

# The Australian Women's Register

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## Thomson, Marlienne

(1933 - 2018)

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**Born** 1 January, 1933, Ceduna South Australia Australia

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**Died** 10 July, 2018, Adelaide South Australia Australia

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**Occupation** Missionary, Nurse

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### Summary

Marlienne Thomson was born at Ceduna, South Australia. After two years as a dental nurse she began training at the Royal Adelaide Hospital (RAH) in 1951. When training was completed she had appointments as staff nurse and charge nurse at the RAH. Marlienne attended the College of Nursing, Australia in 1958 and gained a diploma in ward management and teaching. On her return to Adelaide she was active in introducing new procedures at the RAH. She resigned in 1961 to attend the Adelaide Bible Institute and in 1964 went to South India to serve as a missionary at the Christian Medical College and Hospital at Vellore. She was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) in June 1995 for her service there.

### Published resources

#### Book

They Became Nurses : A History of Nursing in South Australia, 1836-1980, Durdin, Joan, 1991

#### Resource

Trove, National Library of Australia, 2009

### Archival resources

#### State Library of South Australia

[Interview with Marlienne Thomson \[sound recording\]](#) Interviewer: Joan Durdin

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