

## Shirley (Wroe-Street) O'Farrell – My 'post-Northview' Story

I got married to Brian in 1966, after qualifying as a nursing sister.

We started our family in 1970 when Bridget was born and I gave up working. Our son, Patrick, was born in 1972.

Brian was in banking and we were transferred to Vereeniging, George and then back to Jo'burg by 1982. I so loved living in George, it broke my heart to leave.

In 1985 Brian developed cancer of his ethmoid cells which spread to his brain and he died in 1988. It was quite a torrid time for me and my children.



I went back to work at Sandton Clinic for a while and ended up working at Rosewood Clinic where I experienced (medical-surgical) theatre work. I moved to Rosebank Hospital to get more experience in theatre before moving to Cape Town in 1991 where, in 1993, I started work at the Christian Barnard Hospital. I really enjoyed the challenge, working in many different fields. I retired in May 2000.

My daughter is an Occupational Therapist and is still practising in paediatric psychiatry. She is married to Stuart, a Civil Engineer with a Masters in Environmental Sciences. They have 3 fabulous sons, 14yrs 12yrs and 8yrs.

My son has a PhD in Environmental Sciences and works for the CSIR in Stellenbosch. He is married to Pippin, who also has her PhD in Environmental Sciences and works at UCT. They have 2 beautiful children, a son of 10yrs and a gorgeous 7yr old daughter.

I'm very lucky to have such successful children and grand children and to have them so close.



After 25 years of being a widow, I have started dating a man I have known for the last 20 years. He has done my Income Tax for me. He was widowed 2 years ago. We get on very well together but want to keep our independence.

Warm regards,  
Shirley

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