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FAMOUS COELACANTH CHAMPION DIES AT 97.

Internationally renowned and respected ichthyology icon
Marjorie Courtenay-Latimer died yesterday aged 97.

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the International Coastal and Exploration Conference held here
in November last year, organized by the African Coelacanth
Ecosystem Programme's Dr Tony Ribbink.

When she appeared unexpectedly at an afternoon session of
the conference, she was mobbed by scientists all wanting to
shake her hand and have their photographs taken with her.

Last Thursday Courtenay-Latimer was admitted to St Dominic's
hospital where she was being treated for pneumonia. She died
in the hospital's medical ward at 1.15pm yesterday, a hospital
spokesperson confirmed.

She had been at the Fairlands home for the aged since mid-
April after falling in her Vincent home.
