



Gurmiderjil “Gerry” Gill

(1941 -)

Gurmiderjil Gill, teacher BA (1952), BEd (1963), was born near Lahore, in today's Pakistan, on August 5 and educated at boarding school.

Motivated by her desire “to work with children” and “to learn”, she attended Punjab University to become an educator and in 1963 began her teaching career in India.

The following year, she married Harmindar Singh Gill, and moved to Vancouver where their two sons were born. In 1969 Gerry started teaching at Mission Central Elementary. Her peers, support staff, parents and students, soon recognized her as a “highly dedicated” and “hard working” teacher with “a great sense of humour”.

Initially, she taught English as a second language to students between the ages of 6 and 16 and by the time she retired 32 years later, she had taught all the grades except Kindergarten and Grade 1 at the school.

In addition to her work in the classroom, Gerry enjoyed sports and coached both the basketball and netball teams at the school. She also helped organize special programs and events at the school, including: the annual Remembrance Day Program and essay contests.

Reflecting on her career as a teacher upon her retirement, she wished: “As this new chapter in my life begins, it is my hope that I have helped my students to develop a deep love for learning.”

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