

# Florence Rucker Collins 1921-2015

Except as noted, all photos taken by the Collins family.

Florence, just before her solo flight.

April 7, 1946



Florence Parks  
Rucker.

October 19,  
1946.





Florence Rucker and Florence Robinson at White Sands National Monument, New Mexico.  
April 26, 1947



Florence freeing a fossil from the frozen ground.  
September 21, 1949

Florence's parents, Florence &  
Benjamin Rucker and the Cessna 140.  
June 4, 1950



Celia Hunter and  
Nancy Baker.  
September 16, 1950





Florence, Irene Tannenbaum, and Claire Marie Beaver on a riverboat on the Tanana.  
This is Binkley's first boat tour.  
July 21, 1951

Florence with a cauliflower from the garden.

August 1952



Florence's parents, Benjamin  
and Florence Rucker. Outside  
the Quonset hut Florence  
Rucker & Florence Robinson  
(Weber) lived in when they  
first moved to Alaska.  
June 29, 1953





Florence and Jeanne Collins on the Kobuk River  
July 16, 1954



Dick at Lake Minchumina. October 3, 1954



Florence, Jeanne, Woods, Ginny & Dick on the back steps of the FAA house  
in Minchumina where the Collins' lived until 1967. October 3, 1954

Photo by Florence Robinson



Nancy Baker cutting Slim Carlson's hair. Old generator building in background. June 14, 1956



Florence looking at the Athabaska tar sands cropping out of the  
banks of the Athabaska River near Fort McMurray, Alberta  
June 25, 1956



The Minchumina homestead smoke house (later named Grouse and turned into a gas shed), Cessna 4244N (Dick's Cessna 140). August 1956



Anglican minister showing Florence Rucker a monument (to a woodcutter) marking the boundary between the Northwest Territories & Alberta.

June 26, 1956



Florence and the “Green Monster”(Supercub) looking at a pingo southwest of Tuktoyaktuk.  
August 2, 1956



Florence Robinson & Susie, Lake Snohomish. August 6, 1956



Florence, Susie and Dick at Bilburg Lake. Photo by Florence Robinson.  
(Mid 1950's?)



Florence Rucker (Collins) and Florence Robinson (Weber) in Washinton with our Cessna 140 March 10, 1957



Bridal shower at Eleanor's home in Garret Park (Washington DC). Uncle Dick, Emma, Katherine C., Debby, Aunt Sadie, Florence, Aunt Clara, Eleanor, Aunt Nell, Haile, Judy.  
March 1957



(Left to right) Dick, Monica Collins, Florence's Uncle Wallace, Patsy in boat. Hot Springs Arkansas. April 5, 1957



Florence Rucker, June Collins (Dick's mother), Benjamin and Florence Rucker (these are Florence's parents), Dick & Florence Collins at their wedding in Christiansburg VA. April 13, 1957



Florence & Dick wedding photo. Florence Robinson to the left; David Collins (Dick's brother) to the right of the wedding couple. April 13, 1957

Dick and Florence right  
after their wedding in  
Christiansburg Virginia.  
April 13, 1957



Gassing up '67C. Florence  
Collins & Celia Hunter.  
September 2, 1957



Sailboat north of Holek Spit.  
Pandy on the bow.  
September 10, 1957



Florence's Dad Benjamin  
Rucker, with his grandson Ray.  
October 14, 1958.



Florence Rucker with grandson  
Ray. Christiansburg Virginia.  
October 14, 1958





Dick, his Cessna 140 & Sue (Meredith?) (in folboat) and her Super Cub at the spit in Lake Minchumina

