

## Frances Thomasset



How can 50 years have passed!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Following graduation I worked in several departments of the Greater Victoria Public Library until the travel bug caught me. Ending up in Montreal I worked part-time and began studies in Early Childhood Education. Homesick for Victoria, I returned to work in childcare and pre-school. Recognizing the need to further my education, I enrolled in Camosun College and later transferred to U. Vic.'s Child and Youth Care program. I met my husband, Bill Elliott, and after several years we moved to Vancouver for his CA business. While living there I enrolled in post-graduated course in counselling at Douglas College. Upon graduation I was hired by the college to teach in their Early Childhood Education program. Homesick for Victoria, its lifestyle, family and friends, we returned. Once home I established a curriculum for parent workshops and courses for early child care students and workers. My final and most favourite job was as a child care consultant with Child Care Resource & Referral. I continued to provide workshops in the community as well as courses in-house, the most fun and rewarding were those held in the Gulf Islands.

Bill and I enjoyed many sun-filled days in Hawaii and Mexico and looked forward to many more in our retirement years, but this was not to be. I have been left with a beautiful daughter, Donna-Lynn, her husband Greg, and their wonderful twin sons Ryan and Dylan, the loves of my life. They keep me busy sharing in their activities (hockey, soccer and lacrosse).

Retirement living is great, filled with travelling the world with Barb (Belcher) Knighton, theatre and dining around with Barb and Daphne Shaw, swimming aerobics and walking. I volunteer for Township Community Arts Council in event planning to enrich the community of Esquimalt and multiple jobs at historic St. Peter's & St. Paul's Church, formerly St. Paul's & Naval Garrison Church.

Looking forward to meeting up with former school friends and neighbours over the July weekend.