

Stephen Holland's Biography

After St. Mary's I graduated from Grade XIII at Catholic Central High School in London Ontario. I received my Honours BSc in Science in 1969 from University of Western Ontario. In 1969 I started in the PhD Pharmacology Course at University of Alberta in Edmonton, but switched to University of Calgary in Medicine in 1970.

I met my future wife Karen in Edmonton and she followed me through my education adventures after I graduated from University of Calgary in 1973. She graduated with her Bachelor of Commerce that year and we both moved to Halifax (Dalhousie) where I began my residency in Internal Medicine and she received her Chartered Accountancy degree.

In 1976 we moved to Montreal where I continued further specialty training in Gastroenterology at McGill at the Royal Victoria Hospital. Karen worked for a large Accountancy firm, Peet and Marwick in downtown Montreal.

I received my Fellowship in Internal Medicine and Gastroenterology in 1977. I began my professional career in 1978 in Peterborough, Ontario as the first and only Gastroenterologist in that city. Although we loved Peterborough, I needed more academic stimulation from peers and accepted a position in Victoria BC, where I still work to this day.

I continue to practice full-time in a busy subspecialty practice in Victoria with 8 other Gastroenterologists. I have been fortunate to have held many positions including Chief of Medical Services and President of Medical Staff for several years. It has been a most rewarding and stimulating career and I would not have done a thing differently had I had the chance.

Karen and I have 3 great boys who still live with us and are at various stages of their ongoing education. No one as yet has followed in Dad's footsteps, however.

My interests are Golf, and I am keenly interested in Medical Informatics and have held several positions in this area, still a "work in progress".

I consider myself incredibly lucky to have had the chance at a first class education at St. Mary's and many happy years growing up in 1960-1965. My family could have never afforded a comparable private school. I do so wish I had the chance to attend the re-union, but just by sheer co-incidence the St. Mary's reunion was the very same weekend as my 30th year Medical School re-union, to which I had already committed.

I read with great interest the bio's of my old classmates from St. Mary's. To all of you and your families, a heartfelt hello and good wishes. I hope I will have a chance to renew old acquaintances in 2008.