

Renate Rosemarie Fischer Chernoff

Renate Fischer Chernoff was born on June 25, 1929 in Wrocław, Poland and describes her early childhood; moving to Racibórz with her family in 1934; being sent to Berlin to stay with her grandmother in 1937; her family choosing to immigrate to Canada since her father was a physician; arriving in 1938 and settling in Montreal; moving to New Brunswick; her parents adopting Saul Silvershein, a sixteen year old boy from a displaced persons camp; attending college at Dalhousie University; meeting her husband while in graduate school at the University of Chicago; marrying in New Brunswick in 1953 and then moving to Saint Louis, where her husband finished his residency and their first child was born; moving to Durham, North Carolina, where they had two more children; and settling in the Washington area in 1980.