



## REMEMBERING David Wakelin

September 8, 1945 - April 3, 2020



### **Tribute from H.W. Wallace Cremation & Burial Centre**

H.W. Wallace Cremation and Burial Centre Staff send our condolences to family and friends.

### **Tribute from ANN THOMPSON**

Relation: Colleague and patient

Dear Joan and family,

David and I were so sorry to hear about Dave's passing today. He was wonderful to work with and I was also lucky enough to see him as a patient. I was always very confident in his excellent care of my patients.

Please accept our deepest condolences.

### **Tribute from Tom Rimmer**

Relation: colleague

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### **Tribute from Vivan Kilvert**

Relation: Colleague, patient

Dear Joan and Family,

I saw Dr. Wakelin as a patient both before and after my now 20+ year-old medical degree. My family saw him as well. He diagnosed my father's aggressive iritis, saving his sight. We are forever grateful for this.

Dr. Wakelin was always available, approachable and knowledgeable in his consultations to me as a GP. He was always very, very kind. My patients had great admiration and respect for him, as did myself and so many colleagues.

He will be terribly missed. Sincere thanks for everything he did, and my sincere condolences.

Vivan (Kilvert)  
GP, Ladysmith

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**Tribute from Gail & Mike Murphy**

Relation: Colleague & Friend.

Joan & Family: Please accept our sincerest condolences on David's passing. It was our pleasure to have known him both professionally & personally. David was ever the Gentleman. RIP David.

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**Tribute from Rachel Barton**

Relation: Colleague and friend

Dear Joanie my heart aches for you and your family. I still remember David from one of my first days in the hospital when he still did the OR. So warm and welcoming. I will always think of him just as in his picture with that great grin of his. Know that he was so respected and liked by all who worked with him. A great physician. A great man. A great friend.

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**Tribute from Janette Lindley**

Relation: Colleague

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**Tribute from Paul and Lori McCormack**

Relation: Colleague and friends

Dear Joan,

We are so sad to hear of Dave's passing. Dave was always a great pleasure to work along side with, always a true gentleman and friend. He was always very kind and generous with his time. Have comfort in knowing that he is now at peace. We will be thinking of you in our thoughts and prayers at this difficult time.

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**Tribute from Bob Hindle**

Joan . Sorry to hear of Dave's passing. My condolences.

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**Tribute from Sandra Quesnel**

Relation: DAVID was my employer for many years.

Sincerely sorry for your loss. Dave is remembered very fondly in our home.

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**Tribute from Clara Plamondon**

Dear Joan and family, I was saddened to hear about David. Such a wonderfully gentle, kind and generous soul! He will be missed. My prayers will be with you as you grieve. God bless. Rest eternal grant unto him, and let light perpetual shine upon him.

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**Tribute from Randall Fairey**

Relation: David was a wonderful classmate in the UBC Class of '69

Dear Joanie;

I remember Dave as a wonderful classmate with a chuckling sense of humour. He was so kind to others and thoughtful of his classmates - he was a consummate professional. I recall he did specialize in Ophthalmology but over the years I think we all lost touch which is why our reunions have been so enjoyable. It is inevitable but a bit sad that we are all aging out however we enjoy the satisfaction of seeing our many medical careers be so successful which has translated into countless patients being skillfully aided and healed. May you receive comfort from knowing how Dave loved and helped others. May David Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory

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**Tribute from Dianne Gilmour**

Relation: Cousin-in-law

Dear Joan, Don and Cynthia, Rob and Mindy and families,  
Keith and I send our love and sincere condolences on Dave's passing. We're so grateful to have had him in our lives. His keen intelligence and dry wit, his gentle nature and generous spirit made every moment in his company such a pleasure.

So sorry these times don't allow for a real hug right now, we hope you can feel our virtual one until we see you next. We are so very sorry.

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**Tribute from Carol Herbert**

Relation: Medical school classmate

I was sad to hear of Dave's passing. We were sorry that you could not join us for the 50th reunion of UBC Meds 69 because of Dave's illness; I know you both would have enjoyed the dinner and the cruise to Alaska which afforded the opportunity to reconnect and reminisce. We had a great class, and Dave will be remembered fondly by all his classmates.

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**Tribute from Tiffany Congdon (Hess)**

Relation: My "Uncle"

Auntie Joanie...I'm so sorry to have heard about Uncle Dave. Though I am glad that his suffering is over. I have so many wonderful memories of our families times together. Sending love and many prayers to you all.

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**Tribute from Judith McBride**

Relation: medical School classmate

Such deeply sad news to hear of your loss and the complexity that this time of isolation brings to your grieving process. Dave was a valued member of the class of 69. As I read the obituary, the picture of a life well lived was fleshed out in the many ways he contributes to his profession, his community and to his family. May the gift of his love over the years and the legacy he leaves be some comfort in this most painful of times.

