

SHIRLEY SEYMOUR CALLARD (SIMPSON)

I was born in North Battleford on October 12, 1931. I matriculated from Regina College in 1948. I remained in Regina, working as a Personnel Clerk for Simpsons (before it became Sears). In 1949 I joined Mom and Dad in Victoria, where I worked for the Royal Bank of Canada.

Reginald Morrow Callard and I were married in Saskatoon on January 11, 1952, cementing a relationship that began at Regina College.

With the arrival of daughter, Sydney I became a stay-at-home mom. Three more daughters, Cynthia, Rosalind and Jennifer arrived.

Reg's position as an officer in the Royal Canadian Artillery meant that we moved frequently (Victoria, Vernon, Winnipeg, England, Valcartier).

Reg retired from the military in 1969 and began his civilian career in Montreal. It was here I gained a BA from McGill University at the age of 42.

We moved to Ottawa in 1972, when Reg joined the public service. I returned to work in 1974 as Administrator for the Ottawa Office of the Mackenzie Valley Pipeline Inquiry (Berger Inquiry). From there I was invited to join the federal public service in the Northern Affairs Program of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada.



This picture was taken about 1980. From left to right:

Jennifer (children: Michaeline, Patrick); Sydney (Rebekah);
Rosalind; Cynthia (Aaron)

In 1986, Reg and I took leave from our positions to travel. On return in 1987, Reg's health was precarious and we decided to take early retirement in 1988. We travelled extensively between 1988 and 1993, and more sporadically since then.