

Miller's heart touched those beyond the bench

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A judge of the District Court of Northern Alberta, he was later elevated to the then Supreme Court of Alberta in 1976, which became the Court of Queen's Bench. In 1984, he was appointed Associate Chief Justice of Alberta. He retired in 1993.

Wednesday evening surrounded by his family at his west-end home. He was 68.

"He was certainly one of the finest people I've ever known," said Miller's daughter, Lisa. "I think you'd find hundreds of people that would say the same. He accomplished a lot in his life and he told me he had no regrets, he wouldn't have changed anything and thoroughly enjoyed his life. It was just shared a lot, relied on each other, discussed matters and tried to make life easier for each other."

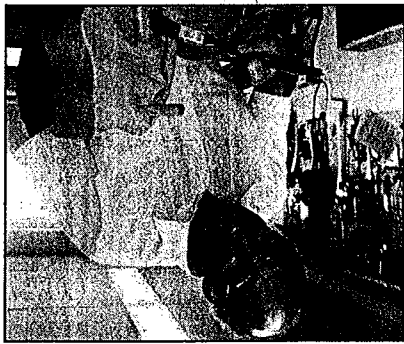
Larry Anderson, president of the Edmonton Criminal Lawyers' Association, called Justice Miller's death a "tremendous loss to the legal profession."

"He was always regarded as an evenly-balanced and fair jurist. I think everyone will mourn his loss," He graduated from the University of Alberta with a law degree in 1950. He joined his father's law practice in 1951. After his father died, he became a senior partner with Miller, Witten, Friedman, Pekarsky and Vogel in 1964.

Ten years later, he was appointed The Citadel enthused about Edmonton, calling it his home.

Wachowich said they leaned on each other over the years. "We shared a lot, relied on each other, discussed matters and tried to make life easier for each other."

"I told him about Tevie and he said: 'I can't think of anyone in the city who exemplifies Edmonton's greatest attribute was always thinking about the students.'"



The photo

Tevie Miller builds a rocking horse for a grandchild.

"I can tell you from having observed for years his work on the senate and on the board as the chancellor, he had a very special feel for the students. I'm sure that lasted throughout his entire adult life."

Wachowich. "And as I ate my dinner best Chinese food was, said the student body."

all by myself, I said. "Tevie, this is my view events from the perspective of that, exhibited that. He was able to

Working hard in his community Justice Miller, former president of the University of Alberta Students' Union kept strong ties to his alma mater. He was a member of the Foundation, the Banff School of Advanced Management, the Board of Governors, British Columbia University's senate and president of the alumni association and a seasonal lecturer with the faculty of law. He was also an invaluable member of the team.

"It was a delight to have him there because he was very perceptive and he really made a contribution to the success of the football team," Hole said. "He was a great guy to be with, and we're all going to miss him."

Dr. Bernard Snell knew Justice Miller when he was in private practice and acting for the United Nurses of Alberta. "He was a marvelous man from all points of view," Snell said. "And he went on to be a successful judge. Such a tremendous loss to all who knew him."

Funeral services will be held Friday at 1 p.m. at Beth Shalom Synagogue on Jasper Avenue and 19th Street.

City man top family physician

Dr. Christopher Lord chosen by his peers across Alberta

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Edmontonians can lay claim to having the top family doctor in the province.

Dr. Christopher Lord was named "1997 Family Physician of the Year" by the 1400-member Alberta chapter of the College of Family Physicians of Canada.

"It's my peers who are giving me recognition for my work," said Lord, adding that he was "a little startled and shaken" by the honor.

Lord has practised family medicine in Edmonton since 1969.

In addition to his family practice, he is medical director for the Capital Care Group in Edmonton and was medical director of continuing care for the Capital Health Authority.



Lord was a major factor in the award committee's decision.

Through all his other work, Lord hasn't lost sight of his responsibilities for his own patients.

"I think people need one physician who gets to know them and their families and their background ... and who can guide them through all the systems when they get ill. The system is so complex now you

need someone to turn to when you're ill."

He says it's challenging working in the health-care system of today, and he feels family doctors need to be able to respond to the many changes.

"Our system is going to need more medicine in the community, and family physicians have to have the knowledge as to how to make that happen.

"I think there's going to be a great need for teaching caregivers how to give care in the community."

The criteria for the award are excellence in practice over time, community medical service, general service to the community, service to the College of Family Physicians of Canada, and family and personal interests.

Lord is married and has two children.

Tevie Miller, Edmontonian

Tevie Miller once joked that he was probably the only superior court judge in Canada to wear a Grey Cup ring.

The former high school quarterback hadn't won that ring on the playing field. He earned it during his six-year stint as a director of the Edmonton Eskimos. But the joke says much about the remarkable Edmontonian who died Wednesday at the age of 68, just four months after he was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer.

Tevie Miller should be remembered as a fine lawyer and an esteemed judge. During his nine years as Alberta's associate chief justice, he strove to make Alberta's legal system more equitable and open. A national survey rated him one of the best judges in the country, praising his well-rounded background, his wit and his gentlemanly demeanor.

But Miller must also be remembered as a true renaissance man,

who quietly helped build Edmonton into today's cosmopolitan city.

He was an avid supporter of the Edmonton Symphony Orchestra and the Citadel Theatre. He was one of the key organizers of Edmonton's Commonwealth Games — the vice-president in charge of cultural events, ticket sales, and volunteer programs. He played a major role in the United Way, B'nai Brith and the United Jewish Appeal.

