



Margaret Peake

(1941 -)

Guided by her Father's life principle "Treat others how you want to be treated" Margaret Joyce Peake has dedicated her life to making the world a better place to live. The youngest of 4 children, she was born and raised in West Bridgford, Nottinghamshire, U.K.

At age 19, she travelled with her Father and Stepmother to Canada for a holiday and ended up staying, getting married and having two sons. Shortly after becoming a single mother, Margaret continued her relationship with her life partner Joy Cox. In 2008 they celebrated their 20th anniversary in Fraser River Heritage Park by exchanging wedding vows and their 30th with family members and friends at Cedar Valley Manor.

Mentored by her Father, Margaret's lifelong interest in photography resulted in her establishing a business in Mission called JMJ Photography Services. Specializing in portrait, events and documentary photography, she received numerous awards for her work. For many years, she published a highly treasured 12 month calendar comprised of memorable photographs she had taken of Mission, including: scenes, landmarks, events, and historic sites. Margaret has also volunteered a great deal of her time providing photographic services to individuals, groups and organizations. This included teaching local youth grounded in her belief "It is not the expensive camera but the person behind the camera that takes great pictures."

For close to 50 years, Margaret's benevolent spirit and philanthropic contributions have touched the lives of countless individuals. From teaching and providing youth with opportunities to gain life skills, to assisting people experiencing homelessness or anyone in need and fundraising for numerous charitable organizations, she explains: "I just like to volunteer if I can help in any way." At Mission Community Services she played a major role in the opening of the first Mission Youth Centre, and numerous fundraisers such as the Dream Auction. At All Saints Anglican Church, her extensive volunteer work includes: helping to initiate the first Christmas Dinner in the hall on December 25th, the Paddling for All Saints fundraisers, and the Annual Festival of Trees & Dramatic Reading.

Over the years, Margaret's interests in life have included field hockey which she first developed at Grammar School. In 1968 she was selected to be on Canada's National Field Hockey Team and in 1979 she served as a volunteer Treasurer on the Organizing Committee for the World Field Hockey Tournament Championship at UBC. She also loves gardening, travelling and putting together jigsaw puzzles.

Today, Margaret lives at Cedar Valley Manor, a 55+ Life Lease community in Mission, where she continues to generously give of her time. She assists residents however she can, helps organize the weekly "Games Night" and takes photographs for individuals and gatherings at the Manor. Her gardening knowledge and skills are also often sought. "Hopefully, I have given back more than I have taken...I would like to be remembered as being helpful and honest."

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