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We spent 3 weeks in the UK in May. The weather was glorious, but I do like my Canadian summers, hot and humid.

Do believe we got a sample this past week.

All the best,

Carole Ann [L.E. Th]

Dear David,

June 2016

Enclosed are the copies from those who responded to my card with the picture of Muriel on her 92nd birthday.

Only one was undelivered. She did love to hear from her friends all over the world.

Whether there is any part of these of interest to you, I have no idea. Do keep those in any

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30/11/15

Dear Carole.

Thank you for your card to my mother Gwendyth Cross
(11 Amberlands Court, Upper Sea Road, Box Hill, UK, TN40 1EG)

concerning the death of Muriel Sanderson.
Unfortunately Mollie also passed away this year on
28 March.

We did send a note to Muriel (PO Box 46515, Gaberone)

which was the last address we could find in
Mollie's files.

Mollie also died aged 92 just days before her 93rd
birthday which we never have seen on 2 April.

Thanks for letting us know

Kind regards

David

(DAVID SHERMERDINE - GWENDYTH'S SON)

-1- August, 18th - 11 - 15

Dear Mrs. Reid

many thanks to you for sending me the message announcing the death of Muriel Sanderson, with the very nice photo taken at Muriel's 92nd birthday.

As a matter of fact, since Muriel's regular letters had stopped to reach me, I was concerned and tried to find out what was the reason. As my letters remained unanswered I tried the internet and obtained the news that Muriel Sanderson, sister-in-law of Seretse Khama, had passed away on June 26, 2015.

It is true that my friendship with Muriel dated back to 1958, when

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I started working with the World Council of Churches in Geneva. Later there were many occasions to meet again: the third assembly of WCC in New Delhi in 1961; the first all Africa Christian Youth Conference in Nairobi in 1962 etc. When I came back to my country to work with a Christian aid agency, there were several occasions to receive Miriel in Stuttgart when she was on a fundraising tour for the Windolo Ecumenical Foundation in Witbe.

Last but not least I had the pleasure to spend three weeks with Miriel in Botswana in 2001, when we toured together through this wonderful country.

It is true that Miriel was a

very exceptional person and will
be remembered by many friends.
and I certainly remembered her on
October 31st, 2015!

I shall myself be 90 early next
year. I often say to myself that one
should not grow so old, one is getting
lonesome. - so many friends have
gone.

Thank you again for your very
friendly note.

Yours sincerely,

Quita Händerkum

To a nice concerned lady,
Carole Ann

With
all Good wishes for
CHRISTMAS
and the
NEW YEAR

+ with many thanks for letting
us know of Muriel's death in
Bethana. I met her in 1960!
She was at Mindola Remunerical
Centre. A big personality.
God Bless you.

No name return address

Dear -Barste

We are very grateful to you for letting us know of Edmund's passing. We know Edmund suffered from Alzheimer's (and a painful disease). Sadly he is 82 years old is the last of Edmund's & Ruth generation alive now. Edmund's blood line survives with you Rama and his brother's water.

Wishing you & all your family a reasonable & comfortable snow will be keeping 38°-40° sunny days. Sincerely,

To Barste

Wishing you a wonderful Christmas and a happy New Year

From Wally & Sylvia.

228 Albert St
Palmerston North
New Zealand
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Dear Carole

Thanking you very much
with the news of Muriel
Sauderson's death. As we did
not hear from her last year
we did wonder.... She was from
a regular Churches Trust year
correspondent and we always
loved getting her up dates on
Bethsava.

We knew Muriel when
we were living in Kithuse, Zambia.
We were married in Kithuse
50 years ago next month - not
long after Muriel married
Harvey Sauderson. We had
some association with Hindale

Evangelical Centre where Muriel
worked. I think Muriel came from
South London (UK) as I also do.

As you say Muriel was "an
exceptional woman who made
an impact wherever she lived."

Two years ago we had a
return visit to Zambia after
our son asked us to go with
him this family to see, "where
I was born."

If you are a traveller
Carol and you come this
way please visit us.

Thankyou once again
for letting us know about
Muriel
PTB

15 Nov. 2015

Dear Carole Ann,

Thank you so much for sending us your card with the splendid photograph of a 92 year old Muriel Sanderson.

Our correspondence with this very dear friend of ours had slowed down over the last two years, partly because of various health problems, but recently I wanted to write to Muriel again. Before doing so, I Googled her name and found out that she left us in June of this year.

We became friends in the early seventies in Kitwe, Zambia, and she stayed with us for several weeks, recuperating from hip operations, since we had a nice swimming pool, which she used

daily to get fit again.

