

The Spirit of Christmas

Dear Shirley,

I have posted my support for you previously and my views will not be changed.

However, if possible, I hope that just for a short time at least you can enjoy Christmas this year. You have my very best wishes for a happy Christmas and a joyful New Year in the knowledge that justice is just a short step away. I am convinced that this despicable madness which has reigned for a number of years will finally be defeated.

I pray that you will find further comfort and assurances at this time of the year from your many friends and family and all those who support your case around the world.

May you be able to have peace and comfort over the festive season.

With sincere best wishes,

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Dear VS,

Thank you for your Christmas greetings and continued support.

As the latest site update indicates many people have had their lives affected by this case.

http://www.shirleymckie.com/documents/Thatwastheweekthatwas17.12.05_000.pdf

Year after year we have hoped this would be the year when the clouds would lift and we would be able to move on.

For 9 long years we have watched far greater tragedies unfold across the world and have waited for our pain to be reduced through the realisation of others greater sacrifice and sadness.

But as you probably understand that is not the way life works. Scale is not the issue. It is the depth personal events eat into our soul and threaten those we love. While we have the capacity to care for others we cannot escape the often profound effects of our own 'tragedies'.

On the other hand whilst adversity shakes our confidence and faith in the future it also teaches us important truths about the value of the love and support of family, friends and others like yourself, often a world away, who despite their own problems care enough to reach out to others.

That so many of the *'Friends of Shirley'* have been fingerprint experts makes this support all the more valuable and powerful. It seemed totally appropriate when Donald Reid revealed recently that the citation to appear on the inauguration plaque on the memorial to Dr Henry Faulds, one of the founding fathers of fingerprinting, ends with these words,

" .. the path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day." Proverbs 4: 18

<http://www.shirleymckie.com/documents/Faulds14.12.05.pdf>

During 2006, by one means or another, this affair will end. Shirley, myself and our family hope that everyone affected by this case, no matter on which side they stand, can move on and find their perfect day with those they love.

Christmas greetings to you and yours and peace health and happiness in 2006.

Best wishes,

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