

# Shirley Knight Quotes

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Firsts, Vanity, Film And Television, Dollars, Girlfriend, Study, Endless Love, Joy,  
Roles, Family, Differences*

I did the occasional odd film, like Endless Love.

~Shirley Knight

Film actors reach a certain level, but they don't get beyond it unless they work in the theater.

~Shirley Knight

Hollywood -- that's where they give Academy Awards to Charlton Heston for acting.

~Shirley Knight

The only people you can really share certain things with in secret are your girlfriends.

~Shirley Knight

The thing that separates a so-so director and a great director is a love and caring for film.

~Shirley Knight

They said this is Vanity Fair, and I said, Oh, I already take the magazine. They said Annie Leibovitz wants to take your picture and I thought, How nice!

~Shirley Knight

I took individual photographs of Annie Liebovitz, I kept taking her picture.

~Shirley Knight

There's no place to act in Kansas. You're suppressed.

~Shirley Knight

So many directors are solely focused on their own success in Hollywood and multimillion dollar budgets and deals.

~Shirley Knight

I got an agent and went up for the part of my first film, Five Gates to Hell.

~Shirley Knight

Men are allowed to get older and women are not.

~Shirley Knight

The other death for an actor is comparing yourself to other people: Forget someone else's path. Concentrate on your path. Otherwise, you get lost, and if you don't have joy in the work, forget it.

~Shirley Knight

There are things that you cannot talk to your mother and father about, there are things that you cannot talk to your children about.

~Shirley Knight

When you're a woman in your 40s, it's not the best time to do films, because there really aren't that many roles. Then you reach 50 and there are more roles again. Mother parts.

~Shirley Knight

I'm writing a book and working on my one-woman show, Learning To Be Human.

~Shirley Knight

This house was our dream-the gardens, the study, even the swimming pool. Even though I can't see John when I wake up in the morning, I can always feel him here with me.

~Shirley Knight

There's a great difference between being popular and being an artist.

~Shirley Knight

My goal was not to be famous or rich but to be good at what I did. And

that required going to New York and studying and working in the theater.

~Shirley Knight

I moved to LA and decided to do films and television, mainly because the theater in New York is totally dead.

~Shirley Knight

It's no accident that Tony Hopkins is a wonderful film actor.

~Shirley Knight

My acting career helped pull me through the rough times.

~Shirley Knight

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