

## **The Biggest Surprise**

When I first became a Volunteer Grandparent back in 1988, Michelle was five years old, and Elise was three. Over the years I have enjoyed the usual things that a grandmother enjoys with her grandchildren. I have so many fond memories of reading stories together, watching soccer games in the rain, and celebrating special occasions. Most of the events were part of my 'expectations' when I first decided to become involved in volunteer grand parenting. What I did not expect were the things like getting to know the friends of the girls as they grew up, and being there when they all graduated from high school together. The honour of being named as Michelle's God Mother was also unexpected. The biggest surprise though, is the bond that has developed between myself and the girls' Mother. Today, 18 years later, I'm still Granny Lucy to Michelle and Elise, and I can't imagine my life without them.

Granny Lucy