157>

Jasani, Bharat K., Timmins, Ont.; University of Glasgow (Scotland), 1973; general practice. Died Mar. 16, 2023, aged 75. Survived by 2 children. Read Dr. Jasani's obituary: <https://www.arbormemorial.ca/en/scott-brampton/obituaries/dr-bharat-kumar-jasani/101076.html>

Kocha, Walter I., Dorchester, Ont.; Western University, 1974; hematology, oncology. Died June 16, 2023, aged 75. Survived by his wife Mary Packowski, 3 children, and 2 grandchildren. Read Dr. Kocha's obituary: <https://lfpres.remembering.ca/obituary/walter-kocha-1088446591>

Kovacs, Simon J., Kingston, Ont.; Queen's University, 1962; general practice. Died Feb. 1, 2024, aged 95. Survived by his wife Marilyn, 3 children, 5 grandchildren, and 2 step-grandchildren. Read Dr. Kovacs' obituary: <https://thewhig.remembering.ca/obituary/simon-kovacs-1089364208>

Krul, Lumir E., Ottawa, Ont.; Olomouc University (Czech Republic), 1965; psychiatry. Died Nov. 26, 2023, aged 80. Survived by his wife Libby, 2 children, and 5 grandchildren. Read Dr. Krul's obituary: <https://www.oma.org/newsroom/in-memoriam/2024/dr-lumir-edward-krul/>

Lai, Kenneth K., Stouffville, Ont.; University of Toronto, 1987; family medicine. Died Nov. 15, 2023, aged 59. Survived by his wife Heather, and 3 children. Read Dr. Lai's obituary: <https://www.roadhouseandrose.com/memorials/kenneth-lai/5328471/>

Landry, Matthew J. (Matt), Fredericton, NB; Dalhousie University, 2003; family medicine; former medical officer, Canadian Forces. Died Mar. 10, 2024, aged 47. Read Dr. Landry's obituary: <https://mcdamsfh.com/tribute/details/1660/Dr-Matthew-Landry/obituary.html>

Lewis, Beverly A., Toronto, Ont.; University of Toronto, 1957; general pathology. Died May 16, 2023, aged 90. Read Dr. Lewis' obituary: <https://www.legacy.com/ca/obituaries/chroniclejournal/name/beverly-lewis-harris-obituary?id=52088670>

Lewkonia, Raymond M., Calgary, Alta.; University of Liverpool (England), 1966; rheumatology. Died Oct. 3, 2023, aged 79. Read Dr. Lewkonia's obituary: <https://history.rcplondon.ac.uk/inspiring-physicians/raymond-maurice-lewkonia>

Matheson, Donald I., Tiny, Ont.; University of Toronto, 1955; anesthesiology. Died May 17, 2023, aged 92. Survived by 3 children, 2 stepchildren, and 10 grandchildren. Read Dr. Matheson's obituary: <https://obituaries.thestar.com/obituary/donald-matheson-1088366697>

McGarragle, James G., Scarborough, Ont.; Western University, 1985; family medicine. Died Dec. 6, 2023, aged 69. Survived by his wife Denise, 3 children, and 2 grandchildren. Read Dr. McGarragle's obituary: <https://mountpleasantgroup.permavita.com/site/JamesGerardMcGarragle.html>

McKenzie, Andrew W., Stratford, Ont.; Cambridge University (England), 1960; general practice. Died Nov. 6, 2023, aged 88. Survived by his wife Sharon, 3 children, and 5 grandchildren. Read Dr. McKenzie's obituary: <https://stratfordbeaconherald.remembering.ca/obituary/andrew-mckenzie-1089042321>

Naom, Nashwan A., Leamington, Ont.; University of Al-Mustansiriyah (Iraq), 1988; internal medicine. Died Dec. 3, 2023, aged 59. Survived by his wife Daad Sayegh, and 2 children. Read Dr. Naom's obituary: <https://www.reidfuneralhome.ca/obituaries/Nashwan-Naom?obId=30063810>

Nazif, A. Aziz, Vancouver, BC; University of Cairo (Egypt), 1957; psychiatry. Died Aug. 5, 2023, aged 92. Survived by his wife Joan, 3 children, and 4 grandchildren. Read Dr. Nazif's obituary: <https://vancouverunandprovince.remembering.ca/obituary/abdel-aziz-nazif-1089398125>

