

Dr Neil & Eva Barber and Friends Healthcare Education Bursary

Dr. Neil Barber born in Manchester, England August 22nd, 1934 attended Cambridge University and qualified as a medical doctor in 1959. Eva Barber was born in Germany in 1927 and after the loss her parents at a young age, she made her way to England where she learned English and qualified, with honours, as a nurse. Immigrating to Quesnel, British Columbia in 1965, after their young family spent three years in Northern Kenya and two years in Swansea, Wales, Neil and Eva embraced the Cariboo and Neil devoted the remainder of his medical career to this region until he retired in 2002. Eva worked as a nurse in Quesnel for several years.

Neil was often seen out running in the community up to the time he and Eva moved to Creston BC in 2008. He specialized in internal medicine and was a founding member of the Quesnel and District Palliative Care Association in 1985. Along with support from the Home and Community Care nurses and the Acute Care nurses, he was instrumental in bringing palliative care services and a three-bed hospice unit to Quesnel.

He is fondly remembered by family, patients and the health care community as a gentle, intelligent and devoted husband, father, grandfather and doctor who treated everyone with gentle kindness, compassion and grace. Eva is remembered as his strength, his foundation and the love of his life.

This Bursary was established through generous donations made by friends, family and colleagues.

RECIPIENT CRITERIA: The successful recipient of the bursary will:

- Be a resident of the Quesnel and/or the son/daughter of a Quesnel family or a graduate from a Quesnel high school.
- Be Grade 12, plan or be enrolled in post-secondary education, be returning to postsecondary education as a mature student or continuing in a program.
- Be a full or part-time student.
- Be accepted into a health care professional program (nursing, medical, physiotherapy, laboratory, x-ray, etc).
- Preference will be given to the applicant with a demonstrated financial need.
- Be a kind and compassionate individual sensitive to the opinions and needs of others.
- Be hardworking and dedicated to one's studies.