

## **HLM Citation for Sylvia Jones**

Sylvia Jones began her teaching career with the Prince Albert Catholic School Division. In this first year, she taught a grade 2 class of 42 students and that is when Sylvia became interested in the welfare of teachers. After teaching four years in Prince Albert, she moved to Camrose, Alberta where she taught for one year. She then moved to Shellbrook, Saskatchewan with her husband, where Sylvia taught until her retirement in 1990.

A year and a half after her retirement, on January 4, 1992, a new STS Chapter was formed. As a founding member, Sylvia agreed to be the Secretary-Treasurer of the newly formed Parkland Chapter of the STS. For the next seven years, she held this position and also took on the task of Historian for the Chapter, a job that she has done to the present day. When the Provincial STS celebrated their 50th Anniversary, the Parkland Chapter celebrated their 31st. At the celebrations of these two momentous events, Sylvia reminded every retired teacher present that the STS was meant to unite superannuates socially and professionally and to be a self-help group to look after each other as we age together.

Sylvia has served seven years as a Chapter Delegate at STS AGM's doing her part to advocate for services and benefits for retired teachers. She also helped organize provincial recreational events as well as participated in a number of them. Sylvia has always been an avid golfer, participating in and organizing many Ladies Golf Tournaments as well as winning many of them.

Besides her contributions to the Provincial STS and the Parkland Chapter of the STS, Sylvia was always very involved in her community.

She was a founding member of the Shellbrook Kinette Club, serving as their President, Bulletin Editor and on the Social Committee where she composed songs, poems, and skits for a variety of functions. She has also served with the St. Agatha Roman Catholic Church, the Shellbrook Golf Club, the Parkland Artisans, an organization promoting arts in the community, and the Shellbrook & District Arts Council.

It is no wonder that over the years, Sylvia has been awarded many honours from her local community, district and province. We are so pleased to add another honour to that list as we recognize Sylvia Jones with an Honorary Life Membership in the Superannuated Teachers of Saskatchewan.