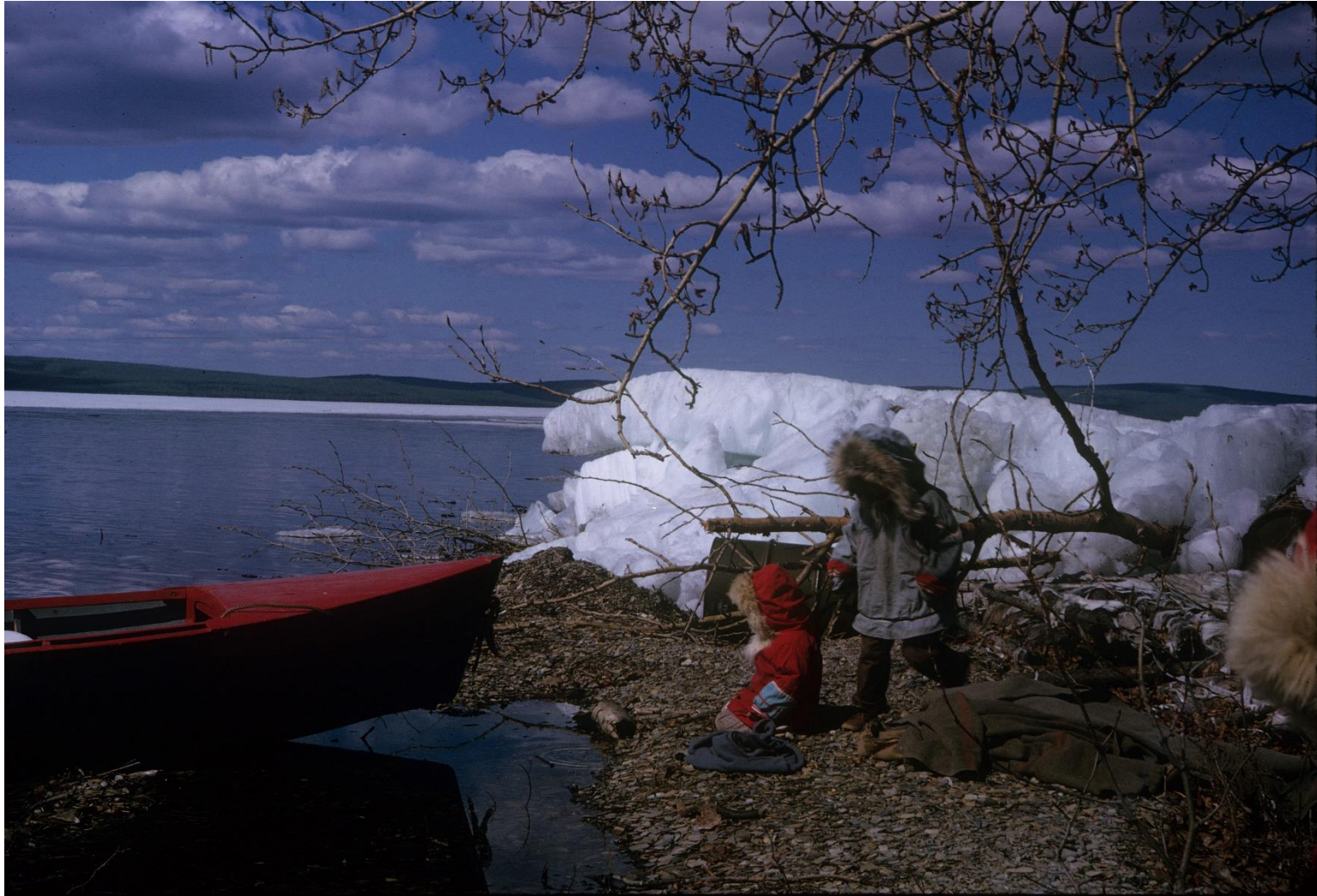


Florence driving the old skidoo.  
Early 1960's



Dick on the old snow machine at Lake Snohomish (west of Lake Minchumina). February 17, 1963.

Photo by Florence Weber



Ray and Twins  
Holek Spit, Lake Minchumina  
May 25, 1963



Florence, Ray & Twins next to the Cessna 180  
April 4, 1964

The homestead yard in Lake Minchumina,  
looking east at the shed called Grouse  
(named from all the grouse that seemed  
to congregate there). September 8, 1969





Slim Carlson, old-time trapper who lived next door to us in the 1960's & 1970's



Aerial Photo of the bay on Lake Minchumina where the homestead is, before the Foraker River silted it in.



Collins family in front of our home in Lake Minchumina. Summer 1975.



Family Christmas in Minchumina, 1995.

(Photo by John Burns)

Miki Collins and Laurie  
Durbin in Sea Snark  
sailboat.  
September 6, 1970





Snowmachine pulling canoe during break-up.



Dick plowing garden.



Dick, Florence & Miki Collins. Just leaving the mail plane, Lake Minchumina

Ray with pike in front of  
Minchumina house.  
June 14, 1974





Dick and Florence picnicking on Holek Spit.  
Summer, 1981

Florence canoeing across the lake.  
Summer 1981





Dick and Florence on Holek Spit.



Harvesting potatoes in September 1982



Julie at the Slippery Creek Cabin. November 29, 1983.



Dick, dog team at the Slippery Creek pond. November 29, 1983.



Inside Slippery Creek Cabin. November 29,  
1983



Miki cutting fish. August 16, 1984



Miki, Julie and team at Minchumina homestead.



The Twins mushing on Lake Minchumina.  
May 1, 1986

Dick Collins sailboarding on  
Lake Minchumina.  
July 1, 1986





Dick and Florence riding the Ski-Doo  
Winter 1992



Florence kayaking on San Juan Island in Sue Meredith's kayak.  
November 5, 1993

Christmas in Lake  
Minchumina.

Florence and Pingo





Florence shoveling snow.  
December 1994

Skiing out back  
December 12, 1994



Florence with her  
irises  
1995





Don & Luise Firor, Dick on the Muddy River.  
June 7, 1997

Dick and Florence on  
the Haines Highway.  
May, 2001





Florence about to leave on her last visit to Minchumina,  
a 90<sup>th</sup> birthday present from the Twins.



Florence in the plane on her last visit to Minchumina a 90<sup>th</sup> birthday present from the Twins.