

Flamond, William “Wild Bill.” (b. 1944)

William was born in The Pas, Manitoba on November 14, 1944. He was an elected board member of Manitoba Metis Federation in 1985.

"Wild Bill" began his radio career in 1962 in Dauphin, Manitoba. Since then he has become one of the best known Metis radio personalities and entertainers in Canada. He has worked at stations in Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta, Arizona, and Texas. Besides being an on-air personality, he's held positions as program director, news director, sports director, music director and public relations director. Bill's knowledge of classic country music, as well as the stars behind the music, is second to none.

Over the past 40 years, Bill has performed and/or staged many productions as a singer/emcee. Add to that his comedic talents, and you have the recipe for an entertaining, fun-filled stage show. He's appeared at countless events where audiences have numbered in the thousands. Bill has shared the stage with such notable country stars as George Jones, Merle Haggard, Waylon Jennings, Mel Tillis, Buck Owens, Hank Snow, Kitty Wells, Charlie Pride, Sawyer Brown, Nitty Gritty Dirt Band, Tommy Hunter, Al Cherny, and many other recording and non-recording artists. Bill's interviews with the legends, such as the likes of "The Tall Texan" Billy Walker and wife Bettie, "Whisperin" Bill Anderson, Charlie Louvin, Ernie Ashworth, Stu Phillips, Hank Locklin, Stonewall Jackson and Porter Wagoner have proven to be always informative and entertaining.

Bill has also tried his hand at acting, having appeared in the National Film Board production of "Guns For Life" starring Chief Dan George, as well as a starring role along side Tantoo Cardinal in "New Days, New Horizons."

Bill has met and interviewed every Prime Minister since, and including, John Diefenbaker. In 1967, as a news reporter, Bill was privileged to have accompanied the Royal Family on the Manitoba portion of their Centennial Tour of Canada.

Bill's other career achievements, as an elected or appointed official, include:

- President - Indian and Metis Friendship Center, Winnipeg
- President - Indian and Metis Tenants Association, Winnipeg
- Treasurer - Winnipeg Native Club
- Strategist/Advisor/Press Secretary - National Indian Brotherhood
- Regional Vice-President - Manitoba Metis Federation (Thompson)
- Director, Federal/Provincial Relations - Manitoba Metis Senate
- Founding Member - Limestone Aboriginal Partnership Directorate
- Community Advisory Committee - Northern Nurses Ed. Program
- Community Advisory Committee: Brandon University Northern Teachers Education Program.
- Community Advisory Committee - Northern School of Social Work
- Community Advisory Committee - Inter-Universities North
- Fed/Prov Advisory Board - Northern Development Agreement
- Chairman - Northern Metis Investments Inc.
- Chairman - Manitoba Metis Federation Child Care & Family Support Program
- Chairman: Manitoba Metis Federation Constitution Committee (Canada)
- National Chairman - Aboriginal Peoples Summit on Constitutional Matters
- Member - Continuing Committee of Deputy Ministers on the Constitution.
- Nominated for the 2003 "Golden Voice Award" in the radio Personality of the Year category in Nashville Tennessee

Bill hosts "NCI AT NOON" Monday to Friday from noon to 1:00 P.M. Bill's deep voice is

also Manitoba's news source from 2:00 -5:00p.m. (Contributed by NCI Radio, Winnipeg, Manitoba.)



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