REMEMBERING

Michael Coleman

March 23, 1943 - June 29, 2021

Tribute from H.W. Wallace Cremation & Burial Centre

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

Tribute from Sharon Jackson

Relation: I was on council and became a friend later

Where can I possibly begin? When I first entered politics in 1996, Michael was the mayor, and he lead by example. He taught me patience, about public service, about not doing anything for personal gain but only for the gain of the community. He was gracious, always patient, I never witnessed him being angry, although there must have been times when he felt so.

He never did a thing that he believed was not for the benefit of the City of Duncan and the community at large..

Always intelligent and highly amusing, thoughtful and considerate. He was a consummate gentleman.

I feel honoured to have served with him. Of late, he had also become a dear friend, and I shall miss his whimsy for the rest of my life

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Tribute from Rochelle Zimberg

Relation: Through politics and FCM

To the Coleman family
I met mike through the FCM which I was part of since 81 -99. We became re-aquatinted through Facebook. I loved sending him grammar quizzes, quotes and puns! He was the greatest gentleman, one of brightest and kindest men I've known. He has friends right across Canada who will forever miss his wit, kindness and knowledge of all things!
My deepest condolences to the Coleman family! May his memory forever be a blessing to all of you!

Tribute from Megan Pratt

Relation: My uncle

Our thoughts and love are with you all. Hugs from Meg, Mark and family

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Tribute from Jae Eadie

Relation: Federation of Canadian Municipalities National Board of Directors.

Barb and Family: I was truly sorry to learn of Mike's passing. We became colleagues and then friends during our time together on the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' Board of Directors. Each of us served as FCM President during our time on the Board. Many years after we left public life, Mike and I were able to re-connect thru Facebook, and subsequently via occasional Zoom calls. He was always witty and fun, especially when commenting on the absolutely lovely winters here in Winnipeg!!
Sincere condolences to all the Coleman clan in your time of loss and sorrow. "Well done, good and faithful servant."

Tribute from Heather & Martin Cameron

Relation: Previous employee and friends

Dear Barb and family ... I'm so sorry to hear of Mike's passing. I have such fond memories of Mike, starting back in 1974 after my graduation, when he hired me to work at 'Bird, Coleman, LaCroix, Nesbitt'. My first job, my first boss and the best boss ever! I learned a lot while working for Mike, which carried me throughout my career. In later years, when I'd see him riding in our local parades, he'd always wave and point to my kids in amazement of their growth. He would always ask how my family was and be happy to see us. Mike was one of a kind and I know he will be missed. I'm grateful for having known him.
Sincerely,
Heather (Scott) Cameron

Tribute from Madelaine MacLeod

Relation: founding member/Vice President of the Board of Directors of Cowichan Family Life, June 1970

On behalf of Cowichan Family Life, we extend our condolences to the Coleman family on the passing of Michael. As a founding member of our organization in June, 1970, we recognize and appreciate his contribution to the humble beginnings of CFLA. He supported many local non-profits for decades, and we admire the legacy of his role in community. Peace

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Tribute from The Municipal Finance Authority of BC

Relation: Michael was a long-term Trustee of our organization

The Trustees, Members, and Staff of the Municipal Finance Authority of British Columbia (MFA) send their condolences to Michael Coleman's family, friends, and community.
Michael was a strong supporter of the MFA's unique, collaborative model that leverages BC Local Governments' collective strength and oversight. In addition to his many other public commitments, he served as a valued member of our Board of Trustees for 12 years from 1994 to 2005, helping our organization to provide the best financial services to all BC communities. His beaming smile, positive approach, and easy laughter will be sorely missed.

Tribute from Beth Johnson

Relation: See above

I had the great fortune to know Mike throughout the years of our membership on the Federation of Canadian Municipalities board. He and I served together as Chair and Vice-Chair of the BC Caucus there.

I grew to know him as one of the kindest, gentlest, most accepting people I have ever known. He had an ability to honour his own principles, and yet make others feel his respect for them, even if he vehemently disagreed. He refused to make a disagreement personal, and never attacked the other, only the argument being made. And he did that with grace.

Grace…I think that, in the end, this is the word I will always associate with Mike. He acted with graciousness, and exuded grace in his approach to life and to others. He lived his beliefs and principles. He also had a twinkle in his eye, and a devilish sense of humour!

I already miss him greatly.

Tribute from Andre and Margaret St. Cyr

Our condolences to Charlie and family.
Andre, Margaret, Curtis and Sarah St. Cyr