

William Donald Neelin - Bio

Year	Date	Event	Notes
1942	28 Apr	Marriage	Donald Harold Neelin (1918-2011) Elsie Keith Richardson (1921-1988) Merritton Ontario
1943	1 Apr	Birth	William Donald Neelin St Catharines General Hospital St Catharines Ontario
1945	26 Apr	Birth	Marilyn Elspeth Neelin St Catharines General Hospital St Catharines Ontario
1946	14 Sept	Birth	John Keith Neelin St Catharines General Hospital St Catharines Ontario
1946-1949		Residence	I believe we were living with my mother's maternal grandmother at: 37 (?) Chestnut St., Merritton Ont. 1948 - 51 Chestnut St Merritton Ont
1948	01 Sept	Death	Grandmother Elspet Richardson (Coull) Died at home in Jordan Station Ont
1949		Residence	Moved in with mother's parents on their peach farm in Jordan Station Ont Farm house was on 3 acres on North of QEW Highway on Lake Ontario, 15 acres was on the other side of the QEW. At that time you could drive across the highway, and carefully walk across as well. I started school, grade one, in a 2 room school house in Jordan Station

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1949	October	Residence	Because of mother's asthma we had to leave the farm and move back into grandfather's house: 51 Chestnut St Merritton Ont. My aunt Jean is the present owner. Start school in Merritton in what was known as "The Little School" on Glendale Avenue.
			Residence location between 1947 and about 1952 is a little confusing because we lived in one house on Chestnut St, the farm and then 51 Chestnut St. After my grandmother's death my grandfather and 2 aunts moved in with us at 51. After sometime they moved back to the farm. We were living in 51 when my grandmother died because I remember the phone call.
1949-1957		Residence	51 Chestnut St. Merritton Ont.
1957	April	Closure	Richardson's Bakery becomes a casualty of the big grocery stores and closes. No more home delivery of bread. Donald Harold Neelin new employment with DCA Food Industries.
1957	25 Apr	Birth	David Glenn Neelin St Catharines General Hospital St Catharines Ontario Planned birth!
1957	4 May	Residence	Move to Main St. Lucan Ontario as central location for Donald Harold Neelin's marketing territory.
1958	Summer	Residence	Move to 52(?) Col Talbot Road South, Lambeth Ont.
1959	Summer	Residence	Move across the street - 49 (?) Col Talbot Road South, Lambeth Ont.

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1961	Summer	Enlist	Enlist in Royal Canadian Navy and wait for call-up
1962	15 Feb	Call-up	Called up and signed up in RCN
1962	Feb	Basic Training	Depart for basic training by train to HMCS Cornwallis, Digby Nova Scotia
1962	Jun	Training	Trade Group 1 training, HMCS Gloucester, Gloucester (Ottawa) Ont. As a Radioman Special
1962	Oct		Cuban Missile Crisis. I can remember CO of HMCS Gloucester, in front of entire Ship's Company explaining the crisis and the steps that were/would be taken.
1962			Late summer/early autumn parents purchase a new house, 1 Outer Drive Lambeth, Ont
1962	Dec	Graduation	Graduated TG1 Training as Ordinary Seaman Radioman Special Supplementary (OSRSS). Home to Lambeth for Christmas leave.
1963	Jan	Posting	Posted to HMCS Coverdale, Moncton NB
1963	Apr		Passed final steps to become OSRS1 (Ordinary Seaman Radioman Special Trade Group 1)
1963	Jun	Promoted	To Able Seaman (ABRS1)
1963	Oct/ 22 Nov	Training	back to HMCS Gloucester for Electronic Warfare Training and future posting a ship. Graduated the day that JFK was assassinated.
1963	Nov	Posting	First to HMCS Naden (1 week) to wait for ship and then HMCS Skeena DDE207
1964	Jun	Posting	HMCS Qu'Appelle DDE264
1965	Jan	Training	To HMCS Gloucester for Trade Group 2 training

