

Dr. George Richard Seviour

Dr. George Seviour has had a long career as a family physician with 41 years of service to the people of St. John's.

He was born in 1925 in St. John's to parents George and Ellen Seviour. George spent his early years growing up on Queens Road with his brothers Jim and Bob and sisters Mary and Margaret.

He graduated from St. Patrick's and St. Bonaventure College in the early 1940s and later attended Memorial University College, graduating in 1946 in pre-engineering.

He then attended the Technical University of Nova Scotia and graduated in 1949 with a degree in mechanical engineering.

George worked at various pulp and paper mills in Montreal, Shawinigan, South Carolina and in Grand Falls-Windsor.

Following several years in the engineering field, George decided to return to Memorial University to pursue his calling in medicine.

He enrolled in pre-med studies and graduated in 1957. He was then accepted at Queens University in Belfast, Ireland, where he completed his MD in 1963.

He interned at the General Hospital in St. John's until 1964 and went on to join the Cornwall Clinic family practice.

In 1965, George married Registered Nurse Alice Tobin who he met at the General Hospital.

Several years later, he established a solo practice on Water Street, where he practiced family medicine for the next 20 years.

He is well-known for his compassion and commitment to his patients and their families. In fact, whenever his children meet one of his former patients, they often talk about how kind and patient he was and what a good doctor he was to them.

He worked 5 days a week, often working evenings, in addition to delivering babies at any time of the day or night.

His daughter Dr. Catherine Seviour, recounts that he still had time for his kids when he came home, usually with a treat if he arrived late in the evenings. He sometimes took them on house calls with him and despite his busy work schedule, he still found time to coach his daughter's basketball team.

Dr. Seviour eventually left private practice and joined the Adult Rehabilitation Program providing comprehensive assessment and treatment to patients at the Miler Centre.

He later went on to work at the Department of Veterans Affairs, as well as the H.M. Penitentiary until his retirement in 2005.

He is a well-respected member of the community and was an active volunteer on committees with his children's school and his church. He is also a member of the St. John's Rotary Northwest and the Newfoundland Cardiac Rehabilitation Association.

George was also involved in medical politics and was an active member of the St. John's Branch of the NLMA General Practitioners group at its inception in the late 1960s.

George is truly one of the unsung heroes of family medicine in the province whose commitment to quality patient care deserves this recognition tonight.

He currently resides in St. John's with his wife Alice. They have 3 daughters Catherine, Susan and Jane. All three of their children followed in their footsteps as health care professionals, two of whom are physicians and one is a physiotherapist. George and Alice also have two grandchildren.

Ladies and gentlemen, please join me in honoring Dr. George Richard Seviour for his years of service and lasting impact on the medical profession in Newfoundland and Labrador.