Sending my condolences and prayers for you and your family,  
Judith

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**Tribute from Stu Taylor**

Relation: Friend and family optometrist

So sorry to hear about Dave's passing. He was both our optometrist and friend. My fondest memory of Dave was our weekly battles for reliving our youth on the soccer pitch. The endless battles for soccer supremacy between the 'Doctors and the Teachers' will forever be a fond memory.

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**Tribute from daniel j poole**

Relation: i was a patient of his at the eye clinic .for several years

thoughts and prayers for DR Wakelin and his family . DR Wakelin was a very kind and soft spoken man he will be missed by all his college's and patents &lt;3

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**Tribute from Dr Eugene**

Relation: friend and professionally

Katie and I were saddened to hear of Dave's passing. He was a kind full of empathy and understanding toward others. We shared a common faith and hope. Condolences to all the family.....Katie and Gene Shahariw

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**Tribute from Judy Turner**

Relation: through golf

Dear Joanie

I am so sorry for your loss.

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**Tribute from Mary Braithwaite & Charlie deRoy**

Relation: Friends of Joan and Dave and ex patient.

Joan and family, we are deeply saddened by Dave's passing. Dave was such a kind, generous gentleman and could certainly entertain with his great Karaoke skills. He will be missed. Sending you our deepest condolences

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**Tribute from Mike Ellis**

Relation: Friends with Don and Rob

So sorry to hear of Dr Wakelin's passing. He was a community pillar and example of grace, honour and excellence. Condolences.

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**Tribute from Susan younie**

Relation: Friend

I know that David is at peace, walking with our Lord.

To you Joanie and your family, may you feel God's love wrap you like a warm embrace.

Susan and Bill Younie

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**Tribute from Warren Ulrich**

Relation: Friend

Although I only met Dave about 10 ago, we became very good friends very quickly. I was with him the last time he played golf at Cowichan. Sports betting was always a fun way to get together with the guys for lots of laughs. A few of us stayed close to Dave and offered assistance to him during his early struggles. Even during those difficult times, his humour remained alive & well. I will miss his kindness, humour & friendship but will never forget him.

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**Tribute from Eileen Hillyard**

Relation: Friend

My heartfelt condolences to your family.

I first met Dave at St. Joseph's Hospital in Victoria. I was a student nurse, Dave was working as an orderly for the summer. He was friendly, kind and gentle. He always had a smile on his face.

I then met Dave again at C.D.H. I was a nurse, he had become an ophthalmologist. The same kind, gentle man.

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**Tribute from Joanne Kinney**

Relation: Previously my employer

Joan & family, I was so sad to hear of Dave's passing. He had such a tough go of it. He was a wonderful man to work for & learn from. I will always have great memories of him.

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**Tribute from Margaret & Andre**

Relation: friend

Dear Joan and Family,

We are so sorry for your loss. We still remember the hike we had with you many years ago. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

Andre & Margaret St Cyr

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**Tribute from Susan & Stewart Tarrant**

Relation: Worked for Dave for 8 years.

Dear Joan and family, Stew and I were deeply saddened to hear of Dave's passing. I will always remember his caring, knowledgeable and friendly attitude towards both staff and patients. He will be greatly missed and we send our heartfelt condolences to you.

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**Tribute from Gustavo Strand**

Relation: Colleague/patient

I would like to express my sincere condolences to you and your family, I was saddened to hear of Dave's passing.

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**Tribute from Kathy and Len Goodman**

Relation: Friend

Joan and family. We are so sorry for your loss and send our deepest sympathy.

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**Tribute from Virginia and Wilf Lund**

Relation: My Douglas High school classmate

Dear Joan and family,

Truly Dave was a highly regarded friend and high school classmate and all of us feel a great sense of sadness at his passing. His gentleness and friendship shall be missed. You, Joan and your family are in our prayers.

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**Tribute from Murray & Jeanne Bryden**

Relation: Close friend

Dave has been part of our lives for over 65 years, and his friendship has been unwavering. Over all these years, we have many wonderful memories, & we have included a few brief reflections. As kids, Dave introduced me to golfing & needless to say his golfing career blossomed, mine not so much. We had vacations & weekends away as couples as well as many family times together. For many years, we celebrated our wedding anniversaries together, with a special dinner and always dessert to follow as Dave considered this a "must". Lively discussions & a good bottle of wine, were often a part of our evenings, covering many topics, always a good time with lots of laughter. Dave was very caring & when anyone he knew was needing help he would contact them to offer assistance. His kindness and generosity was a constant, he helped people in so many ways, always giving of himself and making personal sacrifices in doing so. Although we were related through marriage, our friendship has always been a priority and we have indeed lost a true friend, and he will be missed. With our love to Joan, Don & Rob, and their families.

