The Shortest Person

The world's shortest person was Gul Mohammed from India. He was only 56 centimetres tall, when he died in 1997, at the age of 40.

Gul would not have been as high as Robert Wadlow's knees!

The Oldest Person

The oldest person in the world was Jeanne Calmet of France. She was born in 1875 and died in 1997, at the age of 122.

When Jeanne was born, there was no electricity in homes, no radio or television, no cars and no aeroplanes. By the end of her life, people were watching television, using home computers and travelling around the world in jumbo jets. CARTE D'IDENTITÉ

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