Miller's leadership at the University of Alberta began when he was president of the Students' Union, and culminated in a four-year term as university chancellor.

In 1968, Miller ran for the federal Liberals in Edmonton West. He lost, so there's no way of knowing what he could have contributed to Canada as an MP. But Miller's loss was Edmonton's gain.

There's no telling how much poorer this city would have been without his energy, his capacity for his vision.

MILLER, Tevie H. The Honorable Mr. Justice

On August 21, 1996, The Honorable Mr. Justice Tevie H. Miller passed away at his home in Edmonton. He was 68.

Justice Miller was a native born Edmontonian, who received all of his schooling in Edmonton. He graduated from the U of A with a B.A. in 1949 and an L.L.B. in 1950. He also received an Honorary L.L.D. from the University of Alberta in 1991.

Justice Miller practised law in Edmonton from 1951-1974 when he was appointed a Judge of the District Court of Northern Alberta. He was elevated to the then Supreme Court in 1976 which later became The Court of Queen's Bench. In 1984, he was appointed Associate Chief Justice of that court and served in that capacity until he elected to take supernumerary status in January of 1993.

Justice Miller was always active in community affairs. He served as Chancellor of the University of Alberta, President of The United Way, President of The Edmonton Symphony, Vice President of The 1978 Commonwealth Games, a member of The Board of Governors of Universiade 1983. He also served on the board of The Edmonton Eskimos, on the board of Governors of the Senate of The University of Alberta and was Past President of The Edmonton Bar Association. He was President of The Edmonton Jewish Community Council, Chairman of The United Jewish Appeal and President of the B'nai Brith Lodge. For services to the community, he has been honored by both the Jewish National Fund and The Hebrew University. He served until his death as Chairman of the Alberta Award of Excellence and was a member of the Edmonton Community Foundation which he helped to found.

Justice Miller is survived by his wife of 45 years, Arliss; children, Catherine, Joshua and Lisa, their spouses; 10 grandchildren; sister, Helen Pauli; brother, Leon; and numerous nieces, nephews and family.

Funeral Services will be held Friday, August 23, 1996 at 1:00 p.m. at The Beth Shalom Synagogue on Jasper Avenue and 119 Street.

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'Tevie, my good friend, you will be missed'

They came to say goodbye. And to celebrate his life

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Friends and family paid tribute Friday to long-time judge and community leader Tevie Miller.

More than 1,000 people packed the Beth Shalom Synagogue to say goodbye to one of Edmonton's best loved and most respected citizens.

There were tears, but the funeral service was as much a celebration of Mr. Miller's remarkable life and character.

The former Associate Chief Justice of Alberta's Court of Queen's Bench died in his home Wednesday, after a four-month fight with pancreatic cancer. He was 63 years old. Mr. Miller also served as Chancellor of the University of Alberta, vice-president of the 1978 Commonwealth Games, president of the United Way, the Edmonton Bar Association and the Edmonton Symphony, and led many other organizations.

But his dedication to his family and friends took precedence over every other accomplishment.

"The most important titles for him were husband, dad and grandfather," said his sister Helen Paul.



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Pallbearers leave the Beth Shalom Synagogue following the funeral service for retired associate chief justice Tevie Miller.

She described her brother as a natural judge, without ego or prejudice, who could listen to both sides fairly, and pass on his insights.

"Tevie learned the importance of family from his grandfather, of kindness and compassion from his mother, and he inherited a fine mind, a love of the law and a commitment to the community from his father Ape.

A prominent city lawyer," she said. Alan Wachowich, a long-time friend who succeeded Mr. Miller as Associate Chief Justice, called him "a great man... a giant of a man."

Wachowich described his love for the law, but noted his brilliant second career as a citizen.

He became, arguably, our city's leading citizen. Like many children of immigrant parents, including myself, he wanted to return something to the community to make this city, Edmonton, this province, Alberta, and this country, Canada, a better place to live."

Speaker after speaker praised Mr. Miller's many accomplishments, but in the end most focused on his wisdom, his warmth and his compassion.



"Tevie, my good friend, you will be missed, but you and your good deeds will never be forgotten."

Son Josh Miller said that winning a lottery "doesn't compare with the odds of being born and having Tevie Miller as your father. We felt we hit the dad jackpot."

He remembered waking up in the middle of the night after he was temporarily blinded in a teenage accident, and finding his father beside him in the next bed, watching over him. He also recalled his parents dutifully attending some seedy nightclubs during his younger years to watch him play in a thunderously loud rock band. "That was a cruel form

"Above all Tevie was a gentleman," Wachowich said. "Tevie loved life and he treated all people with respect, whether it was Prince Philip or the common criminal that came before him in court."

"The painful struggle with cancer" exemplified his "undaunted courage," Wachowich said.

"Dear Grandpa, this may have to plead our case and would reach a decision. I can actually remember that because I always lost."

Finally, Mr. Miller's oldest child, Rebecca, read aloud she wrote and read to him days before he died.

"Dear Grandpa, this may last letter you ever receive me," she wrote.

She promised to always love him and said she still dream would dance at her wedding day. "I will tell my first child will be named after his grandfather, about you."

Mr. Miller is survived by of 45 years. Artiss, their children, Cady, Lisa and Josh, 10 children, his brother Leon and Helen Paul.