Newman, Alvin, Toronto, Ont.; University of Pittsburgh (US), 1964; gastroenterology. Died Nov. 8, 2023, aged 85. Survived by his wife Ruby, 3 children, and 5 grandchildren. Read Dr. Newman's obituary: <https://www.legacy.com/ca/obituaries/theglobeandmail/name/alvin-newman-obituary?id=53556596>

O'Mahony, Michael F., Sarnia, Ont.; University College Cork (Ireland), 1966; general practice. Died May 2, 2023, aged 82. Survived by his wife Janet, 3 children, and 9 grandchildren. Read Dr. O'Mahony's obituary: <https://theobserver.remembering.ca/obituary/michael-o-mahony-1087516924>

Patterson, Donald M., Chatham, Ont.; Western University, 1954; general surgery. Died Oct. 13, 2023, aged 93. Survived by his wife, Denise Renier, 5 children and 6 grandchildren. Read Dr. Patterson's obituary: <https://chathamdailynews.remembering.ca/obituary/donald-patterson-1088938103>

Pella, Tracy L., Sudbury, Ont.; McMaster University, 2000; family medicine. Died May 15, 2023, aged 52. Survived by her husband Marco Bellot, and 4 children. Read Dr. Pella's obituary: <https://www.sudbury.com/obituaries/pella-bellot-tracy-7019674>

Philippon, Gerald J. (Jerry), Comox, BC; University of British Columbia, 1956; general practice. Died July 18, 2023, aged 93. Survived by 3 children, 12 grandchildren, and 11 great-grandchildren. Read Dr. Philippon's obituary: <https://www.dignitymemorial.com/en-ca/obituaries/courtenay-bc/gerald-philippon-11376189>

Rafuse, Edward V., Halifax, NS; Dalhousie University, 1961; ophthalmology; former chair, Canadian Medical Association Board of Directors. Died Nov. 26, 2023, aged 88. Survived by his wife Barbara, 2 children, and 4 grandchildren. Read Dr. Rafuse's obituary: <https://www.dignitymemorial.com/en-ca/obituaries/halifax-nb/edward-rafuse-11557895>

Rastogi, Ella, Ottawa, Ont.; Patna Medical College (India), 1960; family medicine. Died Dec. 1, 2023, aged 86. Survived by her husband Ashok Rastogi, 2 children, and 3 grandchildren. Read Dr. Rastogi's obituary: <https://ottawacitizen.remembering.ca/obituary/ella-rastogi-1089150047>

Renzi, Nelio, Saint-Lambert, Que.; Université de Montréal, 1953; gastroenterology. Died Jan. 9, 2024, aged 98. Survived by his partner Mireille Venne. Read Dr. Renzi's obituary: <https://montrealgazette.remembering.ca/obituary/nelio-renzi-1089295957>

Richard, Michael T., Ottawa, Ont.; University of Ottawa, 1960; neurosurgery. Died June 13, 2023, aged 87. Survived by 1 child, 2 grandchildren, and his long-time partner and companion Karen Whiteside. Read Dr. Richard's obituary: <https://www.hpmcgarry.ca/memorials/michael-richard/5214077/>

Robertson, Archibald, Peterborough, Ont.; University of Glasgow (Scotland), 1953; ophthalmology. Died Apr. 23, 2023, aged 98. Survived by 2 children, 2 grandchildren, and 5 great-grandchildren. Read Dr. Robertson's obituary: <https://www.legacy.com/ca/obituaries/thepeterboroughexaminer/name/archibald-robertson-obituary?id=51752658>

Robertson, Kennard M., North Vancouver, BC; University of Glasgow (Scotland), 1953; obstetrics and gynecology. Died Jan. 25, 2024, aged 92. Survived by his wife June, 3 children, and 3 grandchildren. Read Dr. Robertson's obituary: <https://www.dignitymemorial.com/en-ca/obituaries/north-vancouver-bc/kennard-robertson-11642703>

Schneider, Arielle J., Hamilton, Ont.; University of Saskatchewan, 2015; family medicine. Died Oct. 30, 2023, aged 33. Read Dr. Schneider's obituary: <https://www.oma.org/newsroom/in-memoriam/2024/dr-arielle-jayden-anne-schneider/>