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1965	Jul	Posting	To Naval Radio Station Frobisher Bay as ABRS2 - Frobisher Bay NWT
1966	Aug	Posting	To Naval Radio Station Bermuda (later CFS Bermuda) - Bermuda Island
1967	Apr	Pomoted	To Leading Seaman
1967		Integration	Integration of Canadian Armed Forces. Navy ranks, uniform gone. Trade classification Radioman Special now Comm Rsch 291. Land stations to become Canadian Forces Station. Now part of Canadian Armed Forces (Sea)
1968	Jul	Posting	To CFS Gander - Gander Newfoundland
1968	Sept68 - Mar69	Posting	To CFS Alert NWT 6 months temporary duty - Alert Nunuvit
1969	Mar	Posting	return to CFS Gander
1969	May-Oct	Posting	return to CFS Alert
1969	Nov-Dec		Left Canadian Forces
1969	Dec	Re-inlist	Re-inlist CAF. Retain rank and trade group
1970	Jan	Posting	Posted to CFS Leitrim - Ottawa Ont
1970	Jun-Aug	Posting	Temporary duty to CFS Inuvik for summer relief - Inuvik NWT
1971	Jan-Feb	Training	To United States Naval Station Corry Field for specialist training - Pensacola Florida. Return to CFS Leitrim
1971	04 Sept	Marriage	To: Wendy Ann Charlwood b: 20 Jan 1943 at home 4 Philanthropic Road, Redhill, Surrey England
1972	Jan-Jun	Posting	To CFS Alert NWT 6 months temporary duty. 4 months after marriage gone for 6
1972		Promoted	To Master Corporal (Master Seaman) while in Alert.

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1972	April	Purchase	Purchase our home 756 Chapman Blvd, Ottawa Ont Possession date 01 July 1974
1973	Sept	Education	Start Carleton University as a Mature Student. Evening classes
1974	20 May	Birth	son: Donald William Neelin (about 07:45) Riverside Hospital, Ottawa Ont Return to CFS Leitrim
1975	Aug	Posting	Bill to 770 Comm Rsch Squadron Gander Nfld. Wendy and Don stay with Wendy's parents in Breckenridge Que until accommodation available in Gander.
1975	Oct	Residence	Wendy & Don to Gander, address; 5 Old Navy Site. Old married quarters from the original CFS Gander site. 3 duplexes in almost the middle of nowhere. Wonderful friendly site away from the town.
1976	Feb-Apr	Posting	To CFS Alert NWT because of 3 previous tours and 1 year in Frobisher only 3 months temporary duty.
1976	Oct	Training	6 weeks Junior Leadership Training in Summerside PEI
1976	19 Dec	Birth	Daughter: Heather Anne Keith Neelin James Paten Memorial Hospital Gander, Newfoundland (approx 23:45)

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1977	Jan-Jun	Training	Trade Qualification 6A - required for promotion to Sergeant/Petty Officer 2 E Squadron, Kingston Ontario Because of integration preciously promoted army and air force sergeants and above in the Comm Rsch trade had to meet the 'old' navy (RS) qualifications consequently those navy personnel not promoted had to wait until all sergeants and above met the required qualifications.
1978	March	Posting	To CFS Masset, Masset Queen Charlotte Islands, BC. Given 15 days travel time, depart Gander 31 March and arrive in Masset mid March. Spent one week with Wendy's parents in Ottawa and one week with Bill's parents in Oshawa. Took the 15 days travel time to drive across Canada - from one coast to the other. Car on barge in Prince Rupert and we flew over (only way) on a Grumman Goose seaplane.
1979	June	Promoted	To Petty Officer 2/Sergeant
1979	4 Dec	Death	Wendy's father George Robert Charlwood 03 Feb 1923 Redhill Surrey England 04 Dec 1979 Ottawa Ontario Canada
1980	Feb-Apr	Posting	To CFS Alert NWT again only 3 months temporary duty.
1982	28 Feb	Depart	Depart CFS Masset to help manage father's bakery (Bunwinner) in Edmonton Alta.
1982	Mar-Sept	Employment	Help manage father's bakery
1982	Aug	Retirement	although departed Masset in Feb because of leave etc. full early retirement did not start until August

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1982	Sept	Depart	Leave the bakery in Edmonton to reside in Wendy's parents cottage/home in Breckenridge Que. Stay at home house-husband.
1983	29 Aug	Death	Wendy's mother: Peggy Cynthia (Head) Charlwood 09 Nov 1920 Redhill Surrey England 29 Aug 1983 Ottawa Ontario Canada
1983	Sept	Employment	Canadian Corps of Commissionaires
1985	Sept	Employment	Algonquin Hotel Apartments
1987	Sept	Employment	External Affairs Canada (EXTOTT) Started on a Temporary basis as a Communicator level 3 (CM3) for 6 months and then promoted to CM4
1988	June	Graduation	After many years of part time university finally graduated with a BA in Sociology/ Geography
1988	25 Nov	Death	Bill's mother: Elsie Keith (Richardson) Neelin 15 Apr 1921 St Catharines Ont 25 Nov 1988 Vancouver BC
1989	Sept	Posting	To Canadian High Commission London, England as a CM4, first term employee to be posted overseas. Temporary duty in: Seville, Spain to provide support for Minister of DFAIT for Expo 92 (1 week) Addis Ababa, Ethiopia 3 week replacement for resident CM
1990		Name change	External Affairs Canada (EXTOTT) becomes; Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade (DFAIT)

