

Cecilia (Kohlman) Mulhern - College 1975

Honorary Life Member 2013

Cecilia (Kohlman) Mulhern was the youngest child of fifteen born at Kerrobert to parents who farmed in nearby Cactus Lake/Macklin area. Education was a high priority for her immigrant parents and a number of Cecilia's siblings and extended family members are graduates from the University of Saskatchewan in various faculties. Besides Cecilia and her spouse Al Mulhern ('70), U of S Agriculture Alumni include their daughter Tara Mulhern Davidson ('05), nephews Allan Kohlman ('78), Warren Kohlman (S'88), Brian Kohlman ('96), and Brian's wife Leanne (Morley) Kohlman (2000).

Prior to graduation, Cecilia was active in student affairs and sports and worked as a lab technician in the Soils Department. Since graduating in '75, Cecilia has established an impressive record of achievements in many areas. Her professional career began with the Agricultural Representative Services 1974-78; becoming the first female Ag. Rep. appointed. Following this, she worked as a rural municipal assessment officer, 1979-80 and as irrigation agrologist, 1980-81. She began farming full time with her husband in 1982 near Meyronne. Cecilia continued working part time in numerous agriculture related fields which included instructing extension courses and as a field person with Sask. Ag. Livestock Loan Guarantee Program.

Cecilia's interests have led her to act in the capacity of Constituency and Health Board Returning Officer and as a Census Commissioner for Statistics Canada. She served as a member of the Agricultural Extension Review Committee; a member for the Southwest Watershed Advisory Board; a director of the Saskatchewan Water Corporation; and a board member of the Mankota Credit union.

Volunteerism has been a strong focus for Cecilia and she has been active in her local and surrounding communities with organizations such as Music Festival; Housing Authority; Arts Council Dinner Theatre; Kincaid School Board and as a Practical Arts Instructor at Kincaid Central School. She is an advocate and fundraiser for the Canadian Cancer Society. An avid quilter, she has created and donated numerous quilts to various charities for fundraising.

At the present time, Cecilia continues to act as a Peer Review Member of Environmental Farm Plans for the Provincial Council of A.D.D. Boards and represents the R.M. of Pinto Creek #75 on the Notekeu Assessment Appeal Board. She is serving a second term as a director on the Five Hills Health Authority Board out of Moose Jaw. She recently achieved her Professional Director Certification from the Johnson Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy, University of Regina.

Cecilia and Al continue to farm and enjoy spending time with Tara, her husband Ross and their family of twin boys and new baby.