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An update for Friends Supporters

Dr. Kim DeWare Remembered by "Longest Patient"



Bob Kay (in photo) did not think twice when he decided to make a significant donation to memorialize his long-time family doctor and friend, **Dr. Kim DeWare**,

who passed away earlier this year. Greatly saddened by Kim's passing, Bob felt it important to keep his memory alive and honour him for the compassionate care he provided to countless patients over the years.

Having been a patient for 38 out of Kim's 40-year career, Bob was extremely sorry when Kim retired in 2013. "I was his longest patient." declares Bob. "We had become very close and throughout the years, had many great conversations, discussing our families, business endeavors and even politics (despite being on opposite sides). Although we did not socialize outside of his practice, Kim and I got along very well. We had a great deal in common and thought along the same lines."

Where many people might not look forward to going to their doctor, Bob always did. "I only saw Kim a couple times per year and viewed my visits as a bit of an outing. Kim took the time to get to know me."

Bob used to marvel over the size of Kim's practice which was reputed to be the largest in the area.

"With each visit, I watched as the number of files in his office increased and was absolutely impressed how many he had accumulated over the years." Despite his large practice, Kim was known as a person who was dedicated to his patients, looking forward to his days caring for

them. "I always felt uplifted during my appointments with him. He was very energetic and despite moving very quickly, always took the time for conversation." Bob adds. For Bob Kay, Dr. Kim DeWare epitomized the patient-physician relationship by offering both quality care and a trusting friendship which lasted close to four decades. Now, to honour Kim's memory, **Bob together with the DeWare family, have created a named endowment**. This permanent fund will bear Kim's name, while creating income to support patient care for generations to come, which could be considered an extension of Kim's practice.

Jennifer DeWare, one of Kim's two daughters, commented about Mr. Kay's contribution. "On behalf of the entire DeWare family we are so grateful to Mr. Kay for taking the initiative to set up an endowment in my father's name. Dad absolutely loved his profession. He went to work every day with a positive attitude and a genuine desire to be of assistance to his patients and the larger Moncton medical community. Dad would be humbled and honoured by this project, himself a fervent supporter of the Friends of The Moncton Hospital. We are very proud of the legacy he has left behind and can think of no better way to celebrate his service to his patients and The Moncton Hospital than the establishment of this endowment in his name."



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