

## ROBERT MARTIN STONE

Sincere condolences from the Frank Hall family.

*Rita Hall Pickering*

April 29, 2024

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I am saddened to hear of Dr Stones passing I have very fond memories of Bob He will be missed

*DR Gerry MacKean*

April 29, 2024

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To Mary and the entire Stone Clan, I was heartbroken to hear the news of Bob' passing. Our sincerest condolences to you all. I was fortunate enough to have worked with and for Bob when he was Surgeon-in-Chief at Toronto Western. I remember my interview when he asked me if I had any hospital experience and I replied "no". He then asked if I had any knowledge of Medical terminology and again I replied "no". He asked if I could type and I replied "yes". He looked at me over his bifocals and said "the job is yours". And it was truly the best 5 years of my working career. As much as he kept me on my toes, I too kept him on his and as a result I was known as "the Nudge"! Dr. Stone or as most of us knew him as "The Boss" was an incredible teacher, mentor, surgeon and gentle soul. He was loved and admired by all his students, colleagues and all those who worked within the hospital setting whether it was in the operating room, another department or housekeeping. He had a warm smile that radiated warmth and light and was an honest and fair man. He was a true and great jokester and not once did I ever hear him raise his voice to anyone. My memories are many and cherished and when he moved to Halifax, I moved to Vancouver. Yet the miles never separated our friendship and it was always a highlight to see Bob & Mary for Dim Sum. Bob, you will always hold a Special Place in my heart and Frank and I will always treasure our continued friendship. Rest in Peace Dear Ftiend. Big hugs & loads of love from Frank & Linda (better known to Bob as Lindechee).☹️•°☹️☹️

*Linda & Frank Levenheck*

April 29, 2024

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I was very sorry to hear about Dr Stone passing. I worked closely with him in Halifax. I managed the operating rooms at the VG site. We had some rough days with hurricanes, snowstorms and a merger of two major hospitals. We survived and had some good times. I enjoyed his sense of humour and he had the best Christmas parties ever for all the staff. He will be missed.

*Sunny Russell*

April 30, 2024

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Dr. Stone was the first surgeon I met when I started medical school at Dalhousie in 1996. He was teaching the small group section of the first year Human Anatomy course and I was lucky enough to be in his group. He took me on as a 1st year elective student and gave me my first exposure to surgery. I went on to become a plastic surgeon, and will always be grateful to Dr. Stone for being the one who sparked my desire to do surgery. He continued to be a mentor to me following that first year experience. I carry many of his teachings with me still, particularly in medical education and leadership. My sympathy to the family for their loss.

*Jason Williams*

April 30, 2024

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Bob was a fabulous teacher and mentor. The lessons he taught me are ones that I still use today. With deepest sympathies, Chung-Wai

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*Chung-Wai Chow*

April 30, 2024

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Dear Mary, We send you and your family our sincere condolences on Bob's passing. He was truly a lovely man and we feel privileged in having known him. His contributions here at The Clairmont were much appreciated. You must all be so very proud of all his achievements. Thinking of you and wishing you well.

*Robert and Helle-Mai Reece*

April 30, 2024

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To Mary and family, we are deeply saddened by the passing of Bob. We will always remember his friendship, his wonderful sense of humour and the great times that we shared together. Among our memories is Bob asking "Can Timbo come out and play." Bob's loss will not only be felt by his many friends and colleagues but is a loss for all Canadians. Tim and Yvonne

*Tim and Yvonne Clark*

April 30, 2024

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Dear Mary, and all the family, we were very sad to hear your news. Our family always remembers Bob's spaghetti dinners, his jokes and his interest in their lives. We are happily living in Halifax because of Bob. Thank you. You were a great couple. Mary, he always had you at his side supporting him, and we know he loved you very much. The Jamieson Family xo

*Chris and Frances Jamieson*

April 30, 2024

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Bob was a very accomplished man whom we had the honor to meet and whose advice was extremely helpful for Julio in a difficult situation. We are extremely grateful and we are sure many other persons benefited from his wisdom. Our heartfelt condolences to the entire family for their loss. May you find strength in each other during this difficult time

*Julio & Angie Jimenez*

April 30, 2024

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My deepest sympathy to the Stone family. My thoughts & prayers are with you.

