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Vale to Mary Davidson Mould née Lalor 1947 – 2026

At the General meeting on Monday 2nd February 2026, President Mary Dawes BEM invited Andrew McEwin to give the eulogy for our much-respected member, Mary Mould, who passed away on 9th January 2026.

Mary joined the Glen Osmond Probussouthpacific.org Club in June 2016 and was introduced by the Treasurer Andrew McEwin. Unfortunately, due to failing health, she became an inactive member in February 2025.

Eulogy by Andrew McEwin



Good morning, everyone, I am saddened to tell you that Mary Mould died on Friday January 9th after a valiant fight against multiple illnesses.

Mary and I attended the Victor Harbor Primary School. Mary's father was the very popular Lord Mayor of Victor Harbor. Shortly after Mary and I went to Adelaide to school, the Primary School was relocated and the Woolworths complex now stands on the site.

Mary and I used to joke about belonging to an exclusive group, the Victor Harbor Primary School Old Scholars Association. They are not making any new members and the membership grows smaller as the years pass. Old scholars of a school that no longer exists.

In 1957 Mary and I started boarding in Adelaide. Mary has recorded her memories of boarding at PGC (Presbyterian Girls' College, now Seymour College). Years later her own daughter followed.

After school, Mary married Ian Mould and headed north of Port Augusta to Uno Station and a life in the Far North pastoral zone. Mary and Ian had two sons and a daughter. Mary home-schooled them through School of the Air, a long way from the Victor Harbor Primary School. Mary became very involved in the ICPA, the Isolated Children's Parents Association.

Eventually the children went to boarding school in Adelaide and when Ian retired, they followed. The children have all done well, as most bush children do. Members may remember their daughter Tiffany Hughes speaking to us about her experience as a medico specialising in analysing and treating allergies.

Mary is survived by her children Henry, Hamish and Tiffany and granddaughters Abigail, Phoebe, Annabel, Victoria, and Olivia. Ian's poor health no longer allows him to attend Probus meetings.

Please stand for a minute's silence to remember Mary.

Members stood and observed one minute's silence.

The Advertiser My Tributes

<https://www.adelaidenow.com.au/tributes/notice/death-tributes/mould-mary-davidson-nee-lalor/6342003/>

Death notice for

MOULD, Mary Davidson (nee Lalor)

Publication: The Advertiser

Date Listed: 16/1/2026

Location: Adelaide

4.5.1947 - 9.1.2026

Much loved youngest daughter of the late W. Brian and Barbara.

Sister of the late Elizabeth and Janie.

Adored wife of Ian.

Loved mother of Tiffany, Henry and Hamish and mother-in-law of Stephen and Rachel.

Granny of Annabel, Victoria, Olivia, Abigail and Phoebe.

She will be deeply missed.

Funeral Director information

Funeral by : Charles Berry & Son

Website: <https://www.berryfunerals.com.au>

<https://www.adelaidenow.com.au/tributes/notice/funeral-tributes/mould-mary-davidson/6342004/>

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Family and friends of Mary are invited to attend her Funeral Service on Tuesday, February 3, 2026 at 1:00pm in the Main Chapel of Berry's Funeral Home, 204 Magill Road, Norwood.

Please enter the Chapel carpark via Prosser Avenue.

In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Mary may be posted to the RFDS or the Leukaemia Foundation.

Envelopes will be available at the Chapel.

For live-streaming details and messages of condolence, visit the website below.

CHARLES BERRY & SON

Norwood

[berryfunerals.com.au](https://www.berryfunerals.com.au)

09/01/2026

Facebook Seymour College 2021 Post re Mary “Fairy” Mould

<https://www.facebook.com/seymourcollegeadelaide/posts/this-week-is-boarders-week-at-seymour-an-opportunity-to-celebrate-our-boarders-p/2243114289159427/>



Seymour College
15 June 2021 · 🌐

This week is Boarders' Week at Seymour, an opportunity to celebrate our boarders, past and present.

Mary Mould (Lalor, '64), a past boarder, is daughter of Old Collegian Barbara Springbett (Davidson, '39), parent to Old Collegian, Tiffany Hughes (Mould, '85), and grandmother to current students, Abigail (Year 10) and Phoebe (Year 6).

