

# Louise Campbell

1948 - 2001

The story that follows was provided by Ruth Campbell.

Louise graduated from Steveston Secondary in 1965. At the age of nineteen, with an Elementary Basic certificate, she began teaching in Kimberly, B.C. Later, while teaching in Richmond and Vancouver, she completed her degree in secondary education.

Louise was diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis at the age of twenty-five.

Fortunately, she was able to keep on teaching and was also able to take part in the research on MS being done at UBC for years. Gifted both physically and academically, Louise enjoyed many successes. Her volleyball and basketball teams excelled and she excelled personally in sports such as curling and skiing.

When she had to give up P.E. she taught academic subjects and when the classroom became too difficult she spent a summer holiday in a Quebec home so that she could teach French with a better accent. Finally, she had to find a position in which smaller groups were involved so she spent another summer preparing herself for remedial teaching.

Louise loved teaching and travelling. Her 21<sup>st</sup> birthday was spent in Rome; at the age of twenty-six she was chosen to teach on an educational cruise of the Mediterranean; and over the years she travelled extensively and often, seeing Canada, the U.S., Hawaii, Europe, the British Isles, Australia and New Zealand. Louise lived life to the fullest and never complained.

In 2001, as a memorial to her daughter Louise, Ruth Campbell, a retired Richmond teacher and member of the RRTA, made a large donation to the Scholarship Fund. The money is used to make an annual award of \$1000 to a deserving Steveston Secondary School graduate.

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