**Cecily (Cohen) Reid – Life after Northview School Days**

[Ed – the background to this personal story is that for almost 6 months, since the start of the project to produce this 'booklet' absolutely no trace of Cecily could be found and she was listed as 'possibly deceased' in the 'Melrose Edition'. However thanks, mainly, to the determined effort of Elaine (Oppenheimer) Jay who never gave up hope, a record of name change was found in Ontario, Canada together with an oblique reference to a library in a town north of Toronto, which Basil Rosenblatt subsequently followed up – and HEY PRESTO – we had found another class-mate!!]

Hi there,
I am truly so astonished by the amount of time and trouble you have taken to find me - thank you very much.  Believe me, being listed in the 'suspected deceased' column sure made me up the treadmill today! Thanks to all for your interest.

My story:
After Northview I went to Wits and did a BA with Library qualifications.  After that I worked for the Johannesburg Public library until 1989 when we emigrated to Toronto with our three children, a son and two daughters.  We were fortunate to find work quickly, my husband as a math teacher and myself in a nearby busy library in Richmond Hill.  After a few years we both realized we had to upgrade our qualifications and went back to school.  My husband did his MA in math, and I graduated in '93 with a Masters in Library Science from the University of Toronto.

I worked at the same library in this rapidly-growing region (North of Toronto) until September of this year (2014) when I retired after 24 years. We down-sized three years ago and moved north to Innisfil, a small town.  Our three children are all in the US, all graduates I'm happy to say, and two are married.

Now that I'm retired I am hoping to get a craft business going, plus we spend time at a great fitness centre nearby.  Innisfil is a pretty area, lots of farmland we are twenty minutes from Lake Simcoe, Ontario.

So| that's my life since Northview, which feels a long time ago.

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