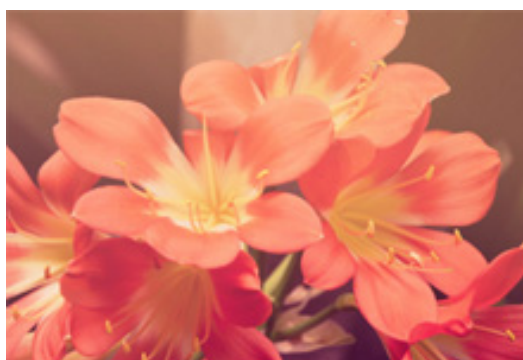


# Downes, Jean



## LOCATION SURROUNDING

Enfield Memorial Park  
Section: RW Robinson Garden of Remembrance  
Sub Section: WALL  
Area: SB C  
Site Number: 19  
Service Type: Cremation Memorial



## A short biography of Jean's life

Posted by: Barbara Downes, 18/08/2015

Jean Downes was born Jean Anderson on the 10th June 1929 in Salford, Manchester, UK, to Gilbert Bailey Anderson and Elizabeth Sidebotham. She was the youngest of three children; her brothers were Roy and Sid. Jean immigrated to Australia in the 1950s with her husband Charles Downes and settled in Adelaide where she resided for the rest of her life. Jean was very active in the Floral Art scene in Adelaide. She was a long-time member of the Woodville Academy of Floral Art and won numerous prizes in competitions at shows throughout the state, including multiple awards at The Royal Adelaide Show. She was often asked to produce flower arrangements for weddings and other events. A highlight was producing numerous flower arrangements for the The Colonial Ball held at Government House in SA in 1986, and another was winning 1st prize for her arrangements entitled "Garden Wedding" for Garden Week in 1986, held at Woodville, and which was visited by Queen Elizabeth II. Jean donated a lot of her time to helping others and running classes to train people in this form of art. She was made a life-member by the Woodville Academy in recognition of her contributions over many decades. Jean died peacefully in Melbourne at the age of 82 on the 13th February 2012. Her will requested that her ashes be placed in the Enfield Cemetery, a request fulfilled by her daughters Barbara and Deborah. Jean's plaque can be found in the RW Robinson Garden of Remembrance.