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Shirley Dawn Reid

21st March 1926 - 3rd January 2020

Shirley Dawn Reid was the youngest of 2 sisters born to Lavinia and Royal Murdoch Reid in Sydney, Australia. Shirley was a mediocre student, but excelled in the field of arts and crafts, being a gifted pianist and painter. On leaving school she set up a kindergarten in Mosman and

Met her fiancé Jimmy (a doctor from Scotland). She followed him to the UK, still in her early twenties,

to be married. Unfortunately, her soon to be in laws did not approve of their son marrying a Colonial girl, so, end of engagement. Shirley moved on her own to London where she set up the first children’s crèche at London Airport, being joined a year later by her Mother and older sister June from Australia. Shirley continued to work hard and look after her Mother after June met and married her husband in Scotland. Shirley eventually bought what was to become her long term home is Old Windsor taking her Mother with her. By this time Shirley was using her skills as a dressmaker, eventually becoming well known as knowledgeable and reliable person in the field of period dress for stage and screen, making costumes for big productions in the West End theatres and achieving credits in many big budget films. She was also asked and gave numerous lectures on period clothing, most notably on the Canberra and QE2 cruise liners.

During this time she became Aunt to her only 2 nieces, Fiona and Wendy, and although separated by many miles, always found time to make matching summer dresses for them, often smocked and edged with lace. Shirley worked many long hours and with many big name actors and actresses over her long career, was invited to many parties, sometimes hosted by the royal family (she would have you believe on first name terms). It was later in life she met her partner

Peter, they were both members of the Bahamian society, for those who purchased plots of land in the Bahamas in the 1960’s and 70’s. Shirley successfully built a log cabin on one of her plots and enjoyed holidays with Peter when they were able.

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Healthy Cooking Demonstration Program

Join chef **Lorenzo Cyster** as he demonstrates **Healthy Summer Recipes, Norfolk Island style**

When: Wednesday 29 January, 5.30pm

Where: The Local (beverages available for purchase)

Cost: \$5 per person, includes recipes and tasting of dishes

Limited spaces available



Please RSVP to Karen Innes-Walker, Health and Wellbeing Coordinator on 22687 or email karen.walker@hospital.gov.nf by Monday 27 January



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On retiring they bought a house near Taunton and proceeded to renovate it, digging ditches to have mains electricity installed and cultivating big field next door into their garden.

As their health started to deteriorate with cold winters, Shirley and Peter sold up and moved to Cyprus where they bought a hillside home in Arakapas and proceeded to renovate again.

They both lived happily there for nearly 4 years when the call of warmer climate and home became stronger.

Yet again they sold up and moved to Maryborough in Queensland and soon made friends in the surrounding area.

Shirley celebrated her eightieth birthday with friends and relatives from USA, New Zealand, Sydney and Scotland and had a wonderful time.

After enjoying a holiday in Norfolk Island, Shirley decided it was time to move again, and guess what, now in her eighties they sold up again and moved to Norfolk Island, buying several properties until settling in Tollpiddle.

By this time Shirley and Peter had made many more friends, especially Melinda and Rob Hassen, who looked after both Peter and Shirley under very trying circumstances (neither of them was the easiest of patients), with love and understanding. When Fiona came out to celebrate Shirley's 90th birthday she could see the commitment made by both of these wonderful people, and can only express the families deepest gratitude to them both.

Shirley had the most varied, exciting and colourful life that anyone could wish for, she could be difficult, she could be loud, but she was also loving and generous, giving both her nieces the opportunity to travel and broaden their horizons especially to Australia. She was so happy in her twilight years to be ending her life in Norfolk Island, as she said herself with a view from the Dress Circle. Thank you all. Written by Fiona Brown-Shirley's niece who lives in Scotland.

Thank You.

Many thanks to the wonderful staff of NIRACS especially those on "Dar Randa" who have cared for Shirley so lovingly for the last couple of years.

David Buffett for the Service.
Shane and the grave diggers
Tardy for driving the hearse
The Pallbearers
Milt and Sim for the P.A. system and music
The lovely ladies at the "Usual Place"
Jodie and Toni for the service sheets
and the many family and friends who help in many ways..Thanks Yorley



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2021 Australasian Federation of Family History Organisations Conference

The Norfolk Island Museums and Research Centre are delighted to announce that we have been successful in a bid to host the Australasian Federation of Family History Organisations Conference from 30 July to 6 August 2021.

Genealogists from across Australia and the Pacific will converge on Norfolk for a week of lectures, workshops and hopefully lots of spending!

More details will be released as the event draws near, but if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Museums on 23788.

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TEAM LEADER HERITAGE MANAGEMENT
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