

## JENNIFER CHRISTINA DE BRUIN

The information you are about to read was taken from records compiled prior to, and at the time of adoption. After an adoption is finalized the Children's Aid Society is no longer involved with the adoptive family and the file is closed. As a general rule there is no further information available.

According to our records on September 8, 1968 at 6.35 a.m. at the Wellesley Hospital you gave birth to a 7 lb. 10 oz. baby girl. She had brown hair and a medium complexion and her Apgar rating was 7. You named your birth daughter Jennifer Christina and requested that a placement for adoption be made directly from hospital.

Jennifer's new family, her adoptive mother and father, her two brothers and her sister, all came to the hospital to pick her up. They were all very excited and it was a very happy event for everyone. She settled in, eating well and sleeping 5-6 hours a night. Jennifer developed torticollis soon after she arrived at her adoptive home which resulted in a stiff neck. At the end of six months all was well as she had responded to physiotherapy and exercises done at home. By the time she was six months old, she was a large, chubby, contented baby who was very alert.

### **Adoptive Family**

Jennifer's adoptive parents believed in lots of love and spending time with all their children. The environment was fairly structured with some routine. They also believed that being honest with their children was very important.

The adoptive mother was in her mid thirties when Jennifer joined their family. She was a very attractive, vivacious woman with fair hair and blue eyes. An only child, she grew up in Toronto and both her parents were still alive. Her upbringing was fairly strict but not one without love. After leaving school at age 17, she worked as a key punch operator in a large company and it was there that she met her husband. They went out together for two and a half years and were engaged for a year before they married. She continued to work until she became pregnant with her oldest child. Jennifer's adoptive mother had a circle of friends whom she had known for most of her life. She enjoyed playing bridge with them. She and her husband liked to entertain their friends or to visit them on weekends and occasionally they would go to a show together. Quite centred on her home, she enjoyed baking and sewing. She and all the family attended church regularly.

Jennifer's adopted father was in his mid thirties when Jennifer joined the family. He was a good-looking, quiet man with brown hair and blue eyes and a relaxed easy personality. The middle child of a close-knit, middle class family, he had attended university and was an executive in a large company at the time Jennifer was placed in the family. In his spare time he liked to garden, play sports and spend time with his children of whom he was very proud. However both he and his wife felt that it was important for them to have a life together.