Mary recalls: "I arrived as an 8-year-old, in 1957. There were 16 junior boarders, mostly from the country but some from overseas, divided into a big dorm and a little dorm. Miss Martin was the headmistress of the Junior School and had rooms in the same house and when we had birthday parties, we were allowed to invite guests. We would have to introduce them to Miss Martin formally. We had special cupboards for our party dresses.

Every night we had prayers and then sat on stools and told stories of our homes. I always wished that I had stories of the real country and bush – but they were to come later in my life.

We took turns to do the dishes at night for a week and as a reward would receive a packet of jelly crystals. Bush biscuits for recess were a treat. We had weekly competitions such as tidying drawers and neat bed making with hospital corners. We had happy weekends, with trips to the theatre, museum and art gallery. We kept silkworms as pets.

I made such special friendships and we have shared so much over 60 plus years.

The House Mother called me Mary 'Fairy' as I was delicate and I've been called 'Fairy' ever since."



Mary 'Fairy' Mount, 2021



'Fairy' (front, centre) with the Boarding House Prefects in 1964



'Fairy' (right) was a Clan Bruce Chieftain



The 1963 B tennis team, featuring Fairy, second left




Fairy, left, with fellow boarders Victoria Winnall (Smeaton, '64) and Jude Jones (Ashby, '64)




'Fairy' (right) as Stephano in 'The Tempest', having her foot kissed by 'Caliban'. This was Fairy's last school play

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Mary Davidson Lalor
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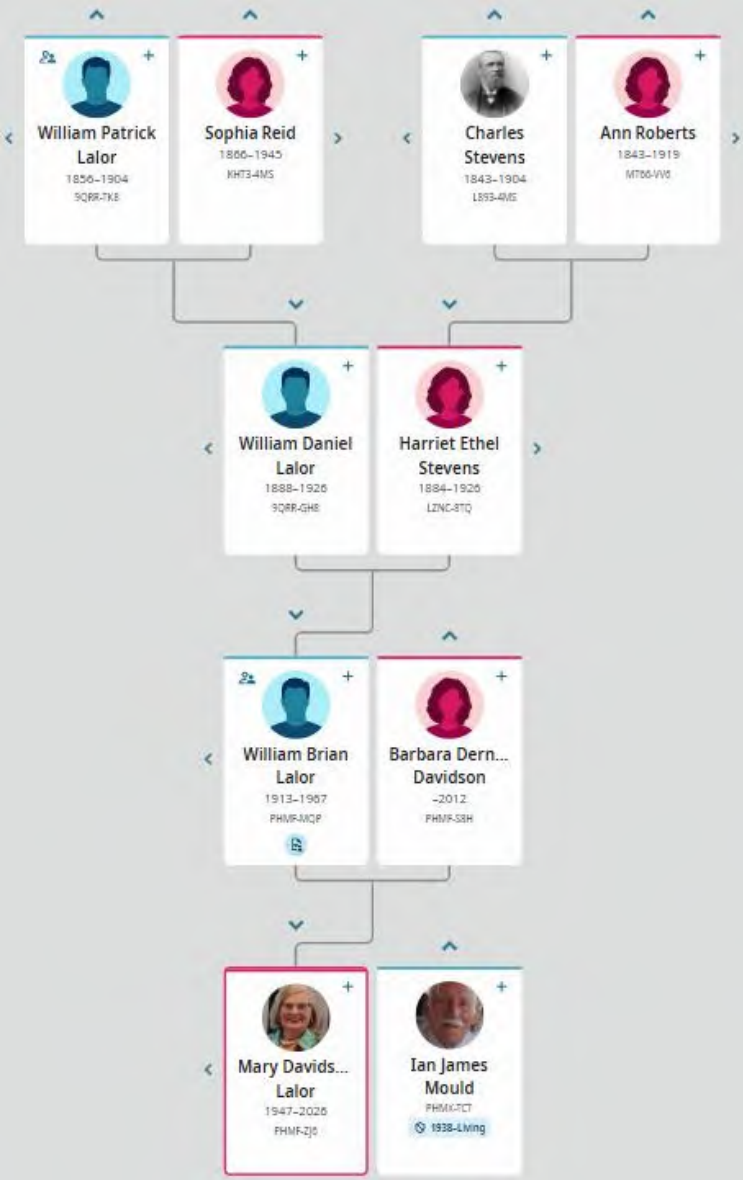
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Name • 0 Sources Mary Davidson Lalor	 Sex • 0 Sources Female
Birth • 0 Sources 4 May 1947 South Australia, Australia	 Christening + ADD
Death • 0 Sources 9 January 2026 South Australia, Australia	 Burial + ADD



