

## In Memoriam

**Doreen Henrietta Radloff**

★ 1914-08-13 † 1998-04-09

**It is with sadness that we inform the profession that Doreen Radloff passed away on 9 April 1998. Doreen Henrietta Radloff was born on the 13<sup>th</sup> August 1914 on a farm in the Bethlehem district of the Free State.**

She started her nurse training at the Johannesburg General Hospital in 1935. During her training she helped to found the Student Nurses Association at the Johannesburg Hospital, and became its first Secretary and then Chairperson. When she completed her training in 1939, she completed her midwifery training at the National Hospital in Bloemfontein. She put her name down for military duty and was called up for service in August 1941 and was first sent to a base camp at Oribi Military Hospital, Pietermaritzburg. She also did service "up north" on the Hospital Ship *Amra* and various military hospitals, with the rank of Lieutenant. After the war, she returned to Roberts Heights (now Voortrekkerhoogte) in January 1946.

She completed the Diploma in Nursing Education in February 1946 at the University of the Witwatersrand and became one of the first tutors at BG Alexander College of Nursing, Johannesburg.

Ms Radloff became Executive Officer of SANA in March 1947. She represented SANA on numerous Associations. She also assisted nurses of Swaziland, Lesotho and Malawi to form their nurses associations.

Her academic qualifications include: a B.A. degree from UNISA in 1958, B.A.(Hons) in Sociology and a Master's degree in Nursing and Nursing Administration with distinction from the University of Pretoria.

She received the following awards: mention in despatches in 1945 for services with Eight Clearing Station in Italy, HC Horwood and Sharley Cribb Gold Medal, International Florence Nightingale Medal, Honorary life member of the Renal Care society of SA, Honorary life member of the Zimbabwe/Rhodesia Nurses Association, Certificate of Merit from the Pretoria Women's Club, SANA Gold Medal, Honorary life membership of SANA.

She served on a number of welfare organisations in her private capacity. She met every challenge with intelligence and enthusiasm and worked timelessly for the promotion of the aims and objectives she believed in.

**May she rest in peace.**

