

# The Australian Women's Register

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## Walters, Mary Shirley

(1925 - 2017)

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<b>Nationality</b>	Australian
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<b>Born</b>	31 August, 1925, Sydney New South Wales Australia
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<b>Died</b>	18 June, 2017, Hobart Tasmania Australia
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<b>Occupation</b>	Housewife, Nurse, Parliamentarian
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### Summary

A member of the Liberal Party of Australia, Shirley Walters was elected to the Senate of the Australian Parliament to represent Tasmania in 1975. She was re-elected in 1977, 1983 and 1987 and retired in 1993. She was the first woman to represent Tasmania in the Senate, and was known for her social conservatism. Her father, Sir Eric Harrison, served as the inaugural deputy leader of the Liberal Party under Sir Robert Menzies.

### Published resources

#### Resource

Trove, National Library of Australia, 2009

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