Margaret Siriol Colley

On Friday morning as I was locking up my house in the UK to set off for the airport to come to DC, my home phone rang.

It was my mother Siriol, who just wanted to let me know that a recent operation for a blockage causing jaundice had been a success. She was in fine spirits & had also especially wanted to wish me good luck with my presentation at the National Press Club today, as this was to be the culmination of almost 15 years incessant work to get belated & due recognition for her beloved uncle Gareth.

Unfortunately, though invited here, due to recent ill health, she was unable to accompany me, but was very much looking forward to hearing news of my trip...

Sadly that was not to be, as last night, she finally lost her three year battle with cancer.

Today I would therefore like to dedicate my presentation both to her life, lived full & with great integrity. And also to her diligence in bringing the story Gareth Jones to the world, which many tried to suppress...