



Marion Sharpe

(1916 -)

Marion Sharpe was born Marion Clark in New Westminster, BC where she attended school until the family moved to Mission. She graduated from Mission High School in 1934. Mrs. Sharpe was always an avid reader and before her marriage worked in a pre-school and at the local Mission cannery.

In 1937 she married Paul Sharpe and they lived on Vancouver Island, then in Kamloops, and North Bend. The family returned to Mission in 1954. In 1965 there was an ad in the Mission newspaper for a librarian. Mrs. Sharpe applied and to her surprise and joy was awarded the position. At this time the library was in what is now the Mission Museum building.

As a tribute on her retirement in 1982 the library established "Marion Sharpe Day" on February 26th. Some of her most satisfying experiences as the community librarian were instructing people on how to use the library and encouraging young children to read.

Marion Sharpe was, and remains involved in many community organizations, including: the Women's Institute, local women's church groups, the Old-Age Pensioners, the Hospital Auxiliary, Mission Historical Society (Charter and Lifetime member), Lifetime Learning Centre (Charter member) and "Friends of the Library" (Charter member).

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