When we returned to New Zealand in 1988, Muriel gave us hospitality for the last few days, as we sold and disposed of our property, and finally drove us to the airport.

We have been corresponding with Muriel twice yearly ever since, and very much enjoyed staying in touch. We shall certainly miss that. She was a most interesting person and a very good friend.

Thank you once again for your much appreciated card.

Kind regards

Eric (84) and Marië (78) van Notten
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2 December 2015

Dear Carole Ann

Thank you so much for the card about Nurriel's passing.

She was a valued colleague and dear friend, from our time at ACCC.

Thinking of her brought back some lovely memories things I am sure we will all always treasure.

Althea Campbell

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Dear Carole Ann

Thank you so much for taking the trouble to write and send us, and others, the news about Muriel.

By an amazing coincidence we had heard. In late July, after a fantastic safari trip in South Africa, we were standing in a queue to go through security etc at O.R.Tambo airport. We just chatted to the lady next to us in line and when she said she was returning to Gaborone I asked if by any chance she knew Muriel. Of course she did – as I imagine everyone in Gabs did – and she told us of her death.

I, with my late wife Carol, had known Muriel since 1972. As a minister of the Methodist Church I had been posted to work in the United Church of Zambia and was sent to Kitwe where I became minister of St Margaret's Church. Muriel was our Church Treasurer – among other offices she held. We became good friends. When we returned home in 1979 we kept in contact with her and on several of her visits to the UK she came and stayed – for short periods, with us and after Carol had died and I, later, married Sandy, here too. We ferried her to Beaconsfield and met her cousins.

In 1999 I was on a sabbatical study period which I spent partly in Zambia and South Africa but also in Botswana. I stayed with Muriel - and Ruth was staying there too in the "town" place she owned. I had always been aware of the enormous, and largely unsung, contribution Muriel had made in many spheres of her work in Zambia and I was aware too that in some ways she was overshadowed by Ruth's high profile position. I wrote to our Prime Minister, obtained the supporting documentation, submitted the details and was absolutely delighted when she was awarded the MBE.

Muriel was an incredible lady and a good and generous friend. We are glad to have known her.

Thank you again for your contact with us – at a distance as the friend who helped with her correspondence and cards and now with your letter.

With best wishes



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11/11/15

Dear Carole Ann

Ruth and I are very grateful to you for letting us know that Muriel died earlier in the year. We both have many happy memories of Muriel and are grateful to have known her.

We worked in Zambia from 1984-1991, latterly at Mindolo when Muriel was Finance Director at M.C.I. We played many a game of Scrabble together - she never enjoyed losing. When we returned to Scotland she visited us in Kintore, and we took her to John O'Grads. We also travelled to Folkestone twice to visit her on the two occasions that she returned to UK. ('I've come this far! If you want to see me, come to Folkestone!') We were happy to do so.)

Thanks again for letting us know, and for helping Muriel keep in touch over the years.

Kind regards

Alex Grey

Applegarth, Kilbucko Place.
November 11th ✓

Dear Carol Ann,

Thank you so much for sending me the news of Muriel's death. It's Rodi but she had an extraordinary life. I first met her when I was in Zambia in the early 70s, visited her in Kitwe, & she came to Senanga. In the 80s, my wife & I were living in Edinburgh & he saw her there, & we also went to see her in Kitwe in 1988.

Five years ago, a friend & I were in Botswana on a safari & we spent time with her in Gaborone. She was in good form then. I will particularly miss her annual letter!

I think she was quite a famous person, wasn't she? She certainly seemed to know all the emerging African leaders of the 60s & 70s.

An unforgettable person! And what a terrific photo!

Thanks again for letting me know.

With kind regards,

Tii. Licht.

19 Nov 2015

Dear Carole Ann,


Thank you so much for sending the information about Muriel Sanderson and her death in June. Since I had not heard from her for about a year I was concerned that she was ill or had passed away.

I met Muriel in 1975 when I went to the Mindolo Ecumenical Foundation to work with the Women's Training Center. During the next three years we became good friends, went on trips around Zambia, had many fun evening at Muriel's home (games, dinners and swimming parties). She would entertain us with stories of Botswana when she returned from a visit there to see family or go to some State occasion.

I was privileged to visit Botswana on my way home from Zambia in 1978. I spent an afternoon at the State House with Aunt Noni and had tea in the garden with Ruth. And as I remember Ian picked me up at the hotel to take me to the home. That was ages ago but I still remember it as a highlight of my trip home. This is probably more than you want to know but it was a special time in my career.