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**Tribute from Eileen Mais**

Relation: Friends and patients

Dear Joanie, Don, Rob and families— with deepest sympathy and loving thoughts at this extremely difficult time... Thinking of you all...From Mike and Eileen Mais

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**Tribute from John Garvey**

Relation: I knew Dave socially, as a soccer player, as a golfer, and as a patient.

Joan, My deepest condolences! I knew Dave for many years -- even when you lived on the Mill Bay Road. Dave and I played some soccer together (Doctors v teachers) and a few games of golf. But ,ost often, it was just in a "social gathering" -- a rare event these weeks. I was also a patient of Dave. Dave was always upbeat, quietly gregarious, and forever genial -- well, except when putting! He was fun to be around and friendly to all. He was one of the few people I knew who never lost his cool; I admired this trait of his. I remember him fondly.

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**Tribute from Rosemary Dolman**

Relation: Former Patient

I am so very sorry to hear that Dr. Wakelin has left us, but thankful he is now at peace. He was such a kind man and took such good care of me as a patient. A few years ago, he told me he was lightening his workload and was passing me onto another specialist. He joked at the time that he thought I would probably outlive him so he wanted to get me settled elsewhere. Sadly prophetic.

My deepest sympathy to his wife and family, he will be greatly missed by many.

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**Tribute from Ev (Pearce) Pollock**

Relation: Colleague

Dear Joan and family. Dave was a Well respected physician and human being! I have very fond memories working with him at CDH. May your wonderful memories comfort you during this difficult time.

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**Tribute from Cathy Brown**

I am so sorry, Joan to hear of your loss. My deepest sympathies to you and your family.

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**Tribute from Richard Bird**

Relation: Friend

Young Dr. Wakelin made a real difference practising in the Cowichan Valley. He bought first class eye care for the first time here.

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**Tribute from Bruce & Lori Morrison**

Relation: Friend

Dear Joan, Don & Rob,

Our sincere condolences to all of you and your families. We had knowledge of Dave's illness through the Snyder's and can't imagine how hard it has been for all of you. Comforting to know that he is now at peace.

We will cherish the days of the boys playing hockey together.

Warm Regards & our Deepest Sympathy,

Bruce & Lori Morrison

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**Tribute from Beverley Highton**

Relation: through school

Dear Wakelin Family,

Please accept Pamela and my most sincere condolences on the passing of our school mate Dave. Both Pam and I attended Mt. Douglas High school with me being in Dave's Class of '62. I always will remember Dave as being a kind and gentle person who was well liked and respected by his classmates. It certainly sounds like he had a wonderful and fulfilling life that will be remembered fondly by his family. What better legacy is there than that?

Our most sincere sympathy for your loss.

Bev and Pam Highton.

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**Tribute from Rob and Joyce MacLean**

Relation: A friend.

David was a gentleman. As a family man, as an ophthalmologist, as a friend, he was a pillar of our Cowichan Valley community. He loved to host us, especially if there was a little betting involved on a football or hockey game? During our legendary Stanley Cup playoff pool draft evenings, Dave would put up with our trash talking with humour and grace. He was so proud of Don and Rob. I remember bumping into him years ago at Vancouver airport, then sharing a seat back to the Island. He had just chaperoned his teen-age boys at some atrocious heavy metal rock concert. No complaints but a quietly philosophical outlook on youth being wasted on the young. ..what a Dad, I thought.

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**Tribute from Libby Ball**

Relation: friend and employee

Dr Dave had such a great sparkle in his eyes when he had a good joke up his sleeve. Many of the "olde girls" that have retired from his office get together still. We used to invite Dr. Dave "The party crasher" to join us as he was a friend to us all and always brought his sense of humor, understanding,

caring and comradeship. I miss him. There will always be a place at the "olde girls" table and a place in our hearts for Dr. Dave "The party crasher" Love to Joan and your family,

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**Tribute from Lynda Wilke**

Relation: friend

Dear Joan, Rob and Don and families. Sending prayers and blessings to you all.  
A lovely tribute....."well done, good and faithful servant" Many wonderful memories.  
with love, Lyn, Bud and the family

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**Tribute from Joan & Peter Wilson**

Relation: Hospital Co-worker

Our Sincere Sympathy to Joan & her sons for the loss of David. We loved him as a personal doctor, a team mate on the Hospital Soccer Suture Bowls, a co-worker in Ambulatory Care, and a kind and gentle friend for many hospital staff parties.

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**Tribute from Heather and Peter Lord**

Relation: Patient

We send our deepest sympathies and condolences to Joan and the family. Peter enjoyed playing soccer locally with David. He will be sorely missed by family and so many friends. Thinking of you all.

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**Tribute from Sarah Randall**

Relation: He was my eye doctor when I was a child.