*Yvonne Healey*

April 30, 2024

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With a deep feeling of sorrow, we accompany each of the members of the STONE FAMILY in these sad moments with the loss of our dear Bob. He's Soul rests in eternal peace. Sincere condolences, Dario & Lucia Ardila

*Lucia & Darío Ardila*

April 30, 2024

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Bob had a tremendous impact on my career and was my first "chief" during the start of my surgical internship. His advice was always

sound and his manner calm. He will be greatly missed. My condolences to his friends and family. His name and legend will live on in the halls of the Toronto Western Hospital.

*Dr. Vivek Rao*

April 30, 2024

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I have worked with Bob on and off for over almost 50 years (he was a mentor when I was an intern and resident) and there are few people in the world of surgery I liked and respected more. Our last date was a lunch in Spadina Village about 5 years ago at which he told me a really funny story about one of our colleagues. I recall both of us laughing uproariously. My sincere condolences to his loved ones.

*Mark Bernstein*

April 30, 2024

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My sincerest condolences to May and the entire Stone family! Bob was one of my first recruits as dean to the Dalhousie faculty. Little did he realize how disorganized and leaderless a department that he was asked to lead. With constant good humour he transformed the department into a cohesive and forward looking team of caregivers and medical educators. He was supportive of his colleagues and "loved" by one and all.

*John Ruedy*

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*John Ruedy*

May 1, 2024

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A humble intern at TGH when Bob was chief resident, I was honoured many years later when he came to my office at Montreal general hospital to seek advice about his leg pain. He was one of my role models and I thank him. Condolences to the family.

*Eric Ienczner*

May 1, 2024

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My condolences to all of the Stone family. I knew Bob when he was a Council member of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Nova Scotia in Halifax. He was a quiet thoughtful man and when he spoke people listened to him. He had an expansive idea and perspective of the health care system and always offered great insight into it. I very much enjoyed his presence on our Council and the various committees he served, and his contributions to the 'cause'. He also could quickly separate the wheat from the chaff with such good humour. I did not know Bob long but have wonderful memories of him.

*Dr. Cameron Little*

May 1, 2024

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Hello Mary, I am very sorry to know of Bob's passing. He was a tremendous guy with a sharp wit and bottomless curiosity for knowledge--traits I greatly admired of him. You are in my thoughts today. Sincerely, Michael Rehder

*Michael and Michelle Rehder*

May 1, 2024

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Dear Mary, We read about Bob's death today. Our deepest condolences! I enjoyed working with Bob, even when we did not see eye-to-eye. Our best wishes to you and your family! Sam and Jennifer

*Sam Scully*

May 1, 2024

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We knew in medical school that Bob was headed for great things. And so it came to be. He was a joy to know. Spencer Nadler

*spencer nadler md*

May 1, 2024

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Dear Mary and family, my sincere condolences on the loss of Bob. I met him on the first day of my internship. Our careers continued to be linked until he moved to Halifax. He was a wonderful mentor, patient teacher, role model and friend. My development as a surgeon and a person owes much to Bob's influence. I have many fond memories.

*Lorne Rotstein*

May 1, 2024

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I worked with Jennifer Stone in 2007 in Hong Kong. We set up Hong Kong Refugee Advice Centre which is now Justice Centre Hong Kong. Jennie saw us through a time that I will never forget. It is now the only organisation providing legal support to people seeking asylum in Hong Kong. The inheritance of love.

*Raquel Amador*

May 1, 2024

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To a great guy. You will be missed. The Devlins

*Beverley and Paul Devlin*

May 2, 2024

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Dear Mary and Bob's dear family, I am so sad to hear of Bob's passing. I had the privilege of working with Bob at Toronto Western Hospital in the late 1980's. The very early morning surgical meetings with the entire team were something I had to get use to. Bob was always the same any hour of the day and so life as his assistant was a pleasure and a great learning experience. Conversations were lively and the laughter was endless. When I left his office to move back to the east coast he teased me about being a "bluenoser". It was a great day when I got to call his office at Dalhousie University and welcomed him and Mary to the east coast! God love him, God bless each of you. You are in my thoughts and in my heart.

