

Robert Charette Bio

After leaving Saint Mary's in 1966 after two years of grades nine and ten, I returned home to Petawawa to finish high school.

Upon leaving high school in 1969 I started working in my fathers trucking business with him. At some point in time, I wrote a civil service exam and was shocked one day to receive a call that my name was at the top of the list for a government job, and that there was an opening in the post office dept. in Petawawa.

I started what I thought was to be short stint in the public service and have now completed 33 years of employment with Canada Post in various capacities and I am anxiously looking forward to retirement in two years.

Along the way, I married Patricia(Giroux) in 1972 and we were able to celebrate our 30th anniversary last year. We have three children. Manya, the eldest, works for Cancer Care Ontario; Connor, the middle, is seeking his fortune in the ski and landscape business in AB and BC, and our youngest, Nicole, has just graduated from Guelph with a degree in Applied Human Nutrition and is now on a year internship before becoming a registered dietician.

I have been involved in being a ski instructor and a Tal Chi instructor for many years. I enjoy tennis and have recently found a liking for the game of golf

Presently I am facing a fairly serious health issue after being diagnosed with an inoperable brain tumor in Jan. 2002. The tumor is what they are calling stable after 30 radiation treatments and a year of chemotherapy. I actually was able to go downhill skiing this winter until I fell and broke my clavicle on the 4 th of March. I feel like Joe Bfstk from the old comics. Golf season will be a little late this year.

I am really looking forward to seeing some old faces from those bygone days and I can't believe that in all these years, I haven't run into anybody. Just as I say that , I am watching t.v. and there is Doug Little on the New R.O. in a piece about the tulip festival. Go figure.

Waiting Anxiously.