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Guilfoyle, Margaret Georgina

(1926 - 2020)

Born	19260515, Belfast County Antrim Northern Ireland
Died	20201111, Victoria Australia
Occupation	Parliamentarian

Summary

Dame Margaret Guilfoyle was the first woman to be appointed to federal Cabinet with portfolio, when, in 1975 she became Education and then Social Security Minister in the Fraser Liberal Government. In 1980 she became the first woman to hold an economic portfolio when she became Minister for Finance. On 31 December 1979 Margaret Guilfoyle was appointed to the Order of the British Empire (Dames Commander) for her services to public and parliamentary service. She left parliament in 1987.

Events

1993 - 2000
Board Member, Australian Institute Family Studies

1926 - 1926
Born: daughter of William and Elizabeth (née Ellis) McCarthy

1995 - 2001
Chair, Judicial Remuneration Tribunal

1996 - 1996
Deputy Chair, Infertility Treatment Authority

1989 - 1989
Director, Australian Children's Television Foundation

1990 - 1990
Director, Jack Brockhoff Foundation

1975 - 1976
Federal Minister, Assisting the Prime Minister in Child Care Matters

1975 - 1975
Federal Minister, Education

1980 - 1983
Federal Minister, Finance

1975 - 1980
Federal Minister, Social Security

1983 - 1984
Federal Shadow Minister, Taxation and Finance

1968 - 1976
Honorary National Treasurer, Young Women's Christian Association Australia

2001 - 2001
Inducted into the Victorian Honour Roll of Women

1952 - 1952
Married Stanley Martin Leslie Guilfoyle

1970 - 1973
Member, Appeal Committee for Hall Residence University Papua New Guinea

1998 - 2000
Member, National Health and Medical Research Council

1988 - 2001
Member, National Mental Health Research Institute

1993 - 1995
President Board Management, Royal Melbourne Hospital

1971 - 1987
Senator, Victoria

1967 - 1970
State Chairman Women's Section Liberal Party

1990 - 1990
Trustee, Mark Fitzpatrick Trust

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