*Bonnie (Maher) Hayes*

May 2, 2024

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Jenny and I offer heartfelt condolences to Mary and the Stone family. I remember Bob very fondly. His accomplishments as a topflight surgeon and an esteemed medical educator and researcher attest to his ability to communicate effectively outside the Operating Room

as well as inside the OR. As to the Winston Churchill quote in Bob's obituary that while he, Churchill, was prepared to meet his Maker, he is not sure that his Maker is prepared to meet him, I have no doubt that the Stoney I knew for over 60 years is communicating well with his Maker.

*Fred Fenton*

May 2, 2024

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TO Mary and Bob's family, Dr. Stone was a personal friend and a mentor. I am grateful for his leadership and his friendship over my career. Sincerely, Greg Hirsch

*Greg Hirsch*

May 3, 2024

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Sending my love and prayers Uncle Bill and Aunt Darlene and my cousins and family/friends for Roberts departure. I pray God will comfort your the sorrow in your hearts but bring joy as you cherish the memories he gave.each one. God bless each one as Robert is honoured today for his life Amen

*Patricia Zinn*

May 4, 2024

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It is with fond memories and loss I send this message of sympathy to the family. We are related distantly. My Father Mel Wallis had a brother Percy who married Kate , Millies sister. I met the family at Sandy and Bob's wedding and at some family occasions. I remember Bob as a warm, sincere and intelligent man with a deep sense of duty of care for others. His loss will be felt deeply but his contributions to a vast amount of people will forever live on. Linda and Peter.

*Dr Peter Dean and Linda Wallis Dean*

May 4, 2024

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Bob played a huge role in my life. I met Bob when I was a final year medical student. I was already accepted into the Internal Medical Program. Bob showed me the beauty of surgery. Not the technical aspects but the thinking, decision making and the impact you could have if you did the job well. That picture of Bob captures his impish smiling eyes which were unique. He could also fix you with a stare which could burn a hole right through you. He was always fair and you felt respected by him. When I was his chief resident I was essentially on call ever day. I took a week off and when I came back, he said to me. "Stan take this evening off, no one needs a holiday like the guy who just had one." very true. Bob taught me that surgery is really about quality of life and he would adjust his decisions around what a patient's values and goals were. This is taken for granted now but was special in 1985. He wasn't afraid to address quality of care issues. He was a great educator, devoting many hours to quizzing and running teaching rounds. He would go up the ladder in difficulty as the rounds went on. Even now 40 years onwards, Bob's words revolve in my head and I often repeat them to my trainees. I'm sorry that I'm overseas and cannot join in the funeral and memorial activities in person. I lost my own dad of 99 last father's day. It is very hard to lose these two individuals who played such pivotal roles in my life. Mary and Family, I hope you cherish your memories. Stan Feinberg Chief Resident 1984-1985

*Stan Feinberg*

May 4, 2024

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Dear Mary: Lori and I were saddened to hear of Bob's passing. His ability to assess people and situations was second to none, and he was relentless in moving the Department of Surgery at Dalhousie University forward. The look over the top of his bifocals was one of a kind, and still makes me smile. We are thinking of you.

*Geoff Porter*

May 5, 2024

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Dear Stone family I am deeply sorry for your loss. Dr. Stone was a mentor of mine and inspired me in my surgical career. I am grateful to him for believing in me and giving me a chance. He allowed me the room to grow and learn but also gave me guidance for which I am grateful. I will remember him for his humour, his warmth and intelligence. He will be missed Min Lee

*Min Lee*

May 7, 2024

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I was very sad to hear of Dr Stone's passing. I was a nurse on the General Surgery floor at Mount Sinai Hospital in the 1980's. We all loved him. He was very nice to the nurses- not always the case with doctors. He had a good sense of humour. Once he was sitting next to my husband in a boring hospital meeting. I didn't know my husband was in a meeting and I had paged him. My husband excused himself to go out to a phone. Dr Stone leaned over to him as he was getting up and said "page me when you get out there will you!" A number of years later I was working on the thoracic unit at TGH and I had him as a patient. We had a nice chat and I told him I had worked with him many years before. He was a model patient. The world has lost a great man. He will be missed.

*Marilena Rutka*

May 15, 2024

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Condolences to Prof Stone's family, colleagues and friends. I remember him during my residency training at Dalhousie University. Every year he presented me with a new long johns to help me through winters. He was an excellent teacher and a great motivator. May he rest in peace.

*Delton Farquharson*

May 16, 2024

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