

Shirley Andrist



Shirley was born Shirley Sillers in Estevan and completed her public education there. During her early schooling years she was involved in musical activities as well as many sports teams and the debating team. While attending normal school in Moose jaw, she added pipe organ to her list of accomplishments.

After teaching for two years, she attended the University of Saskatchewan in Education and has taken classes from several other universities. Shirley taught outside of Saskatchewan and also in England.

Upon returning to Estevan she married Lloyd Andrist and raised four children, Rachel, Audrey, Rebecca, and Robert on

the family grain farm. Teaching in various Estevan schools was resumed after children were in school.

Over the years, Shirley has served in many organizations; including the Estevan University Women's Club, the Beta Sigma Phi Sorority, the Estevan and District Music Festival, the Saskatchewan Book Awards Committee, the Saskatchewan Writers' Guild, the University of Regina Board of Governors, the Southeast Chorus, and was a choir director and organist at St. Paul's United Church for 65 years!

Shirley's constant contribution to community life has earned her many awards. Among them are honorary membership in the Saskatchewan School Library Association in 1990, the Rotary Paul Harris Medal in 2003, the Saskatchewan Centennial Medal in 2005, and the Saskatchewan Volunteer Medal in 2006,. Shirley has been recognized twice as an outstanding member of the Estevan and District Music Festival.

Upon her teacher retirement, Shirley traveled extensively and visited or 36 countries including China. She also traveled with International Opera Tours to New York, Eastern Europe and Germany.

Shirley's love for music and the arts has been passed on to hundreds of others through her many years of involvement in

numerous activities. We are grateful for her outstanding effort, wisdom, and guidance she has given us. Not only to St. Paul's United Church, but also to Estevan and indeed to Saskatchewan and beyond. She has definitely made the world a better place.



Thank you Shirley!