

MICHAEL LORNE JUDE RAYMOND BIO

- Born in Temiscaming, QC on April 24, 1952 to Maurice & Leona (Ryan) Raymond, the 11th of 12 children.
- Attended St. Theresa's Elementary for Grades 1 - 7 from 1958 thru 1964
- Attended De La Salle Secondary for Grade 8 in 1964 – 65
- Attended St Mary's College, Brockville ON for Grades 10 – 12 from 1965 – 68
- Attended Holy Redeemer College, Windsor ON for Preliminary Arts 1968-69
- Attended Laurentian University, Sudbury ON from 1969 – 1972 (French/Spanish)
- Attended Toronto Teachers' College 1972 - 73
- Worked in consumer credit with Niagara Finance from 1973 – 77, the Bank of British Columbia from 1977 - 1980
- Working as Municipal Collector with the City of Penticton since 1980

I married Maria Teixeira (Tex's little sister) in August 1971 when we were both 19 yrs old and our first son, Jamey, was born the next year. My working career began in Toronto in 1973 and we were transferred to Goderich On in 1974, to Kamloops BC in 1976 and to Penticton BC in 1979. Our second son, Neal, was born in 1976 in Goderich and our third son, David, was born in Penticton in 1983. Our two oldest sons are both getting married this year to two great partners (Tasha & Heather) whom they have each been with for 6+ years. Jamey and Tasha are the proud parents of Cale who is 3 ½ years old. Jamey and Neal have lived in Penticton all of their adult lives and both have been fortunate to pursue successful careers close to home. Our youngest son David has been living in Vancouver since he graduated from high school two years ago and is living the life of a starving artist while pursuing a career in dance.

Maria and I will be celebrating our 32nd anniversary on August 28th and we have been blessed with many years of health and happiness. We have been active in our parish and local community and are extremely grateful for having been able to live in the "next best thing to paradise" for the past 24+ years. While we cherish our Eastern roots, we would be hard pressed to have found a better place for our family to grow up and grow old.

Maria retired two years ago after many years of operating an in-home daycare and she is now busy enjoying our young grandson daily while his Mom & Dad work. I have had a wonderful career with the City of Penticton and will likely be looking at retirement in another 7 or 8 years. In my spare time, I enjoy cycling, baseball and hockey.