

## Some interesting facts about Paula Nicolette Monroe (de Jongh)

1. Where were you born and/or where did you grow up? I was born and raised in the Netherlands, right next to that big pool, "The North Sea".
2. Where else have you lived? Which place is/was your favorite and why? The other places I lived are Colorado, California, and Oregon. My very favorite place to live is Alaska. I looooooooooooooooooove the weatherman's forecast!
3. Which university/colleges did you graduate from and what did you study? I studied Psychology at the "Merwebolder" and spend some of my "free time" ;0) at the conservatory in Hilversum because I kind of like MUSIC!!! Both these schools are in the Netherlands.
4. How long have you been teaching? What grades/subjects have you taught? I started telling students what to do when I was 21 years old. I decided that was so great that I just had to do this all the time. I have taught general education for elementary, as well as music. Music was something I shared and taught at all levels and all ages.
5. What is your favorite subject to teach? Hmmmmmmm, tough one. MUSIC, MATH, yippee!
6. Where do you like to go on vacation? Where would you go and what would you do if you could take your dream vacation? I like to go on vacation in Oregon and California and I would like to sometime go on vacation to the Netherlands. These are the places where we have family. Of all places in the world to go, my dream vacation would be to take my family to Europe, rent a car and bikes and show them around.
7. What is your favorite color? Yellow / sunshine
8. What is your favorite plant, flower or tree? What is your favorite animal? If I had to pick a favorite growing thing it would be Freesias (flower). My favorite animal is definitely "dog."
9. What are your favorite foods? Your favorite decadent treat? My taste buds love to experience spinach. Decadent treat? Wendy's Frosty (oops, I am advertising).
10. What are your favorite indoor and outdoor hobbies/activities? Reading and bicycling are what I would like to do before any other activity.
11. What is your preferred reading material? (non-fiction, fiction, magazines, newspaper, professional books, etc) My reading choices are mystery, historical fiction and auto/biography's of composers.
12. Do you have a favorite author? A favorite book? My favorite author, besides God, is Frank Peretti. His stuff rocks. This would make the bible my first favorite book and "This Present Darkness" my second favorite.
13. What is your favorite type of music? Only one? That would be a tie between classical and jazz.
14. What special skills and talents do you have? I am really good at eating m & m's fast. Another thing I enjoy is taking plants that are almost dead and nurturing them back to health.
15. Are you married? Do you have any children? (# of boys and # of girls)? My husband (Shawn) and I have been married since 1993 and love being parents. We have two lovely daughters that were born in 1997 and 1998.
16. Do you have any pets? If so, what are they and what are their names? All our friends' and neighbors' dogs are out pets. We get to baby sit them and take care of them when their owners take vacations.
17. Tell us something that most people don't know about you. Most people do not know that I used to be the Queen of Holland.....Just kidding. I laugh out loud when my husband snores funny. He is very comical (don't tell him).