

Abstract

Bachelor thesis deals with the theme of the partner love in the elderly. The theoretical part summarizes the current knowledge about love. It describes the transformation of love and intimacy that occurs in modern society. Currently, the importance of love in a relationship is visibly increasing. Love now allows functioning of the relationship but it also contributes to instability. It also describes some typologies of love, in detail from Hatfield et al., who divide a love for two basic types; passionate (romantic) love and companionate love. It points to the fact that during the marriage the form of love changes. According to the traditional model of understanding love, romantic love is transformed into companionate love. However, romantic love can maintain into old age and contribute to the satisfaction of the elderly. The theoretical part also deals with old age and aging. Nowadays, population gets older and the elderly represent an increasingly important population group. At the end of the theoretical part are presented the selected myths and stereotypes about elderly. But seniors are able to live meaningfully and actively participate to maintain their marriage and partner love. The practical part is devoted to interviews with married couples in the senior years. It focuses on how seniors perceive for romantic and companionate love and how these concepts are important for them. The aim is to determine whether seniors observe that their view of love in their lives changed and how.