The family tree diagram illustrates the lineage of Mary Davidson Lalor. At the top level, William Patrick Lalor (1856-1904) and Sophia Reid (1866-1945) are shown as a couple. They are the parents of William Daniel Lalor (1888-1926) and Harriet Ethel Stevens (1884-1926). William Daniel Lalor and Harriet Ethel Stevens are the parents of William Brian Lalor (1913-1967) and Barbara Dern... Davidson (1912-2012). William Brian Lalor and Barbara Dern... Davidson are the parents of Mary Davids... Lalor (1947-2026) and Ian James Mould (1938-2012). Mary Davids... Lalor is highlighted with a red border.

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1913 Birth of Mary Lalor's, father William Brian Lalor

- The Register (Adelaide, SA : 1901 - 1929)
- Thu 1 Jan 1914, Page 8, Family Notices

LALOR.—On the 20th December, at Quambi, Pennington terrace, to Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Lalor—a son. (Both well.)

1917 Death of Mary's grandfather William Daniel Lalor

- The Advertiser (Adelaide, SA : 1889 - 1931)
- Sat 3 May 1919, Page 8, Family Notices

LALOR.—In loving memory of Will, who died May 4, 1917, at North Adelaide Private Hospital. —Inserted by his loving wife and little Marie and Brian.

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1926 Death of Mary's grandmother Harriet Ethel Lalor nee Stevens

- The Chronicle (Adelaide, SA : 1895 - 1954)
- Sat 22 May 1926
- Page 41
- Family Notices

LALOR.—On the 15th May, at her residence, Childers-street, North Adelaide (suddenly), Harriet Ethel, widow of W. D. Lalor (nee Stevens), beloved mother of Marie and Brian.

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1926 Death of Mary's grandmother Harriet Ethel Lalor nee Stevens

- Saturday Journal (Adelaide, SA : 1923 - 1929)
- Sat 22 May 1926
- Page 29
- Family Notices

LALOR.—On the 15th May, at her residence, Childers street, North Adelaide, suddenly, Harriet Ethel, widow of the late W. D. Lalor (nee Stevens), beloved mother of Marie and Brian.

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- The Register (Adelaide, SA : 1901 - 1929)
- Mon 17 May 1926

- Page 8
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1944 Birth of Mary Lalor's sister, Elizabeth Lalor

- The Chronicle (Adelaide, SA : 1895 - 1954)
- Thu 5 Oct 1944, Page 14, Family Notices

LALOR.—To Barbara, wife of W. Brian Lalor—a daughter.

1947 Birth of Mary Lalor

<https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/74638290?searchTerm=mary%20lalom%20birth%201947>

- The Advertiser (Adelaide, SA : 1931 - 1954)
- Mon 5 May 1947, Page 14, Family Notices

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<https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/93341180?searchTerm=mary%20lalom%20birth%201947>

- The Chronicle (Adelaide, SA : 1895 - 1954)
- Thu 8 May 1947, Page 34, Family Notices

LALOR.—On May 4, at Victor Harbor, to Barbara, wife of W. Brian Lalor—a daughter.

1951 Birth of Mary Lalor's sister, Janie Lalor

- The Advertiser (Adelaide, SA : 1931 - 1954)
- Mon 30 Jul 1951, Page 14, Family Notices

LALOR.—At Victor Harbor on Friday, July 27, to Barbara, wife of W. Brian Lalor—a daughter.

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1967 Death of Mary's father, Mr. W. B. Lalor

- Victor Harbour Times (SA : 1932 - 1986)
- Fri 26 May 1967, Page 3
- Death of Mr. W. B. Lalor

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Mr. Lalor, who was Mayor of Victor Harbour from 1960 to 1965, was widely known and respected by all who knew him.

