

Prime Minister Brian Mulroney

Born March 20, 1939, in Baie Comeau, Quebec, Brian Mulroney is a lawyer and former corporate executive.

Mr. Mulroney holds a bachelor of arts (honours) degree in political science from St. Francis Xavier University, Antigonish, Nova Scotia, and a bachelor of law degree from l'Université Laval at Québec.

On June 11, 1983, Mr. Mulroney was elected leader of the Progressive Conservative Party of Canada. He subsequently won election to the House of Commons in a by-election on Aug. 29, 1983, in the riding of Central Nova, Nova Scotia.

In the general election of 1984, Mr. Mulroney was elected in the riding of Manicouagan, Quebec. His party won the largest number of seats in Canadian parliamentary history. He was reelected in the riding of Charlevoix, Quebec, on Nov. 21, 1988, and led his party to form a second majority government.

Mr. Mulroney has been active in public life and community affairs for many years. In May 1974, he was appointed to the Cliche Royal Commission investigating violence in the Quebec construction industry.

In 1976, he was a candidate for the leadership of the Progressive Conservative Party. Later that year, he joined the Iron Ore Company of Canada as executive vice-president; a year later, he became company president.

Mr. Mulroney has been active in charitable organizations such as the United Way of Greater Montreal, the Big Brothers Association of Canada, the Quebec Association for the Mentally Retarded, the Canadian Juvenile Diabetes Foundation and the Montreal Heart Fund.

Mr. Mulroney is married to the former Mila Pivnicki; they have four children: Caroline, Benedict, Mark and Nicolas.