



Shirley Rita Cohen

August 14, 1924 - June 20, 2023

Shirley Rita Cohen was born August 14, 1924, in New York City, New York, and passed away June 20, 2023, in Asheville, North Carolina, where she had been living for more than thirty years.

She was predeceased by her parents, Nicholas and Bella Saslow; her husband of 52 years, Leslie H. Cohen; her sisters and brothers-in-law, Helen and Sam Kreisler and Naomi and Marvin Randolph; her niece, Sara Kreisler Schiff. She is survived by her daughters, Lesley Cohen and Victoria May (Jeff Lust); her sons, David Cohen, and Adam Cohen; her grandsons, Nicholas (Taylor) May and Jonathan May.

A memorial service is being planned and will be announced at a later date. Hers was a life very well-lived; may her memory be for a blessing.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUL 30. 11:00 AM (ET)

Beth HaTephila
43 N. Liberty Street
Asheville, NC 28801
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<https://www.bethhatephila.org/>

There will be a memorial service for Shirley Cohen on Sunday, July 30, at 11:00 am, at Congregation Beth HaTephila, 43 North Liberty St., in Asheville. Those wanting to make a donation in Shirley's memory might consider Four Seasons Hospice, Memory Care, or a charity that has personal meaning.

Tribute Wall



“ Shirley Rita Cohen

October 09, 2023 at 01:52 AM



“ Shirley Rita Cohen

October 08, 2023 at 10:49 PM



“ My deepest condolences. I met Shirley at Bella Vista in July, 2012, when we moved my mom there. I always found her in the library deepest engrossed in a book; she read like a fiend!! She was best buddies with Jazbo (the bird) at Bella Vista, and a great ambassador for the facility. Always with a smile on her face, and so ready with a warm hug. She will be dearly missed.

Bonnie Gundlach

Bonnie Gundlach - July 28, 2023 at 07:58 AM



“ 'SWHO CAN FORGET SHIRLEY COHEN'S READING OF JONAH AND THE WHALE ON YOM KIPPUR OR HER ACTING AT ACT - SHE WAS A WONDERFUL PERSON AND A JOY TO KNOW.

FRAN MYERS - June 25, 2023 at 08:39 PM



“ I was lucky enough to meet Shirley in her acting class at OLLI in 2022. Her play about Jewish immigrants in the south is a brilliant work. She was an amazing presence.

Elizabeth - June 25, 2023 at 01:16 PM