



# Short St. Gallery

## Murdie Nampijinpa Morris

**Born** 1934  
**Language** Warlpiri  
**Region** Nyiripi, NT



Murdie (Maudie) Nampijinpa Morris was born in the 1930s at Rabbit Flat, a tiny settlement in the middle of the harsh Tanami Desert in the Northern Territory of Australia about 160 km from the Western Australia border and 315 km north-west of Yuendumu. Her parents would have taken her out bush in around Nyiripi area, showing her sites and teaching her the traditional ways of her country. In the early 1980s she settled in Yuendumu and worked at the Old People's Home - a Program that cares for the elderly by helping them when they are sick, and being with them when they are alone or when they are frightened during storms. She was married but is now a widowed woman. She never had children. She now lives full time in Nyiripi.

Murdie has been painting with Warlukurlangu Artists Aboriginal Corporation, an Aboriginal owned and governed art centre located in Yuendumu, since 2012. She was prompted to paint when she attended a workshop in 2012. She enjoys painting, and paints her father's jukurpa, Maliki Jukurpa (Domestic Dog Dreaming) and Malikjarra Jukurpa (Two Dog Dreaming). Dreamings that have been passed down through the generations for millennia and relate directly to the land, its features and the animals and plants that inhabit it. She uses an unrestricted palette to develop a modern interpretation of her traditional culture.

### Solo Exhibitions

2015 Murdie Nampijinpa Morris & her two dogs dreaming

2014 Nyiripi Now

2013 Nyiripi Now

### Group Exhibitions

2016 Top 20

2015 Memories of Max - Dogs in Indigenous Art & Craft

2015 Pink 2015