He was born at North Adelaide and educated at King's College and the University of Adelaide, where he studied chemistry. He came to Victor Harbour in 1934 and immediately took an interest in community affairs. He was secretary of the golf club and at the time of his death was chairman. It was principally due to Mr. Lalor's drive and energy that the club progressed to become the leading country golf club in the State.

Mr. Lalor was also mainly responsible for raising funds to have plaques placed on the Norfolk Island pine trees in the Soldiers' Memorial Gardens in memory of World War I servicemen.

He was charter secretary of the local Rotary Club and later became president. He was a past master of the Masonic Lodge, a J.P. and a member of the committee of management of the Elderly Citizens' Homes at Hill Court.

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The Rev. Branson was assisted in the service by the Rev. D. Hodges, of Scots Church.

Besides his widow, Mr. Lalor is survived by three daughters, Elizabeth, Mary Olive, (nee Mould, of Elthara, (Gosford Brook) and Jane.

Golf Association

The Victor Harbour Golf Association will hold its annual meeting on Tuesday, May 20th, at 7.30 p.m. in the hall of the club. The meeting will be held in the hall of the club.

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VICTOR HARBOR ORAL HISTORY PROJECT, 'Beside the Seaside'.

Interview with Val Brown on Tuesday, 4th March, 2014.

Interviewer: Rob Linn.

https://www.victor.sa.gov.au/data/assets/pdf_file/0029/288506/Brown-Val.pdf

Extract re Mary's father, Brian Lalor

“RL: Let's go back again, Val, and talk about you going to work for the Lalors because that shop was really one of the really key places of Victor at the time.

VB: That's right, yes.

RL: What were the Lalor family like?

VB: Oh, wonderful.

RL: So you would've been fifteen when you went to work?

VB: I was sixteen when I went to work for Brian Lalor. It was still during war years and you couldn't get a lot of medicines or things like that. It's rather strange because the one thing that I can still remember is a stuff called Agarol, which was for constipation.

RL: I know what Agarol was. (Laughs)

VB: It was very scarce and we had to keep lists of who had it on a certain day because you were not allowed to give one person two bottles within a certain time. So you had to keep a list of the different things. And in those days of course when the doctors wrote a prescription it was all different ingredients and it all had to be measured out and made up. It wasn't dispensed like it is now. Some of the tablets were over the counter but you had it in bulk and you had to count them out and that sort of thing. Brian Lalor used to make all the medicines, and he used to make the ointments and creams. That was all made—like, a spatula and a marble board and that sort of thing. He had a wonderful memory. I've never known a man to have such a memory as what he had. People would come in and say, 'Oh, could I speak to Mr Lalor please'. You would go and get him and he'd come out and this person would say, 'Do you remember me?' And he'd think for a minute and, yes, so and so. And he never missed. It was a wonderful memory that he had. He treated everybody the same, whether it was the richest or the poorest. They were all treated exactly the same. He was a lovely boss.

RL: He seemed to have a fantastic relationship with the medical fraternity.

VB: Yes, he did.

RL: And he knew all the Adelaide doctors who came down, and he knew all the doctors at Strathalbyn, or wherever.

VB: He knew all the society people in Adelaide. They used to have a monthly account with us when they'd come down for the holidays. The kids would come in and buy stuff and put it on Mum's account. (Laughs) No, he never forgot anybody. He was good. And Mrs Lalor—Barbara—after she'd had the children, and when the three girls had grown up a bit, she was involved in so many different organizations. When they became mayor and mayoress they were involved in all the town things, and organizations, and were always asked to open this or do something else. She had a lovely, graceful manner about her. She was a lovely lady. He was very good to work for.

RL: So you really enjoyed that, Val?

VB: I did, yes. Very much so.

RL: I guess your parents were pretty thrilled you had work.

VB: Well, yes. It was pretty hard to get jobs in those days. I think after that, Victor really expanded when the holiday season was on with the guest homes. It became so popular. I think the shops prospered as well. Just sort of exploded after that.”