

VALE - THALIA LEAVER

1 April 1915 – 30 January 2019

Thalia Leaver and her husband George were inaugural members of the Gold Coast Division of the Australian-American Association, having attended the meeting which was held on 10 July 1984, in the church hall of the Greek Orthodox Church of St Anna, Crombie Avenue, Surfers Paradise. This was a new interest for them in their retirement years.

George had retired from the RAN where he served on HMAS Sydney, on the **Shropshire** and on the mine layer '**Bungaree**' in the Coral Sea. They came to the Gold Coast during the 1970's and were the first managers of '**Sun tower**' on the Esplanade in Surfers Paradise. They lived there until the early '80s when they moved to 'Bennelong' on Peninsular Drive on the river.

Thalia had a personal interest in establishing a connection with America as her two younger sisters Joann and Shirley married WW2 servicemen and settled in the USA.

After George's death in 1995, Thalia retained her membership of the AAA and was a regular attendee at social functions,



including Coral Sea Cup luncheons at the Turf Club until she moved to Adelaide to be with her daughter, Sue in 2013.

Thalia at her 100th Birthday.

Thalia with Valerie Mann and Elaine Bermingham with her niece(carer).

**VALE - KATHLEEN (KIT) FRITH
18 June 1926 -26 February 2019
4 months short of 93rd birthday.**

Kathleen came to the Gold Coast in 1974 with new husband David Frith. She quickly established a fashion boutique. The Sportsbird in Cavil Avenue. David was unwilling to look for work as an optician. Lunch with the white shoe brigade was more his style. When the AAAGCD commence in 1984 Kathleen became involved and occupied a number of positions but Not President as she was busy still working. She became familiar with a few of the Americans living on the Coast. By 1984 David had gone back to Melbourne. When she retired in 1995 she occupied herself with voluntary work, at UC, as an ESL teacher, in the tourist bureau and with Chamber of Commerce. Although she met Keith in 196 she came to know him better when he retired in 2005. More info at Memorial Service.