



Mike DeYoung

August 14, 2018

On August 14, Dr. Mike DeYoung passed into glory surrounded by his loving family. Born on November 4, 1924 in Chicago, IL while his father was in medical school, he was raised and lived in Sparta, MI. He was an active high school football player, president of his senior class, and worked his father's dairy farm with his brother Ken for many years. He had just turned 17 at the onset of WWII. He began college at Hope College in Holland, MI but after 3 years elected to enlist in the US Navy, serving from 1944 through 1946. With his GI bill he completed his college studies at the University of Michigan and subsequently went on to medical school there, graduating in 1951. He went on to complete his internship and residency at Colorado General Hospital (now the University of CO) in Denver. While there he met and married his first love, Barbara Baker. They returned to Sparta, MI in 1955 where he practiced medicine alongside his father and where the first 3 of his children were born. In July of 1964 he moved his family to Fort Collins, CO, a bustling town of 30,000 people, where his 4th child was born and he practiced family medicine for another 25 years before his retirement in 1989. He was honored and proud to be a part of a vibrant and growing medical community where quality and leading edge care was developing and being provided. He served as the medical Chief of Staff in 1980 at Poudre Valley Memorial Hospital and saw the first CT scanner installed there. He especially loved his practice of obstetrics and delivered many babies there. He especially loved his practice of obstetrics and delivered many babies during his years, many of whom he

went on to attend their weddings and starting families of their own. He retired with many precious memories and lifelong friendships. He did then go on to practice again at the Lakota Pine Ridge Indian reservation in South Dakota for another 6 years where he lived his love and fascination with Native Americans and the history of the west. He lost his beloved wife of 53 years to cancer in 2009 but heaven sent another angel by the name of Susan Olson whom he married and had 8 of the most special years of his life.

He had a lifelong passion for hunting and enjoyed many trips throughout the US, Canada, and Alaska. He was successful in going annually throughout his life, including his last Elk hunt this past fall and leaves us all with a full freezer.

He would want all to know of his love and commitment to our Lord Jesus Christ who revealed himself to him in a special and profound way as a younger man. He made every effort to live his life showing Christ's love and compassion to those he knew and had the honor of caring for, including his family and many friends. He leaves an eternal and lasting legacy in that right. And now he has run the race and claims the prize for which he was called. His eternity is secure in the love and the presence of our God and Lord Jesus. He will live forever in our hearts and minds.

Mike is survived by his wife Susan DeYoung; four children, Dr. Douglas DeYoung, Debbie (Barry) Denison, Sarah (David) Janzen, and Cheryl (Wendell) Ellerman; eight grandchildren; and two great grandchildren. He is also survived by his sister Joan Hinkamp, brother Ken DeYoung, and sister, Marcia Stegenga, along with many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, his youngest brother, Paul, and his first wife Barbara.

A memorial service is planned for 1:30 pm, Saturday, September 8th at Morning Star Church in Red Feather Lakes.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

SEP 8. 1:30 PM (MT)

Morning Star Community Church
23628 W County Rd 74E
Red Feather Lakes, CO 80545

Tribute Wall



“ *Mike DeYoung*

October 25, 2022 at 06:14 PM



“ *We consider Mike and Barb dear friends and wonderful loving Christian people. They attended our church, Open Bible Christian Center, Rapid City, SD during the time Mike was selflessly serving for the Indian reservation. Later we visited them at their home in Red Feathers and they allowed our grandkids to fish at their place. Such wonderful memories of them both. What a legacy they have left!! Our sincere sympathies to Susan and the rest of the family. So sorry this is late...we just got this news today, September 9th.*
Les and Sharon Potts

Les and Sharon Potts - September 09, 2018 at 04:50 PM



“ *Mike and Barb were wonderful people. We remember our association in First Christian Church with fond memories. Both were so friendly and gracious. I believe the Lord will honor them and give them seats of honor up there for their super witnesses and many contributions in their lives. We regret not making the service on September 8 due to being out of town.*
Neil and Peggy Grigg

Neil Grigg - September 07, 2018 at 06:42 AM

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“ DR. DeYoung WAS OUR FAMILY DOCTOR FOR FORTY FIVE YEARS. HE DELIVERED ALL THREE OF OUR CHILDREN AND KEPT ALL OF US IN GOOD HEALTH ALWAYS ENJOYED GOING IN TO SEE HIM..AND MEETING HIM HERE AND THERE OVER HIS RETIREMENT YEARS. HE WILL BE MISSED, BUT HIS NEW IN THE CLOUDS OFFICE WILL BE VERY BUSY. HE WAS A WONDERFUL MAN, HIS FAMILY IS AWESOME AS WELL AND WE SEE DR. DEYOUNG,DOUG AS HIS FOLLOW UP. THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES.

KAY JOHNSON - September 06, 2018 at 02:24 PM

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“ Dr. DeYoung was our family doctor when we moved to Fort Collins in 1964 and until he retired. We loved him! We trusted him! We appreciated his medical expertise and his care for us as individuals. Most of all, we loved his warm, friendly, kind and caring bedside manner. He was a wonderful listener, easy to talk with, and he allowed plenty of time for our visits so we never felt rushed. Although he deserved to retire and enjoy the next stage of his life, he was greatly missed when he retired. We still talk about him with fondness.
Our sincere sympathy is extended to Dr. DeYoung's family. He truly was a special person who has left an honorable legacy.

The Usel and Hubka Families

Joyce Hubka - September 06, 2018 at 01:30 PM

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“ *Dr. Doug and Family:*

Our thoughts and prayers go out to you all. We remember your dad from the Family Clinic when Dave and I first began our journey with them. He was always kind to us and seemed to REALLY care about all patients of the clinic. He must have been a great dad because he raised a son like you to become a doctor who also cared. You delivered our first child who is now grown and has a baby of her own. Blessing to you all. The Minchow Family Dave, Kerry, Kerstin (now Young) and Danyelle

Kerry Minchow - September 06, 2018 at 12:29 PM

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“ *Dr. DeYoung was our family doctor for about twenty years and a finer man I have never known. He invited us to his church and he and Barbara became personal friends. Bob even went elk hunting with him once. I can remember three times in our lives when we experienced serious medical emergencies and Dr. DeYoung treated us with expertise and genuine empathy. We trusted him completely. Rest in peace, dear man. Pam and Bob Russell*

Pamela Russell - September 05, 2018 at 11:38 PM