



Helene Charnes

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Helene Charnes, 69, of Lakeland, FL left this world on Monday, June 9, 2025. Born in Atlantic County, New Jersey to Anthony Cincotti and Harriet Cincotti (Leslie), who predeceased her, she spent her childhood in New Jersey.

Helene is survived by her husband of 47 years, David B. Charnes Jr., her son, Christian M. Charnes, her grandson, Christian M. Charnes Jr., her daughter, Melissa A. Charnes and son-in-law, Paul A. Gibson III. She is predeceased by her son, David B. Charnes III, twin sister Rosemarie Cincotti, and sister Patricia Ireland.

Beloved by her surviving siblings, brothers Anthony Cincotti Jr., Robert Cincotti, Frederick Cincotti, Francis Cincotti, Joseph Cincotti, James Cincotti, and sisters Mary Francis and Julyn Romano, and her mother-in-law Patricia Daley and the Charnes family, alongside so many in her bountiful extended family and found family that she embraced throughout her life.

Helene graduated from Absegami High School in 1974, where she participated in Future Homemakers of America and Student Union. She later joined the United States Army, serving from 1975 to 1978. After meeting during their military service, she and David were married in 1978.

Helene worked in restaurants, serving and bartending, and built a career in food service management, retiring from the State of New Jersey. Helene loved hunting for treasures, collecting antique and vintage books, jewelry, and decorative objects, seeing the value in all things and making them new again.

Helene was “mom” to her children, and to so many others who she adopted into her life throughout the years, giving wisdom, comfort, and mothering to everyone in her sphere. Helene carried herself with graciousness and warmth through life’s gifts and trials, strong in her belief that the Lord would reunite her with her loved ones in the next life.



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A memorial service in honor of Helene will be held on Friday, June 13th at 1 p.m. at the Gentry-Morrison Funeral Home Southside, and friends and family are invited to gather afterwards at Swan Brewing from 2-4 p.m.. Helene will be laid to rest on Wednesday, June 18th at Laurel Memorial Park in Egg Harbor Township, New Jersey.

Friends and family are invited to honor Helene by sending flowers, sharing memories and photos, and in any manner that most comforts and resonates with them.



Events

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Visitation

- Friday**, June 13, 2025
- 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM ET
- Gentry-Morrison Southside Chapel**
1727 Bartow Road , Lakeland FL 33801

Funeral Service

- Friday**, June 13, 2025
- 2:00 PM ET
- Gentry-Morrison Southside Chapel**
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Cemetery Details

- Laurel Memorial Park**
Egg Harbor Township NJ



Tribute Wall

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Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes shared a **Video**.

June 13 at 6:15 AM



Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes shared a **Webcast Video**.

June 12 at 12:09 PM



Anonymous planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Helene.

June 13 at 9:06 AM



Anonymous sent a Decadent Delights Chocolate Gift Basket to the Charnes family.

June 13 at 9:06 AM



Maureen Witschey posted:

Dave and children -So sorry to lose your beloved wife and mother, Helene. I remember her quick wit & teasing us about the lousy Browns- she was right! Love to all of you, Uncle Pat and Aunt Maureen

June 13 at 8:52 AM



Danae Stratton sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Charnes family.

June 13 at 1:01 AM





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Rose, Mike & Kelly Gallagher planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Helene.

June 12 at 6:11 PM



Rose, Mike & Kelly Gallagher sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Charnes family.

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Julynn Romano June 13 at 11:38 AM

Sending my love to all of those who are grieving over the loss of a funny and selfless woman. She will never be forgotten. Helene, I love you, I truly believe you are with those who have went before us, if you can see or hear me, please tell everyone we will all be together again one day soon around that big spaghetti dinner table, laughing like we were home again..



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Helene by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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