

Memorial for Earl Gordon Ripley, MWO (Ret), CD

Born in 1944 in Port Howe, Nova Scotia, the 4th in a family of 7 children, Gordon joined the RCAF in September 1963 and completed training to be an Air Force Policeman in April 1964. He married his wife, Jean, in 1964 as well and they began their journey as a military family. After various northern Ontario postings and a tour of Europe at Baden-Soellingen, Germany from July 1971 -July 1972, they returned to Canada and were posted to Val d'Or, Quebec.

In 1972 Gord transferred to Communications Command, re-mustering to the trade of Teletype and Cypher Technician. In 1973 in Val d'Or, their son Kevin was born and in 1974 they were posted to Camp Debert, Nova Scotia. In 1978 they were transferred to Charlottown, PEI where their second child, Karen was born and then returned to Debert in 1980. They stayed in CFS Debert with internal base postings and a six month winter tour of Alert NWT until 1989 when Gordon was posted as a Warrant Officer to NDHQ in Ottawa. He retired from uniformed service in October 1992 and took a public service position in the same office.

Postings & promotions:

Promoted to corporal Sept '67

Baden-Soellingen, Germany; Jul '71

Val D'Or, Quebec; March '72 – Apr '74

Re-muster and Electronics training 1972

Camp Debert, NS; 720 comm sqn; Apr '74

Charlottetown, PEI; Feb '78

JLC- Oct '78

Promoted to MCpl; April '79

Debert, 720 Comm Sqn; Jun '80

Alert, NWT; Sept '81 – March '82

Promoted to Sgt Nov '83

Debert, NICS TARE; May '85

SLC- Nov '86. Awarded Top Student.

Promoted to WO; Aug '87

Ottawa, NDHQ, DGCEEM; Jul '89

Promoted to MWO in 1992.

Retired from uniform in October 1992

Fully retired from public service in 2008