

# The Australian Women's Register

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## Robinson-Valéry, Judith

(1933 - 2010)

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**Born** 1 January, 1933, Canberra Australian Capital Territory Australia

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**Died** 29 June, 2010, Sydney New South Wales

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**Occupation** Academic

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### Summary

Dr Judith Robinson-Valéry was a leading international figure in the study of French literature. She completed her undergraduate studies at the University of Sydney, staying at the Women's College while Betty Archdale was in charge, and received her doctorate at the Sorbonne, Paris.

Robinson-Valéry was the first woman to be appointed a full professorship at the University of New South Wales, taking up her appointment in the foundation chair of French and as the head of the school of Western European Languages on 21 February 1963.

In 2005, she was awarded France's highest decoration, the Legion of Honour (Chevalier).

### Published resources

#### Resource

Trove, National Library of Australia, 2009

#### Article

Judith Robinson-Valéry, 2007,  
<https://www.recordkeeping.unsw.edu.au/documents/Origins%2011.pdf>

### Archival resources

#### The University of New South Wales Archives

[Archives of Judith Robinson-Valéry](#)

#### National Library of Australia

[\[Biographical cuttings on Judith Robinson-Valery, academic, containing one or more cuttings from newspapers or journals\]](#)

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