

HAROLD BROWN

Harold was born in Bay Roberts on 4<sup>th</sup> of October 1953 to parents William and Mary Brown. He was the second of two boys born into the family.

Harold grew up in Bay Roberts but left home at 16 to attend Memorial University of Newfoundland. Not quite 17, special permission to attend the university was required prior to his registering as a student.

Over the period from September 1969 to May 1974, he managed to work during the summertime and attend school in the fall. He graduated in 1974 with two degrees and accepted his first teaching position that fall, 1974.

His 30-year teaching career in Newfoundland saw him move from Lethbridge to Musgravetown. In 1989 he moved into an administrative role in Catalina and then to a principalship in Whitbourne in 1992. He retired from that position in 2004 and over the course of ten years, he accepted contract positions as Principal at Amos Okemow Memorial School, located on the Cree reserve of Manto Sipi Cree Nation, God's River, Manitoba (including a term as Director of Education); Principal of Mangilaluk School, Tuktoyaktuk, Northwest Territory with the Beauford Delta Education Council (Inuvik) and finally Principal of Jonah Amitnaaq Secondary School (JASS) Baker Lake, Nunavut with the Kivalliq School Operations.

Married in 1976 to Joy Yetman, together they raised two boys. In the early 80's, he enrolled in the Graduate program at Bishop's University, Lennoxville, Quebec to pursue a Masters Education degree.

In the mid 90's Harold volunteered his time in a variety of areas, including, coach & president of the Bay Arena Minor Hockey Association and civilian instructor with RCACC (Royal Canadian Army Cadet Corps) 2565 operating out of Spaniard's Bay. Over the next number of years, Harold joined the CAF in the role of a CIC officer and was granted a commission of 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. His work with this cadet corps saw him receive additional training and ultimately the completion of his Captain qualifications course. After almost 15 years of service in the CIC, he retired.

Now in fulltime retirement, he is an active member of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 32 in Bay Roberts. He has held various offices on the branch executive and is currently serving as District 2 Commander as part of the Provincial Executive Committee for Provincial Command Newfoundland & Labrador.

Currently he and Comrade Gary Badcock are researching, writing and publishing online biographies of all veterans in the Bay Roberts area. A daunting task for sure with more than two hundred known vets and more being discovered as research provides.

Veterans' biographies can be viewed of the branch website at rclbranch32nl.ca



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Harold with the Canadian Rangers Baker Lake Patrol