

## Nancy (Robson) and Terry Ryan



We thought only old people had a chance to attend their 50th high school reunion! Here we are! It will be fun to see so many classmates again as well as neighbourhood and elementary friends.

Terry sat in front of me in French 12 where we got to know each other. He gave me all the answers while Mrs. Gordon glared at me. Apart from one swim club party in 1965, we didn't start dating until the end of our 4th year at UVic. I graduated with a 4yr BEd (Elem) degree.

After Graduation, I travelled in Europe with a girlfriend for 8 months while Terry did his Professional year in Education.

Prince George school district provided an all expense paid practicum to lure new prospective teachers to come North. And so we did! We were in PG for 17 wonderful years. Our three children were born there. We have our 4 young grandchildren living close by as we relocated to Nanaimo 28 years ago. We used to come back to the island for our holidays so we were fortunate that Terry got a job here.

While in Prince George, I started the school age Hearing Impaired Program in 1970 until we started our family in 1977. From then on I was an on call teacher for the program. Terry got his M.Ed. and became an administrator. By the time we left PG, he was a secondary school principal.

When we moved to Nanaimo he was involved in a district secondary school reorganization. Our 3 kids were fortunate?? to have their dad as their principal. I returned to teaching a variety of primary grades until retirement.

We curled in our early years before Terry's football, rugby and track injuries affected his game. We are now very involved in the sport of swimming. After a 40 year absence from competing, I have joined a Masters swim club. With me going off to various swim meets, Terry decided to work himself up the officiating ladder. He now joins me as an official while I compete or I join him as a lower level official while he referees. At this point, our athletic highlight was last year. We attended the World Masters Swimming Championships in Montreal. I came home with 2 medals while Terry was asked to referee at this prestigious FINA event.

Apart from a few surgeries due to health issues we are happy in our retirement. Travel is a major hobby with recent trips to Asia and Central America. We just celebrated our 44th wedding anniversary!