



## Heidelore Shea

December 24, 1939 - May 15, 2019

Mrs. Heidelore Shea of Fairfax Station, Virginia, passed away peacefully on 15 May 2019, at HarborChase, Woodbridge, Virginia, in her 80th year. Heidi, as she was known, was born in Frankfurt am Main, Germany, on 24 December 1939, to Erich and Theresa Jaeckel, and spent her post-war years in Nelson, Lancashire, England. She returned to Germany in the 1950s and began working for the U.S. Air Force as a translator in Wiesbaden. It was there that she met her adoring husband, Captain (later Brigadier General) William L. Shea. They were soon married in Wiesbaden on 15 January 1960. A year later, their first child, Michael, was born. After being stationed in Oberammergau, they moved to Ft Leavenworth, where their second child, Steven, was born. Army life sent them to Nebraska, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Virginia, Missouri, and the Netherlands. They eventually settled in Springfield, and later Fairfax Station, where they started U.S. Realty Associates, Inc., for which Heidi was the Principal Broker. She was predeceased by her husband; and is survived by her sons, Michael (and his wife, Tina), of Richmond, and Steven (and his wife, Maria), of Manassas; her sisters, Gitti and Manuela; brothers, René and Ralf; her grandchildren, Ashley (and her husband Brock), Andrew (and his wife Quianna), and Colin, Caitlyn, Michael, Kirsten, and Sarah; and great-grandsons Eli and Clark. A deep-felt thanks of gratitude goes out Charity Bonsu as well as the staffs of Tribute at the Glen and HarborChase for their loving care of Heidi during her difficult times. A celebration of Heidi's life will take place at the Old Post Chapel, Fort

Myer, Virginia, at a later date.

“Only one life, a few brief years, Each with its burdens, hopes, and fears;  
Each with its clays I must fulfill. living for self or in His will; Only one life, 'twill  
soon be past, Only what's done for Christ will last.” ~ Charles T. Studd

# Cemetery Details

**Arlington National Cemetery**

# Tribute Wall

BB

“ I first met Heidi in 1951 when she was living with her grandparents in Erich & Katarina Gideon in Nelson, Lancashire, England. She was staying with them for about 2 years to learn English and we became inseparable friends. as her birthday was Christmas Eve her Christmas Wish was that I could stay with her in Frankfurt, Germany for a 2 week holiday when she was due to go back to live there permanently. I had a wonderful time with all her family and her sister Brigitte(Gitti) When I was 16 years old I went again to stay with her but this time in Wiesbaden, Germany where she was an interpreter at an American military base. She then met and married her husband Bill and moved to America with him and we lost all contact after that, for which I am very sad. It was such a shock when I read of her passing in an obituary notice online and it only came to my notice by chance when I was asked by my Spanish teacher to write an essay in Spanish about my best childhood friend and I chose Heidi and it was only then that I discovered that she had passed away many years previous. I have felt such sadness that we had lost touch after all those years, but I still have many happy memories of our wonderful times together. R.I.P. dear friend.  
Barbara Broadbent (nee Heap) Worcester, England

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**Barbara Kate Broadbent** - January 26, 2024 at 09:40 AM



“ *Heidelore Shea*

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January 12, 2023 at 12:00 PM

MI

“ *Mister lit a candle in memory of Heidelore Shea*



Mister - August 06, 2020 at 04:09 PM

MI

*Heide was our property manager. She was a very nice lady. She hugged me and thanked me when we checked out of our rented home. A few days later she sent us a beautiful letter of recommendation to help us for our next move. I kept the letter because it was so thoughtful.*

Mister - August 06, 2020 at 04:15 PM

CS

“ *Heide took care of our property and us for many years. She was always a ray of sunshine, who lobbied well for the interests of her clients. She was a strong woman who stood firm and took care of the house my husband and I left as newlyweds on our own great military adventure. We missed her as she began to decline, and are happy she is no longer suffering and that family and friends no longer have to witness that suffering. She will be greatly missed and our sympathy is with you all. Chris and Cindy Spain*

Cynthia Wray Spain - May 30, 2019 at 10:22 AM

TE

“ *Our love goes out to all of you. I know she will be missed, but will forever be in your hearts.*  
*Craig and Terri*

Terri - May 23, 2019 at 11:05 AM

WO

“ *In the 1950ies Heidi and I were schoolmates in Steinatal, Germany. Then we lost sight of each other for 58 years. In 2013 we happened to get into contact again and I visited her in Fairfax Station. The days of my visit were full of laughter and good memories. I feel so sorry to hear that she now sleeps forever, but she had told me that she was looking forward to being together with her husband Bill again whose grave we visited in Arlington. I enclose her in my prayers.*

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**Wolfgang** - May 21, 2019 at 05:02 AM

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“ *3 files added to the album Memories Album*



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**Wolfgang** - May 21, 2019 at 04:06 AM

CB

“ *Charity (Adwoa) Bonsu lit a candle in memory of Heidelore Shea*



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**Charity (Adwoa) Bonsu** - May 18, 2019 at 01:57 PM