## Godard affair: 16 years later, Marie France and Marius are declared dead

The case of Doctor Godard returns to the front of the media scene. The case was already closed but there is now something new since we have no news of the wife and son of Doctor Godard officially considered dead.

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Last December, 16 years after their worrying disappearance, in the absence of a body, the tribunal de grande instance of Caen issued a judgment of "declaration of absence". The equivalent of a death certificate. A procedure which has consequences on the civil level, in particular for the management of the goods by the descendants but which is not irreversible. If Marie France and Marius reappeared, they would resume their rights.

## The Godard affair

It was in 1999 that the Godard mystery began. On September 1, the Caen doctor Yves Godard embarked in Saint Malo aboard a sailboat with his two children, Marius, 4 years old at the time, and Camille 6 years old. We will never see them again. The little girl's skull was recovered from the bay of Saint Brieuc on June 6, 2000. Bones from her father, Doctor Godard, were also recovered at sea in 2006 off Roscoff. There is no trace of Marius. As for Marie France, the wife of Yves Godard, traces of his blood were found in their home in Tilly sur Seulles but also in the couple's van. Marie France would be 60 years old today.

## Is the case closed?

The Godard affair therefore remains an enigma. The doctor's professional cards, found regularly on Breton beaches, kept the investigators in suspense but did not lead to any leads. The Godard case is now closed.

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