

# *Thomesina Johnson Ford*

Home Economic



After graduation, I thought I wanted to be a nurse then an anesthesiologist. That career choice didn't work out for me. I couldn't take the blood.

I found my soulmate and was married in 1961. The following year our only son Derek was born. I enjoyed being a homemaker until I entered the work force at Occidental Insurance Co. in 1966. I worked there until my only daughter Danielle was born in 1968. I stayed home until she began school at which time I began my college education in earnest at El Camino College.

I earned an A.A. Degree in 1978 the same year my first marriage ended. I continued at CA St. University Dominguez Hills earning a B.A. in 1981 and a Teaching Credential in 1982. I began my teaching career with L.A. Unified as a classroom teacher in 1982.

In 1987 I met and married Jim Ford. We blended our families of his four and my two children. In 2001 I became an Instructional Coach in language arts. I assist teachers with the implementation of our reading program. I will complete my twenty-seventh year on June 30th at which time I will put away my erasers and pencil sharpener for a well-deserved rest as a retired teacher.