Shea, D. Robert (Bob), Edmonton, Alta.; University of Alberta, 1955; pediatrics. Died Jan. 27, 2024, aged 94. Survived by his wife Audrey, 3 children, 5 grandchildren, and 8 great-grandchildren. Read Dr. Shea's obituary: <https://edmontonjournal.remembering.ca/obituary/dr-robert-bob-shea-1089347427>

Shillette, Maurice D., Markham, Ont.; University of London (England), 1958; anesthesiology. Died Mar. 23, 2023, aged 90. Survived by his wife Sonia, 1 child, and 3 grandchildren. Read Dr. Shillette's obituary: <https://www.legacy.com/ca/obituaries/theglobeandmail/name/maurice-shillette-obituary?id=51529835>

Sinclair, Duncan W., Aylmer, Ont.; Western University, 1963; general practice. Died Oct. 26, 2023, aged 87. Survived by his wife Margaret, 3 children, and 3 grandchildren. Read Dr. Sinclair's obituary: <https://kebbelfuneralhome.com/tribute/details/2797/Dr-Duncan-Sinclair/obituary.html>

Thorn, John H., London, Ont.; Western University, 1958; anesthesiology. Died Mar. 15, 2023, aged 88. Survived by 2 children, and 3 grandchildren. Read Dr. Thorn's obituary: <https://lfpres.remembering.ca/obituary/john-thorn-1087288996>

vanWalraven, Adrianus A. (Art), Ayr, Ont.; University of Toronto, 1978; internal medicine. Died Nov. 28, 2023, aged 69. Survived by his wife Debbie, 2 children, and 5 grandchildren. Read Dr. vanWalraven's obituary: <https://www.legacy.com/ca/obituaries/theglobeandmail/name/adrianus-vanwalraven-obituary?id=53720793>

Walker, Robert E. (Bob), Victoria, BC; University of Newcastle upon Tyne (England), 1960; general practice, geriatric medicine. Died Apr. 30, 2022, aged 85. Survived by his wife Janice, 4 children, and 5 grandchildren.

Warbeck, Paul J., Prince George, BC; Queen's University, 1984; family medicine. Died Feb. 13, 2024, aged 71. Survived by his life partner Penny, 3 children, and 2 grandchildren. Read Dr. Warbeck's obituary: <https://www.dignitymemorial.com/en-ca/obituaries/prince-george-bc/paul-warbeck-11667354>

Warme, Gordon, Toronto, Ont.; University of Toronto, 1957; psychiatry. Died June 1, 2023, aged 90. Survived by 3 children, 7 grandchildren, and his companion Chui-Ping Mak. Read Dr. Warme's obituary: <https://www.legacy.com/ca/obituaries/theglobeandmail/name/gordon-warme-obituary?id=52255173>

Wheeler, Charles, Peterborough, Ont.; University of Cape Town (South Africa), 1950; obstetrics and gynecology. Died Oct. 23, 2023, aged 99. Survived by his wife Vernetta, 5 children, and 9 grandchildren. Read Dr. Wheeler's obituary: <https://obituaries.thepeterboroughexaminer.com/obituary/charles-wheeler-1088977959>

Wickwire, James A. (Jim), Toronto, Ont.; Dalhousie University, 1957; diagnostic radiology. Died Oct. 25, 2023, aged 93. Survived by his wife Shirley Logan, 3 children, 2 stepchildren, 10 grandchildren, and 1 great-grandchild. Read Dr. Wickwire's obituary: <https://www.legacy.com/ca/obituaries/theglobeandmail/name/james-wickwire-obituary?id=53508022>

Woo, Stanley K., Richmond Hill, Ont.; University of Toronto, 1963; urology. Died Feb. 3, 2024, aged 88. Survived by 3 children, and 5 grandchildren. Read Dr. Woo's obituary: <https://obituaries.thestar.com/obituary/dr-stanley-woo-1089389519>

Wright, Blake N., Vancouver, BC; University of British Columbia, 1965; general practice. Died Jan. 19, 2024, aged 86. Survived by his wife Mary Alice Sutter, 2 children, and 4 grandchildren. Read Dr. Wright's obituary: <https://vancouverunandprovince.remembering.ca/obituary/blake-wright-1089364255>