



## Helene Schulz

September 23, 1932 - July 8, 2015

Helene Pringle Schulz, 82, died on July 8, 2015 of natural causes at her residence in the Givens Estate Community, in Asheville, NC. She was pre-deceased by her husband H.E. "Bert" Schulz (2009). Helene is survived by her six grandchildren and four children Beth Schulz (Asheville, NC), Paul Schulz (Winter Haven, FL), Carla S. Hardy (W. Marvin Hardy IV, Orlando, FL), Laura S. Bourne (David Bourne, Asheville, NC).

Helene titled her life's written memoirs as "That Rare Thing - A Happy Childhood." In her own words, Helene wrote "...my story is one of a child growing up in NYC during the Great Depression and WW II with parents who had little to come and go on but who were well-stocked in unconditional love."

Helene was Born in Rego Park, NY, and attended high school in East Williston, Long Island, NY. Her love of theatre, music, and reading took root in her early years. As the first to attend college in her family, Helene went to Smith College in Northampton MA (1949-1953.) She majored in English and was hired for her scholarship assistance to ring the bells on Smith's campus each Sunday evening for 5 p.m. Vespers, thus gaining the nickname "Jingles" Pringle.

After college, Helene spent a year working for CBS in NYC in the research department while attending Columbia's Teacher College for a Masters in English. She then taught high school English in Tenafly, NJ until she met and married Bert Schulz in 1957. Helene and Bert spent their 52 married years together in Winter Haven, FL.

Seeing a need for children to have theatre experiences, Helene and a few friends started "Friendly Players", a theatre troupe which toured the local elementary schools. Laughter, appreciation and interest took root, and Helene's vision and enthusiasm for children's theatre programs were contagious.

As her children were growing up, Helene became engaged as a volunteer in numerous ways. She contributed eighteen years of leadership developing theatre productions and

classes for children and youth through Theatre Winter Haven.

Once her own children were grown, Helene returned to her profession of teaching various courses including French, English, Humanities and English Literature at Polk State (Community) College for sixteen years. Helene was also an active member and volunteer at First Presbyterian Church, Polk Community College Partners with the Community, National Alliance for the Mentally Ill, Meals On Wheels and Girls Inc.

In her retired years, Helene developed "Cameo" classes; a community round table course which she taught at local public libraries. The class helped others to learn to write their life stories and memoirs. Helene wrote, "We may not be saints or poets, but our memoirs are a way of realizing life as we have lived it....I share my memoirs with my loved ones, hoping you can sense the richness of my life...being surrounded by love, protection and remarkable opportunities even in unsteady times. May it also be with you."

Helene's vibrant, creative personality and unconditional love extended God's grace to all whom she met. She will be remembered for being present, available and engaged with all who knew her and as an advocate to better the lives of the underserved. With a posture of humility and gratitude, Helene Pringle Schulz lived a life evident that she thought of others before herself.

The Schulz Family would like to thank the staff and employees at Givens Health Center, Home Instead Senior Care, and Care Partners Hospice for their love and commitment to Helene.

An Asheville service will be held at 2:00 p.m., July 14th, at the Wood Assisted Living Center Chapel at Givens Estate. A Winter Haven service will be held at 10:00 a.m., August 15th, at the First Presbyterian Church.

The Schulz Family asks that in lieu of flowers, donations be sent in Helene's memory to one of the following:

The Arc of North Carolina, Attn: Donations, 343 East Six Forks Road, Suite 320, Raleigh, NC 27609 ([www.arcnc.org/helene](http://www.arcnc.org/helene)); Polk State College Foundation, 999 Avenue H, NE, Winter Haven, FL 33881 ([www.foundation.polk.edu](http://www.foundation.polk.edu)) or First Presbyterian Church, 637 6th St NW, Winter Haven, FL 33881.

# Events

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**JUL Memorial Service 02:00PM**

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1 Wesley Drive

1 Wesley Drive, Asheville, NC, US, 28803

# Comments

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“ Dear Beth, Paul, Carla and Laura,  
I have just learned of the sad passing of your mother Helene from Laura. Please accept my heartfelt condolences. Having lost my own mother in not dissimilar circumstances a few years ago, I truly feel for you. I hope you can draw comfort knowing Helene enjoyed a relatively long and fulfilled life surrounded by the deep love and many happy memories you shared as a family. I was privileged to share in making some of those memories on various happy visits to Winter Haven and beyond in the US, plus hosting Helene and Bert and some of you with the UK branch of her Pringle family here in England. I hope we can keep in touch, and maybe see you and your families in the UK in the future.  
With my love and blessings to you all  
Christine Pringle

**Christine Pringle** - August 26, 2015 at 04:28 AM

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“ Dear Cousins,  
I'm so sad that I will not be able to be with you this coming weekend as you honor and celebrate your mom's life. She was always kind and inspiring to me. Please know that my love, thoughts and prayers are with all of you and I am there in spirit!  
Beth Donaldson

**Beth Donaldson** - August 12, 2015 at 01:59 PM

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“ Our most sincere condolences to the Schulz family.  
I remember the luncheons Helene and I (Gigi) had with some other friends while we updated one another on our latest activities. I really enjoyed her friendship. She was dynamic and resourceful.  
We'll miss her.  
Julian, Gigi and Eric Garcia

**Marie Garcia** - July 17, 2015 at 09:17 AM

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“ A New Sunrise Spray was purchased for the family of Helene Schulz.



July 13, 2015 at 09:53 AM

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“ Toni, Paul and Diana Jarvis purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Helene Schulz.



Toni, Paul and Diana Jarvis - July 12, 2015 at 09:15 PM

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“ Ted B. purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Helene Schulz.



Ted B. - July 10, 2015 at 02:17 PM

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“ Please be encouraged with the scripture from the bible. “He will swallow up death forever, and the Sovereign Lord Jehovah will wipe away the tears from all faces.”

Isaiah 25:8

freddie - July 10, 2015 at 08:51 AM

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“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Helene Schulz.



July 09, 2015 at 05:45 PM

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“ Ringed by Love was purchased for the family of Helene Schulz.



July 09, 2015 at 05:22 PM