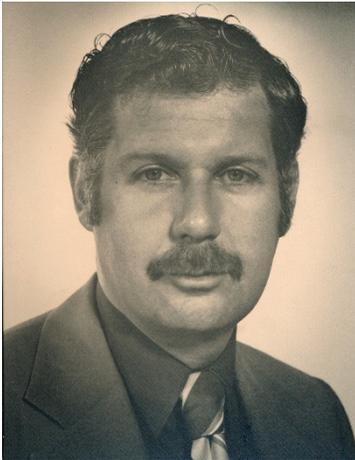




In Memory of Dr. Michael Spooner
CFPC President 1978–1979



Sad news.

Dr. Michael Spooner was a great guy and a good friend. Mike, married to Donna, was a family physician in Regina, Saskatchewan. He was a warm, friendly person with a great sense of humour. He received Certification in the College of Family Physicians of Canada in 1970, became a Fellow in 1979, and received Life Membership in 2006.

Mike worked tirelessly to promote the development of family medicine, not just in the Prairie provinces but across Canada and internationally during the 1960s, '70s and '80s. He was the Chair of Family Medicine at the University of Saskatchewan from 1976 to 1989. He served on the CFPC's National Executive Committee for a number of years, including terms as Chair of the Board of Directors in 1976–1977 and President in 1978–1979.

Mike had a wide circle of friends, was a golfer, and he and Donna and their family enjoyed spending time at their cottage on Waskesiu Lake in northern Saskatchewan. After he and Donna moved to the southern United States, Mike worked for the Department of Veterans Affairs, travelling to different veterans' hospitals across the country. From 2005 to 2012 he continued to work as a field representative for the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations in the United States and internationally. In recent years he developed health issues, which slowly progressed and eventually ended his life. Dr. Spooner died in Tucson, Arizona, on January 15, 2018. He was 80 years old.

Together with Dr. Guillaume Charbonneau, CFPC President, and Dr. Francine Lemire, Executive Director and CEO, we extend our deepest sympathies on behalf of all of us at the CFPC to Donna and the rest of the Spooner family.

Dr. Reg Perkin,
CFPC President 1981–1982
Executive Director 1985–1996
Friend and colleague