

# South African actress Shaleen Surtie-Richards dies at 66

Well-loved South African actress Shaleen Surtie-Richards has died at the age of 66.

She died at a guest house in Cape Town while shooting scenes for the series *Arendsvlei*.

Shaleen Surtie-Richards is best known for her starring role in the 1988 film *Fiela se Kind* and her role as Ester Willemse in long-running series *Egoli: Place of Gold*.

She appeared in several other South African TV soaps including *7de Laan*, *Villa Rosa*, SABC1's *Generations* and in 2001 she also hosted her own TV talk show, *Shaleen*, on M-Net.

She won a litany of awards including Fleur du Cap Theatre Awards for her role as Hester in Athol Fugard's *Hallo en Koebaai* and in 2009 for her role in *Shirley Valentine*.

“ Film, TV and theatre actor, Shaleen Surtie Richards unequivocally put her heart and soul into every character she portrayed. Her passion for acting has earned her global recognition. [@Brand\\_SA](#) wishes to extend heartfelt condolences to her family, friends & colleagues. 💎💎💎💎 [pic.twitter.com/h8fZkHQbzs](https://pic.twitter.com/h8fZkHQbzs)— [@Brand\\_SA](#) (@Brand\_SA) [June 7, 2021](#) ”

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