

**The Robert Gordon Parker Family
Island Falls Saskatchewan
1936-1946**

Robert Gordon Parker—born in Bannerman Manitoba
1915-1970

Gertrude Parker—born Bangor Saskatchewan 1919-2001



Gordon and Gertrude Parker, 1969, London Ontario, Canada with their granddaughter Holly Elizabeth Parker

Moved to Island Falls Saskatchewan in 1936--1946

Robert Gordon Parker, my dad was born in a small farming community in southern Manitoba where my grandfather William Parker had homesteaded land in the Turtle Mountain Land range in the early 1900's. My grandfather was born in Clinton Ontario, and as a young man left Clinton in search of homesteading land in southern Manitoba.

The Parker family moved to Killarney Manitoba, where my grandfather was an implement dealer and oil and gas distributor. My father Robert Gordon was the youngest of three children and went to high school and grew up in Killarney Manitoba.

He was born in 1915 and passed away in 1970 in London Ontario where he had resided after moving from Island Falls Saskatchewan in 1946.

My mother Gertrude Roberts Parker was born in Bangor Saskatchewan in 1919 and moved to Yorkton Saskatchewan as a young girl. She was one of five children, and moved to Flin Flon in 1935-36. Her mother Margaret Lewis Roberts was part of a Welsh settlement that moved from Patagonia Argentina to Bangor Saskatchewan after unsuccessful years of settlement in Argentina.

The Roberts family moved to Flin Flon in search of employment in the mid-30s. My mother was employed by the Reese Davis family as a nanny in Island Falls.

My mother and father were married in 1939 in Swan River Manitoba and honeymooned in Riding Mountain National Park. I was born, Lorne Arnold Parker, in Flin Flon, Manitoba August 13, 1941. I was named after Lorne Greene who was a radio announcer for the CBC in Winnipeg Manitoba. My sister, Beverly Gay Parker was born, in Flin Flon, August 9, 1943. (My sister was named after a Toronto Maple Leaf hockey player, Gay Stewart.)

My father Robert Gordon Parker went to Island Falls for employment in 1936 from Killarney Manitoba. He was first employed to assist transporting construction materials to Island Falls in which they used large tractors called "Linns". There were camps in the winter along a trail which also served as markers for large transportation Linns.

He camped in a tent in -40° weather as part of his job as trails spotter for the construction Linns. After this experience of winter camping and sitting in the bitterly cold weather, he was not very fond of recreational camping! Consequently, my sister and I never went tent camping with our parents although some of the cabins we stayed in during our vacations were very rustic.

We moved as a family from Island Falls to London Ontario Canada in 1946 just after World War II. My father was employed as electrician by John Labatt Brewery until his death in 1970. My mother worked for over 30 years for Simpson's department store, where she retired and continued to live in London.

Both my sister and I went to the United States for university educational opportunities. My sister was a graduate nurse and has recently retired and is living in Lansing Michigan.

I went to Indiana University in Bloomington Indiana for my undergraduate degree and to University in Wisconsin for my graduate degrees. I have five children all living in the United States and scattered throughout the country. I currently reside with my wife Alice in Stillwater Oklahoma.



**Some of the Lorne Parker Family, Alex Parker, Ryan Parker,
Alice Parker and Lorne Parker,--not in the picture Holly Parker
Balfour, Hilary Parker Simkins, and Tedd Robert Parker**

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