

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE JOE CLARK

Prime Minister of Canada

Joe Clark was born on 5 June 1939 in High River, Alberta. He graduated from the University of Alberta with a Bachelor of Arts in History and a Master of Arts in Political Science. From 1962-1964 he served as National President of the Progressive Conservative Student Federation.

Mr. Clark lectured in political science for two years at the University of Alberta. He subsequently worked as a journalist for the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (CBC), the Calgary Herald and the Edmonton Journal.

During 1966 and 1967, Mr. Clark was the provincial organization director for Peter Lougheed (now the Premier of Alberta). In 1967 he was Special Assistant to a former federal cabinet minister and, from 1967-1970, Executive Assistant to Robert L. Stanfield who was then the Leader of the Opposition.

Mr. Clark was elected to the House of Commons in 1972 and was re-elected in the federal general election of 1974 and 1979.

In 1976 he became national leader of the Progressive Conservative Party and Leader of the Opposition in the House of Commons.

Mr. Clark became Prime Minister of Canada following the federal election of 22 May 1979.

Mr. Clark married Maureen Anne McLeer in June 1973 and has one daughter (Catherine Jane).