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1994	Jan-Oct	Posting	To DFAIT HQ for specialized computer training to become Computer Specialist (CS). CM trade being eliminated and new officer class CS implemented to provide desktop to desktop computer support and management. Responsible for all aspects including software, hardware, LAN & WAN systems management. Training provided by Polar Bear Communications and OJT/client support in HQ.
1994	Oct	Posting	To Canadian Embassy Damascus, Syria First CS1 to be posted to Damascus. Also responsible for Embassy in Beirut when it reopened
1997	Aug	Posting	To DFAIT HQ to SXTT to provide second line hardware support and maintenance.
1999	Jun-Jul	Installation	Install computer networks and provide training in Canadian Missions: Managua, Nicaragua San Salvador, El Salvador Tegucigalpa, Honduras
1999	Sept	Posting	To Canadian High Commission Nairobi, Kenya also responsible for and visited: Addis Ababa, Ethiopia Kigali, Rwanda Khartoum, Sudan
2002	9 Mar	Marriage	Daughter Heather Anne Keith to Edward Kimani Nga'Nga
2002	30 May	Birth	Granddaughter: Olivia Njeri Anne Keith Kimani Nairobi Kenya

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2002	Sept	Posting	To Canadian High Commission Islamabad, Pakistan Because of security concerns it was considered an unaccompanied posting consequently Wendy was not allowed until the Spring of 2004. She came over for a 10 week visit then returned to Ottawa
2004	Jul	Posting	To DFAIT HQ to SXTO provide support for classified computer network
2004	Sept-Nov	Training	CS and EL trades to combine. Specialized Technical training provided by Algonquin College. Graduated with diploma.
2004	Dec	Offer	Offered posting to Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates provided I passed more specialized in house training to provide full computer and telecommunications support.
2005	Jan-Aug	Training	Continuous training on all aspects of computer hardware and software maintenance as well as full telecommunications support. Passed
2005	Sept	Posting	To Canadian Embassy: Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates Also responsible for: Dubai UAE Kuwait City, Kuwait Later Kuwait replaced with Amman Jordan.
2006	25 Feb	Marriage	Donald William Neelin to Shereene de Rosayro in Hastings Barbados
2006	8 Jun	Birth	Granddaughter... Mieka Georgina Rosayro Neelin Ottawa, Ontario

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2008	Aug	Posting	To DFAIT HQ, Ottawa, Ont - SXTO, now combined support for both classified and unclassified commuter network
2009	16 Jan	Divorce	Daughter Heather Anne Keith from Edward Kimani Nga'Nga
2009	15 Jun	Retirement	Last day of work 15 June 2009, full retirement starts in August 2009
2009	28 Dec	Birth	Grandson: Adrian William Roayro Neelin Ottawa Ontario
2015	23 Jul	Marriage	Daughter Heather Anne Keith to: Al Harath A. Thabit

FOREIGN CITIES VISITED BECAUSE OF WORK

1989-94 in London England	Seville, Spain Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
1994-97 in Damascus Syria	Beruit, Lebanon
1997-2002 in DFAIT HQ Ottawa, Ontario	Managua, Nicaragua San Salvador, El Salvador Tegucigalpa, Honduras
1999-2002 in Nairobi Kenya	Addis Ababa, Ethiopia Kigali, Rwanda Khartoum, Sudan
2005-2008 in Abu Dhabi United Arab Emirates	Kuwait City, Kuwait Amman, Jordan

HOLIDAY/VISITED COUNTRIES not counting trips to USofA

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1989-94 in London England	Canary Islands, Spain Scotland Wales France Holland Germany New Zealand Portugal Belgium		
1994-97 in Damascus Syria	Australia Brazil (Carnival in Rio) Egypt Turkey Jordan (Petra) Lebanon Singapore		
1999-2002 in Nairobi Kenya	South Africa Australia		
2002-2004 Bill in Islamabad Pakistan	Barbados Croatia Austria Thailand India New Zealand		
2006-2008 in Abu Dhabi UAE	Thailand Yemen Oman Australia Kenya		
2010	Langkawi, Malaysia Kuching, Sarawak, Borneo, Malaysia Bali, Indonesia		

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2012	Malaysia Myanmar (Burma) Gili Trawangan & Lombok, Indonesia Borobudur, Java Indonesia UAE		
2014	Belgium Holland England		
2015	Cruise to Roatan, Honduras Lamanai, Belize Costa Maya, Mexico Cozumel, Mexico visited friends in New Smyrna Beach Florida and Cumming Georgia		
2016	Bali, Indonesia		