



Dr. Barry John Hood

January 24, 2025

With great sadness, we announce that Dr Barry John Hood passed away peacefully on January 24th at the age of 86, two years after the passing of his wife Irene.

Barry grew up on a farm north of Melbourne, Australia. He attended Melbourne Grammar School and became a dentist living in Geelong. He then travelled to the other side of the world and settled down in Toronto, Canada to practice dentistry there. His passion for dentistry was so great that he also taught dentistry at the University of Toronto so he could guide and inspire future dentists.

Barry enjoyed life to the fullest with a love for opera and traveling around the world (often to attend even more operas, in particular the Bayreuth Festival). He was a proud supporter of the Canadian Opera Company and the Toronto Wagner Society. He also enjoyed quiet time at home cooking, watching movies and reading from his extensive personal library of books.

With his wife Irene, Barry loved to host parties and frequently welcomed out of town friends and family to stay in their home. He was a most gracious host, always having entertaining stories to share and his guests were never lacking for food or drink.

He will be greatly missed by his daughter Ashley, son in law Evan, grandson Oliver, sister Kathy (Prec), brother in law John and multitudes of friends and extended family.

A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations

can be made to the Alzheimer Society of Canada or the Canadian Opera Company.

Tribute Wall

PW

“ *Barry Hood was my dentist when I lived in Toronto between 1972 and 1975...he was the best dentist I ever had and all of the work he did on me then still is in place!..Aside from this he was a very nice person, and I send my condolences to his family*
pat Wood
London UK



Pat Wood - June 27, 2025 at 11:27 AM

MI

“ *Dr. Hood was my dentist from 1974 until he retired. He was a kind and gentle man. My condolences to the family.*

Michael - May 21, 2025 at 11:24 AM

JB

“ *Barry was a fantastic instructor at the Faculty of Dentistry. He was my instructor on Fridays in fourth year in 1995-1996. I recall my first interaction with him on the clinic floor when I was having issues with rubber dam isolation. I went to him and told him the issues I was having and he said “Then don’t use the rubber dam”. It was an enlightening experience and he passed much “real world” dental wisdom down to me. My deepest condolences to his family. A wonderful gentleman has been lost to the world.*

Fondly,
Jeff Bresler

Jeff Bresler - April 22, 2025 at 05:05 PM

HA

“ To the family of Dr Barry Hood, we were at the Toronto Office today and learnt of Dr Hood's passing. My husband, Steve Tsaparis and myself saddened to hear. We would like to send his daughter and all the family our sincere condolences . He was the best Dentist we have ever met. We loved him and Irene.

Helen Anderson - April 17, 2025 at 07:18 PM

WB

“ Barry Hood was my dentist for many years and installed two implants for me with great care and precision - they are still going strong nearly forty years later! We often talked opera and I enjoyed the soundtracks he played in his office. I had an appointment with him mid morning on 9/11 and rushed into his office to announce breathlessly what I had just seen on TV. Barry and Irene were unaware and thought I had gone mad.... Then they turned on the radio. Condolences on your loss. They were a lovely couple.

Wendy Bonus - April 06, 2025 at 09:06 AM

AS

“ Ashley and family, I just read of your father's passing. My deepest sympathies to you and your family.

Barry and I - both from Australia, we shared a dental office together at Bathurst /Finch for many years. We had great times together and Ashley I was at your christening, a happy time for Barry and Irene. I have great memories of our times together and always will. Bless his memory.

Albert Shapira - April 05, 2025 at 02:58 PM

DG

Barry was the most beloved staff member to dental students back in my graduating year, 1977. On my last day of school, after my last exam in my last year, and after a lot of draft beers with him at the Village House, Barry had a few of us, guys and gals, back to his house in North Toronto. Barry was the kind of man...and dentist...that my friends and I wanted to be....and we told him that, on that night, drinking a few more beers on his livingroom floor. Rest in Peace, Barry.

Dr. Joel Goldman - April 15, 2025 at 07:08 PM

DG

Dr. Joel Goldman

Dr. Joel Goldman - April 15, 2025 at 07:10 PM

DE

“ *Dear friends and family,*

I'm deeply saddened by the passing of Dr. Barry Hood. I had the pleasure of knowing Barry, who had an incredible ability to make everyone feel welcome and included. Our conversations about opera were a highlight, particularly his insightful analyses of performances at the Canadian Opera Company during open rehearsals. His passion for life was contagious, and his stories about the Bayreuth Festival were always met with enthusiasm. I'll be returning to the Ring cycle this summer, thinking of him. We also shared a love and both lived in Victoria, Australia, and our conversations about the area were always delightful.

Please accept my condolences. Barry will be deeply missed, and his memories will endure. If you're able, I'd love to hear about the Celebration of Life event when it's scheduled.

Dee - April 05, 2025 at 02:02 PM

JA

“ Ashley we cherished our friendship with your parents. Barry taught us a lot about opera...in fact we met him (where else) at a Wagner seminar. We did not know your mother had passed. Please email us about the celebration of life. james.oestreicher@gmail.com ”

james - April 05, 2025 at 11:30 AM

KG

“ Former patient here who will always fondly remember Dr. Hood's professionalism, gentile manners, love of opera, how he'd say, "Chomp, chomp," and describe every move he made inside my mouth. Truly, a man who loved his profession. The world is a lesser place without him. In grief for your loss, Ken Goldberg ”

Ken Goldberg - April 05, 2025 at 09:58 AM

DI

“ Rest in peace now Barry. A life well lived to the full. Fond family memories that will last with us forever. God bless. Diane, Andrew, Charlotte & Jessica x ”



Diane - January 31, 2025 at 03:08 PM