



# Rhona Jacobsen

(1920 - )

Rhona Jacobsen was born in Weyburn and educated in Regina, Saskatchewan. A war bride, she married Ernest Stephen Jacobsen and in 1946 they moved to Mission with their two young sons.

An especially caring and giving individual, Rhona has given countless hours of her time as a volunteer. Her past 51 years in Mission have been marked with exemplary service to the community through her membership in local groups, including the Mission Kinettes, Mission City & District Cubs, Mission Hospital Auxiliary, Mission District Historical Society, and Lifetime Learning Centre Society.

She co-chaired Mission's first Kinsmen Mothers' March in 1953 to raise funds for polio and helped both establish and manage the first "Cottage Thrift Shop". Rhona also supported her husband in the establishment of his prize-winning rose garden.

Rhona became a member of the American Rose Society and the Royal National Rose Society in England. She also served as the gracious hostess to the growing number of visitors who toured the unique garden which included a rose named after her that Dennis Gobbee of England developed.

When her husband passed away in 2001, Rhona worked closely with members of the Garden Committee of the Mission Heritage Association to move 250 of the roses to Fraser River Heritage Park.

Reflecting on her many contributions to the community, Rhona believes she never would have accomplished what she did without the encouragement and assistance of others.

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