

# **Chieftain of the Day 2005 Flora McInnes**



I was born in Bowden, AB. We moved to Calgary when I was 5 years old and have resided here since then.

My schooling took place at Sunalta School and C.C.I. and then I went into nursing at the Calgary General Hospital, graduating in 1946. From then to date, I have been actively involved in the Nurses Alumnae Association, receiving a life membership in 1977.

Glen and I were married in 1946 and had 4 children - Carol, Ken, Donna (the piper) and Gordon. I also have 6 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren.

Donna enjoyed participating in competitions in Western Canada and the USA, competing in individual, duets, quartets and Jr. and Sr. pipe bands. It was through her involvement with piping that I became involved with CUSGA. In 1969, I was asked to act as competition secretary for piping and drumming and Glen was asked to be announcer for the games, positions we held until the games folded in the mid seventies due to lack of support. The games were held at

Glenmore Athletic Park in July and another piping and drumming "only" competition was held at various venues in Septemeber. Our budget, committees and number of competitors were very small compared to the current Highland Games. I was once again competition secretary for a few years when the games were reactivated at the Beddington Community Centre.

I have always enjoyed many hobbies and crafts, my current favorites being paper tole, quilting and making greeting cards.

I am a member of Confederation Park Srs. Centre where I take classes in tap dancing, line dancing and paper tole plus some other activities. I also find Tai Chi very relaxing and beneficial.

I hold an executive position on the Social Club and enjoy many of the activities available at the Watergrove Mobile Home Park where I now reside.