

Brief Biography of Neil Henry

Neil's Scottish born parents were resident in the Sudan in the 1930's where Neil's father, George, worked in the British colonial administration. On the outbreak of WWII, George Henry was commissioned and spent most of the war in North Africa. Neil's Mother, Elisabeth, was evacuated from the Sudan to South Africa where Neil was born in 1941. Near the end of the war, the family, including Neil's older brother, Ian, were reunited in Palestine, returning to Britain in 1945. The family lived in the British zone of occupied Germany for seven years, immigrating to Canada in 1953.

Thereafter, his life had the following steps:

1. Graduated from Ross Sheppard High School in 1959
2. Awarded a Bachelor of Commerce in 1963
3. Married Jeanne Hilliard in 1965
4. Awarded a Master of Arts in English in 1966
5. With Jeanne, did volunteer work in India and taught first year English at the University of Alberta
6. Had the first of three sons (1967) and worked for 4 years towards a Ph. D at Queen's University (including a research year spent in England). Neil and Jeanne's other two sons were born during this period.
7. From 1972 to 1976, worked as an administrative officer in student services and the Senate of the University of Alberta.
8. Joined the newly established Athabasca University as Registrar in 1976, rising to be Vice President, Finance and Administration.
9. Left AU in 1988 to become Assistant Deputy Minister in the Alberta Department of Advanced Education.
10. In 1996, became Vice President, Finance and Administration at the University of Prince Edward Island where he stayed until retirement from full time work in 2002 and returned to Edmonton.
11. Worked as a part time management and policy consultant in the public sector before fully retiring in 2019.