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## **Catherine Lee**

Date of Birth: **5th May 1906** Age: **92**  
Date of admission to GWMH: **14th April 1998**  
Date and time of Death: **14.45 hours on 27th May 1998**  
Cause of Death:  
Post Mortem: **Cremation**  
Length of Stay: **44 days**

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# Expert Review

**Catherine Lee**

**No. BJC/31**

**Date of Birth: 5 May 1906**

**Date of Death: 27 May 1998**

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Catherine Lee was admitted to Gosport War Memorial Hospital on 14 April 1908 from the Royal Naval Hospital where she had been admitted for surgery.

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## DOCUMENT RECORD PRINT

## Officer's Report

Number: R11

TO:  
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FROM: Code A  
STN/DEPT: MCIT WREF:  
TEL/EXT:

SUBJECT:

DATE: 12/11/2002

Sir

Re Action 193. I have spoken to Code A Code A  
Code A Code A states that her elderly mother Catherine LEE, nee JONES 92 years  
 (b.05/05/1906) Code A died at the Gosport War Memorial Hospital on 26<sup>th</sup> May  
 1998 (26/05/1998).

The circumstances are as follows:

Mrs LEE was a very lively elderly lady who was suffering from senile dementia, apart from this she was a very healthy lady who had not visited her GP for many years and enjoyed an active life, walking for miles a day. Mrs LEE was being cared for at home by her family and at the beginning of May 1998 the family were offered the chance of respite care to give them a break. Mrs LEE was placed at Addenbrook for a period of care but on the first night fell three times and broke her hip. The family were unable to ascertain whether Mrs LEE had actually got out of bed and fallen or had fallen out of bed.

Mrs LEE was transferred to the Royal Naval Haslar Hospital where key hole surgery was performed on her hip. She remained at Haslar for 5 days during which time her family describe her as being as bright as a button including the day of the operation almost immediately after she came round from the anaesthetic.

After 5 days she was transferred to Dryad Ward at the Gosport War Memorial Hospital where she was immediately always sleepy. By three days Mrs LEE was never placed in a chair and remained in bed asleep. The family queried what the staff were doing to get her walking again but were told that she was in pain and required Morphine which was administered by way of a syringe driver. Whenever Marie visited her mother she was asleep and was told just to sit by the bed and hold her hand stating that Catherine would know that she was there. On one occasion Catherine's granddaughter visited during which time Catherine was distressed and waving her hands about. This upset the granddaughter who told her mother that she would rather not visit again. This was the only time that any member of the family had seen Catherine do anything other than sleep.

On 26<sup>th</sup> May 1998 Catherine died, the death certificate was signed by Dr Jane BARTON giving the cause as Bronchial Pneumonia.

Catherine's GP was Dr KNAPMAN of the Forton Road Surgery one of the other partners was Dr BARTON.

I have explained to Marie Code A that Operation Rochester is an ongoing enquiry into the events at the Gosport War Memorial Hospital and that there would not be any immediate answers to her query. Mrs CAINE is happy with this action and has been given a contact number for Operation Rochester.