

WILLIE ARSENAULT 1961 - 1964

I left St. Mary's in 1964 with a grand plan for personal development instilled by regular hours for rest, meals, and study where I was given insight and confidence that could further my education. I was accepted to St. Dunstan's University (UPEI) in Charlottetown and was able to scrape a BA by 1966. Somehow I side-tracked and got a commercial pilots license which I never continued and then went off to Labrador City to work as a mine labourer to pay my bills. Left the Iron Ore Company after only four months but ended up in St. John's, NL working for Canada Manpower. Back to Labrador City in 1968 as Government Manager.

Left Labrador City again in 1970 and back to University (Memorial University of Newfoundland) for a Science Education Degree. Almost ended up teaching for the rest of my life but fluked into the new Medical School at Memorial (MUN) in St. John's in 1972. Finished Academic Medicine in 1975 and came back to Labrador City for Family Practice Training in 1976. Ended up in Labrador City, as young doctor in 1977 and have been here ever since.

Before I came to St. Mary's in 1961 I was about to fail high school in Grade 10. My life would have been very different had I not had the sincere good luck and direction given at St. Mary's.