I was so sorry to read of Dr. Wakelin's death. He was my eye doctor when I was a child. He was very kind to me. I remember once I had a nose bleed and the blood came out of my eye. He was so calm and reassuring, explained why that was happening and that helped me cope. I also went to school with Donny. So sorry to hear of your dad's death. My mum died five years ago.

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**Tribute from Cathie Cowans**

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**Tribute from Louise Ketilson**

Hello Joan...I am so sorry to learn that Dave succumbed to his illness. Your write up in the paper and the obituary are lovely and show that you and Dave had many happy years together. Enjoy those memories and blessings.  
Many hugs to you. Louise

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**Tribute from Erin Faulkner**

Dear Joan,

I am so sorry to read of Dave's passing. I have such fond memories of Dave and particularly our crazy golf trips down to Mexico. His mild manner and genuine interest in people's lives are two of the many wonderful traits he had. My heart goes out to you and your family. Take care, Erin

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**Tribute from Robert Humphreys**

Hi Joan, We are sad to read of your dear husbands passing and our thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family. You did tell me that he was not doing well, yet so hard for you all to finally have to say goodbye. Knowing that he is with his Lord in glory, where there is no sickness, pain or sorrow must be a comfort to you.

What a lovely picture! Bev and Bob Humphreys

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**Tribute from Margaret Corbett**

Relation: Friend

Dear Joan and Family, I am so sorry to hear about David's passing. He was such a nice man and always so pleasant to work with over the years. I know he made a real difference in people's lives here in Cowichan. Best wishes and condolences to you all.

Sincerely, Marg Corbett

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**Tribute from Marie Bates (Linford)**

Relation: School

With regret on the loss of a wonderful gentle man. Condolences to you , Joan and your family.

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**Tribute from Karen McClinchey**

Dear Joan, I was very sad to hear of David's passing. I truly appreciated his advice and expertise taking care of our mutual patients over the years. It was always a pleasure chatting with you both at the annual Rotary Club auction. Please accept my sincere condolences, Karen

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**Tribute from Richard Grimes Jr.**

Relation: Friends

Hi Joanie, thinking of you in this very difficult time! I have great memories of Dave as a close friend to my dad for my entire life. You both mean a lot to my parents and he will be dearly missed. With love, the Vancouver Grimes' (Richard Jr.).

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**Tribute from Craig Young**

Relation: Friend through golf

Dear Joan & Family,

Just a small note sending our thoughts and condolences. A quick little word about Dr. Dave. I came to the Royal Colwood Golf Club in 2001 as a Golf Professional, this is where I met Dave. Dave was always so kind and engaging, I had the pleasure of interacting with him quite often at the club. Dave loved his golfing time at Royal Colwood. RIP Dr. Wakelin.

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**Tribute from David Martine**

Relation: Dad's colleague, Our teammate, Mom's neighbour

Dr. Wakelin, my Dad, Roland Martine's colleague, became just "Dave" to me on the soccer field, as we created the first doctors (and a few of their kids - Jamie Bowen, Kay Ringham and myself) soccer team. The first day of practice, Dad showed up wearing a pair of runners (didn't know he even owned those), Tony Turner with high-top rugby cleats, but then there was Malcom Ringham, Dr. Harris, Dave, Jamie and myself, quietly strapping on our soccer boots. Dave new the game and could play it. What a great time we had playing the Ambulance drivers, the rowing club, and later against my own teachers at Brentwood. The early games were of most significant for me because Dad was still well and played in goal.

I have some wonderful photos to share with you, from the early days, Joan, of Dave, Mom, and yourself at a costume party somewhere, as well as photos of you and Mom fishing back in the 70's or early 80's. I remember you being part of bridge group maybe even a couple of times over the years. I have some things to share with you on that too.

Dave was quiet, but knew how to call for the ball. He had a wise grin something like my Dad had as well. And then I was delighted years later to find that you and Dave were living at Woodmere with Mom - I was comforted knowing she had such great old friends as neighbors such as Dave and yourself, Joan. Mom adored you both, with just the best things to say about each of you.

With the recent passing of my Mother, Joan, the empathic pain is very real right now. You know Linda and I are always here for you, as you've made it clear you're here for Linda and I too. May the fondest of memories prevail beyond the grief of loss. God bless.

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**Tribute from David Young**

Dear Joan and family,

We were saddened to hear that Dave had passed away.

He was a very kind person and a skilled physician.

Barb and David Young

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**Tribute from Laura Prellwitz Ferguson**

Relation: Field Hockey and through son Don

Joan, Don and Rob.... I am terribly sorry for your loss. I have fond memories of Dave from when I lived in Duncan and he was an avid supporter of our field hockey club. You are all in my thoughts.  
Laura.

