



Liliane Galvin

Liliane and Larry Galvin were born and raised in Canada. They met in Nanaimo, British Columbia, which is a busy port city on the East coast of Vancouver Island. Liliane at the time was living and working in Victoria, 110 km from Nanaimo. Lilliane was introduced to Larry and they dated in Nanaimo. After a whirlwind romance, they were married February 23, 1952 in Nanaimo. They remained there for a short while as Larry continued to build his chiropractic practice.

Looking for new opportunities, they decided to move later that year to Southern California. Liliane joined the JCPenney family in the Los Angeles district office, hired immediately two weeks after arriving from Canada. The Los Angeles district office was conveniently located two blocks from Larry's chiropractic office. Liliane first worked with Clarence Doctor. She also met and worked for District Manager, Ross Sonne. Little did she know that very soon she would have a chance to meet Mr. Penney at the opening of the downtown Long Beach store which was managed by Vern Fay. Liliane at the time was out on maternity leave. But she wanted to meet Mr. Penney so she found a way to the store to meet him.

In 1958, Liliane returned to the district office, which had relocated to Wilshire Blvd in Los Angeles. In time the district office moved to Buena Park. Over the years Liliane had the opportunity to work with Ted Schmidt, Mal Hand, and Terry Prindiville, Sr. Several years later Mr. Sonne retired and Walt Myers came from Gary, Indiana as the new District Manager.

In 1978, Liliane switched hats as she was offered an assignment working in the JCPenney stores. She took it! She was first assigned as a Senior Merchandising Manager in Huntington Beach where she worked with Store Manager Dale Smith. She also worked alongside General Merchandising Manager Ross Willour. Ross and his wife Marilyn became lifelong friends with the Galvins. The Huntington Beach store was conveniently located just a few miles from her home. In 1980, Liliane was promoted to the Fullerton, California store as Personnel Manager working with first Store Manager Lew Langer and later, Don McNeil.

In 1982, Liliane was promoted to Long Beach to open the newest store in Los Angeles as Personnel Manager. Darryl McGuire was the store manager. Approximately one year after the opening McGuire



was promoted and Paul Simons followed as Store Manager. Liliane had worked with Simons while in the Los Angeles District Office where Paul was a member of the District Fashion Committee. Paul eventually was promoted to District Manager in Los Angeles. This relationship with Paul is another example of the wonderful Penney family that Liliane gained over the years. Paul has known Liliane longer than any other Penney associate has known her, and visa versa.

At the beginning of 1984 Liliane reported to Orange "The City" store as Personnel Manager where Phil Parker was the store manager. After Parker retired Meridel Wooley became the store manager. Liliane worked under Wooley for 2 years and retired in May of 1989.

After her retirement, Liliane joined the Southern California Local Meeting Group. Liliane soon after was elected to the Board of the H.C.S.C. Foundation, where she was involved with the charitable efforts of that group. Liliane at the same time continued to volunteer with the Huntington Beach City Library.

Retirement also provided time for travel and Europe was quickly on the Galvin itineraries. France became a favorite spot to visit with Liliane making time to look up members of her mother's family. Larry took four years of French at UCLA to help them in their travels. But all that class time didn't serve him well. If you ever met Larry you just knew that his modest skills in conversational French would not slow him down. He always seemed to connect with people both here and abroad.

Both Liliane and Larry enjoyed many years as members of the Southern California Local Meeting Group. Larry was an avid golfer beginning to play

that game at the age of 10. He successfully taught both of their sons to play. He looked forward each year to the Southern California "Spring Fling" in Palm Springs. Liliane and Larry also made it a point to attend all of the H.C.S.C. national conventions, which they enjoyed very much.

There are two things Liliane wanted to share about Larry. First she wanted others to know about his passion for ice hockey. He was of course a Canadian, which made hockey a "natural" sport for him. Larry spent 15 years as a volunteer with the Greater Los Angeles Minor Hockey Association where he taught Southern California boys to play the sport at a high level. Several young men from GLAMHA earned scholarships to eastern schools including: Yale, Princeton and Dartmouth all based on their grades and on their hockey prowess. One of them was their own son Mike who attended Brown University. Larry also had a keen interest in learning about people. The two of them took many bus trips with a group of volunteers from St. Jude's Hospital located in Fullerton, California. These were social trips where volunteers at the hospital broke away for reward and relaxation. By the time they returned from their trips, Larry could give you the names of all 55 people on the bus and information about their families. Remembering names and family history was a trait of Larry's, a trait that was admired and envied by those who knew him.

Larry passed away May 5, 2012, at age 92. Liliane and Larry had been married 60+ years. They have two sons (Mike and Pat), four grandchildren (3 girls and 1 boy), and one great grandson (with another on the way). Liliane and the Galvin family want to thank you all for the many condolences they received at the time of Larry's passing. Absent Larry, Liliane and her JCPenney family continue on.