

## *Student Memories of Shirley (Birnie) Price TH&VS Graduate 1983*

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Who knew that our family move from New Liskeard to Timmins would be the start of an exciting lifetime of living in and travelling to new places.



It is with great fondness that I look back on my five years at TH&VS. Our family moved to Timmins in the summer of '79. I was entering high school that fall, and was not at all happy leaving my friends and starting high school in a new town where I knew no one. I still remember the angst leading up to the first day of classes ..... what would the school be like? Would I like my teachers? Would I make any friends? What would I wear? Would I be able to find my way to & from school on my own? Timmins seemed so big!

My fears went unrealized as I settled into five wonderful years at Timmins High (Yes, we still had Grade 13 then!) Thank you to all my teachers, friends and fellow classmates during those years. You made my high school years great ones!

For those of in the class of '83, our final year began with a move into the brand new beautiful school on Theriault Boulevard. It was so exciting to enter the new building for the first time!

Everything was so beautiful.....new classrooms, lots of windows and natural light, a fabulous lunchroom area, and a big locker bay.

Those of you who started high school after this year would have just taken your surroundings for granted. Those of us who made the transition from old to new were really excited and proud of our new school.

Many of us also had the privilege of working with a guidance counselor who would go on to become our city's mayor, Mr. Vic Power. His guidance as we struggled through the university application process was invaluable!

My academics and after school activities at TH&VS set me on a course of continued learning and making new friends as our family continues to relocate and spend vacation time in new cities and countries around the world. My life's journey thus far has been incredible. Thank you for the great start, TH&VS.