



WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

John Salvador, Enjoying Retirement in Beautiful Sidney-By-The-Sea!

I was born and raised in Coleman, Alberta. When I was 17, my father had a stroke and could no longer manage his business as a contractor supplying props to the local mine and a strip-mining coal business.

After the stroke, he bought an apple orchard in Creston and moved the family there in July of 1942.

Before I became a Notary, I was in the automotive business with my brother Elidio. We had a full-service garage and sold new and used cars. In 1965 I took my real estate licence and went into business with Alan Speers, a Notary in Creston. Together we ran a successful real estate and general insurance business.

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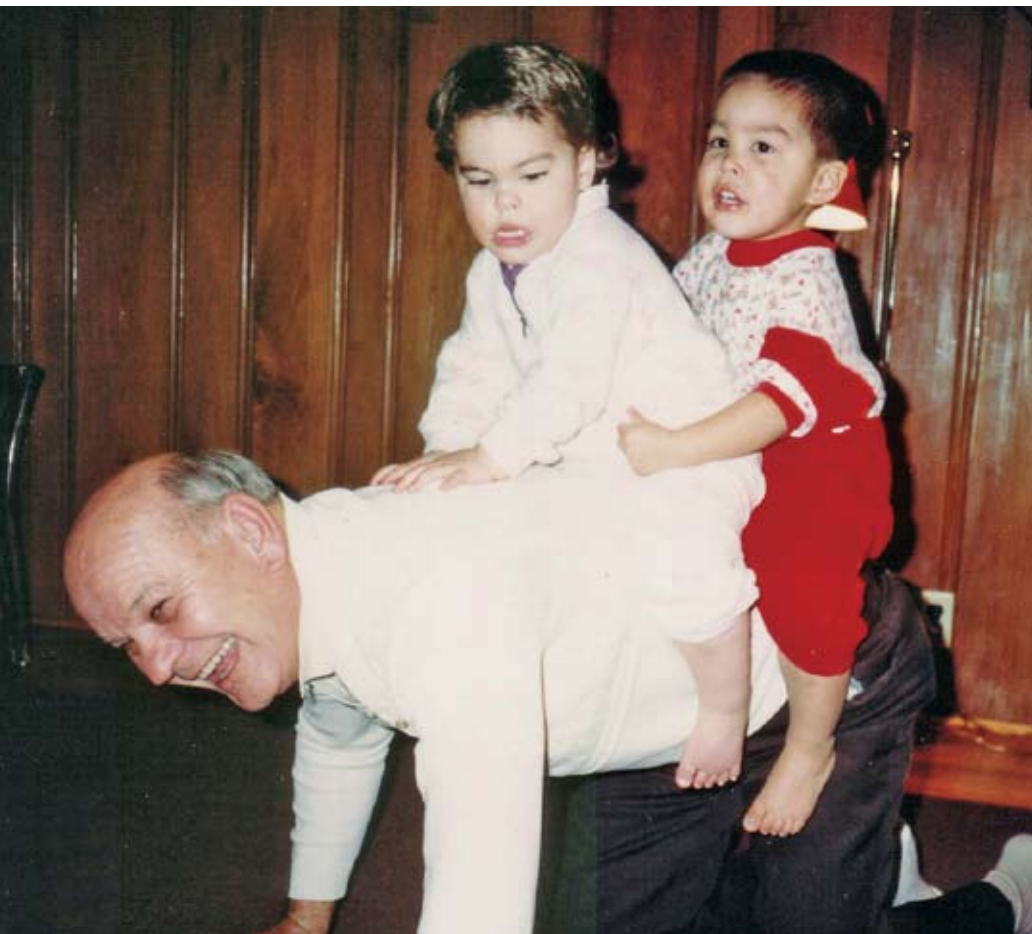
*After a fishing trip
Left to right: friend Hank, son-in-law Harley, son Jon, and John Salvador*



John Salvador wearing his famous cap, 2004



John and Betty Salvador with their children, Jan, Jon, and Laurie, 1999



John with grandkids Morgan and Nicholas, 1989

In 1967, I decided to move to the Island, where I worked in Campbell River in real estate and insurance. In 1968 we moved again, to Coquitlam, where I became partners with Jim Robinson (father of our Notary Jim Robinson and his sister Janice Stevens, wife of our Notary Larry Stevens Sr.)

With Jim's encouragement, I took my training and became a BC Notary in 1968. A Seal became available in Sidney, so we moved one last time. Our family has remained here ever since.

The most enjoyable aspect of my Notary practice was helping people with their estate plans and real estate transactions. In those days, it was not uncommon for people to pay for a house in cash. One family had to sort out the beneficiaries of a French estate so I used a genealogical map to help them.

Some of my clients brought me fish or garden vegetables as a gesture of their appreciation for my services. Among my more notable clients were

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John and Betty Salvador with their grandchildren Emily, Morgan, Carey, and Nicholas, 1999

Gary Burghoff of *MASH* and actor Sebastian Cabot and his family.

My mentors were Alan Speers and Jim Robinson. They were both Notaries and entrepreneurs and had high moral standards.

Since my retirement in 1986, I have been attending to my garden, boating, doing a good deal of fishing, golfing, and travelling to Italy, the Maritimes, Mexico, Hawaii, and the United States. We have been back to the Kootenays to visit family every year.

I am currently involved in Probus, a group of retired business and professional men. A past president of Sidney Rotary, I gave 20 years of service to that service group. I also served on committees for our local community hall and the Advisory Planning Committee for the Town of Sidney.

My special interests include bridge, making wine every September, my coffee group which meets twice daily, and an annual fishing trip to Bamfield and Nootka Sound with my son Jon, my son-in-law Harley, and whoever else wants to come.

The most important thing in life is to treat people as you would want to be treated yourself, in an honest and honourable manner. ▲