

Brian Mulroney Prime Minister of Canada

Canada's eighteenth Prime Minister is the fourth generation of the Mulroney family to be born in Canada. The first, Pierce Mulroney, was the son of Thomas Mulroney and Dora Dozane of County Cavan, near Ulster. Pierce Mulroney emigrated to Canada from Ireland in the 1830s, settling in the province of Quebec.

The Right Honourable Brian Mulroney, P.C., M.P., is the third child and eldest son of Benedict Martin Mulroney and Mary Irene O'Shea. He was born on March 20, 1939 in Baie Comeau, Quebec. He has two older sisters, Olive and Peggy; two younger sisters, Doreen and Barbara; and a younger brother, Gary.

Baie Comeau is a small town on the north shore of the St. Lawrence River, the river linking the Great Lakes with the Atlantic Ocean. It is a forestry town, a centre for the lumber and pulp and paper industries.

Ben Mulroney became a foreman at the North Shore Paper Company in Baie Comeau. To help finance his children's education, he also owned and operated a small electrical repair business.

Brian Mulroney inherited his father's belief in hard work as the key to a successful future. In the summer months, the future Prime Minister worked in a variety of jobs...security guard, labourer, truck driver...to save money for his university education.

"I believe in a Canada that believes in you...which recognizes your accomplishments, admires your sense of industry and shares your great dreams of your children's tomorrow."

Prime Minister Mulroney

In 1953, Brian Mulroney left the family home in Baie Comeau to complete high school at St. Thomas College in Chatham, New Brunswick. Upon graduation in 1955, he entered St. Francis Xavier University at Antigonish, Nova Scotia, completing an Honours Degree in Political Science in 1959.

Following a year at Dalhousie University, Brian Mulroney went to Quebec City to study law at Université Laval. This period of his life coincided with the era of social and political transformation in Quebec that became known as the Quiet Revolution.



The journey from his hometown of Baie Comeau to the Office of the Prime Minister has been marked by hard work and perseverance.