

## **Gustaf (Gus) Kristianson – A Brief Biography**

Gus was born and raised in Saskatchewan, near Wynyard. After graduating from the University of Saskatchewan, he taught high school for a couple of years. He served as a naval officer during World War II, following which he took a course in broadcasting at Lorne Green's "Academy of Radio Arts" in Toronto.

He spent about fifteen years with the CBC – in Toronto as a script editor and in Winnipeg as radio drama producer.

He and his wife Norah then taught school for several years in British Columbia for the Department of Indian Affairs.

Gus spent the last fifteen years of his career as a professor of drama in education at the University of Manitoba.

Both during his working career and after retirement he has acted in a number of radio and television dramas.

Gus has been associated with the Icelandic community both in Winnipeg and Vancouver. In Winnipeg, he served on the editorial board of the Icelandic Canadian magazine for over twenty years.

He now lives in Surrey, British Columbia with his wife Norah.

*- December, 2004*