I, for one, appreciate all you did for Muriel. She was one of a kind, much loved by all who met her. Thank you again for your thoughtfulness of sending the picture and information to her friends. Best wishes to you in the years to come.

Sincerely,


Jane Heaton

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Dear Carol Letter

12.11.15

How kind of you to let me know about Muriel's passing. I had been wondering as I had not heard from her.

Muriel and I go back a long time. In the 1960s she was treasurer of the Livingstone Fellowship, the young people's organisation of the London Missionary Society and I took over that role from her. It is significant that so many of those young people either became missionaries or ministers or other leadership roles in the Church. We corresponded regularly.

Later I became Financial Secretary of the Council for World Mission (previously LMS). This gave me the opportunity to visit Muriel in Zambia and in Botswana. After retirement I was able to take my wife for a holiday in Botswana and South Africa where we met Muriel & Derek Jones and visited a game reserve.

One incident I remember - I was in Gaborone and thought I recognised Lady Khama. I wanted to greet her - but how? Should I apologise for the shabby way she and Seretse were treated? I plucked up courage and introduced myself and she responded graciously - but no mention was made of her marriage!

I was glad to have seen friends with Muriel

Yours sincerely

Aubrey Curry

12 Nov. 2015

Mrs S Bennett
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Dear Constance Ann Keith,

Many thanks for your card.

I am sad to learn of Muriel's death, but not too surprised as I hadn't had her usual letter this year and I had realised that she was becoming very dependent upon others to help her with correspondence, and with mobility problems.

I know Muriel from World Council of Churches days when we were host mates in Geneva before she went to the Mindoro Biometrical Institute in Zamboia. In later years I usually saw her when she came to the UK on holiday & she stayed with me several times.

I am grateful to you for letting me know about Muriel. I may say I am glad myself, and it is inevitable that at this time of my life I am losing many friends & family members, and my niece and nephews are all very middle-aged and contemplating retirement. Anyway, I hope you had a happy & interesting time in Botswana and are now enjoying life back in Canada. With best wishes and renewed thanks,
Dybil Bennett.

To M^{rs} Leith,
My english is not good. So, I prefer to write in french.
January 2016
la lettre que vous m'avez adressée l'été dernier pour
m'annoncer le décès de Muriel Sanderson était arrivée
chez moi pendant que j'étais en vacances en France.
Je ne l'avais trouvée qu'à mon retour - j'ai négligé
d'y répondre tout de suite --- Veuillez m'excuser.
Une amie, Bouk Dokter, qui, comme moi, a bien connu
Muriel en Zambie, s'étonne de ce qu'elle ne répond
plus aux lettres. Je lui ai dit pourquoi. Je pense
qu'elle va vous écrire pour vous demander la petite
carte avec la photo de Muriel. Merci pour ce portrait
Je vous prie de recevoir mes meilleures pensées et
Best wishes for 2016. Françoise Dubuis -

December 4, 2015

Dear Carole Ann Leith:

Thank you so much for sending the word of Muriel's death and the gathering last month at her gravesite, as well as the wonderful picture of her on her 92nd birthday. Was she buried in Gaberone or Serowe?

A day or two before your message reached us my calendar reminded me that the time was approaching when Muriel's annual Christmas letter might be arriving. We have a well-filled folder of her letters that she has sent us over the years and will add your card to it.

Muriel and I first met at a London Missionary Society gathering at Llanmadoc in south Wales in late August 1947. People from many different parts of the world where LMS had connections were there, including two young men from Botswana (then Bechuanaland).

At a reunion of those of us who had been at Llanmadoc took place between Christmas and New Year, Muriel took me aside to tell me of her fear that she and her sister Ruth, who both were living with their parents, would be disowned and expelled if their father became aware of the rapidly developing relationship between Ruth and Seretse, whom she had met at a party at the student hostel where he and the young men who were at Llanmadoc were staying. She wanted me to meet them, and that happened at the annual meeting of the Congregational Union of England and Wales that May, where Seretse had been asked to speak. I returned to the US after two years in Britain in early June.

The rest, of course, is history. I have written about my keeping in touch with her over the years and can send that to you if you are interested.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ed Hanley". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "E".

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Nov. 26th

Dear Barole,

I was very sad to learn of Maxwell's death. It was very good of you to send me that lovely card, with picture of Maxwell and short summary of her life.

I first met Maxwell in Mindolo Ecumenical Centre, Northern Rhodesia (now Zambia) where she worked as an accountant.

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I'll miss her newsy letters from Botswana, my last connection with Africa!

I hope you have a very happy festive season.

With love,

Rita Mathews

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