



## Penelope Elizabeth Shelfer Heinze

January 9, 1957 - March 3, 2024

Penelope Elizabeth Shelfer Heinze, affectionately known to some as “Penny”, passed away on March 3, 2024. She was born on January 9, 1957 to parents Fred Shelfer and Betty Lou Boynton Shelfer in Tallahassee, Florida. Penelope was a member of the first class of Maclay School when it was founded. She also attended Lively Technical College, Tallahassee Community College, Santa Fe Community College, Florida State University where she earned a Bachelor of Science in Marketing, and Stetson College of Law where she obtained her Juris Doctorate. With the exception of her extensive schooling, Penelope spent the majority of her life in the Havana, Florida area and opened her own practice as a defense attorney prior to retiring.

Those who knew Penelope will remember her for her heart of gold: she always remained positive and always managed to see the best in every person she encountered. She believed she could do anything she set her mind to, and that love was more important than anything. She greatly loved her husband Michael of 28 years and her daughter Carmen, who was her proudest accomplishment of all. Penelope without a doubt impacted countless lives throughout her career and her life in general. What a lot of people didn't know about Penelope is that she loved gardening – although she was admittedly not particularly gifted at it. After years of attempts, she finally got her Christmas cactus to bloom for the very first time shortly before her passing. Penelope also fed a vast number of sparrows, wrens, finches and

cardinals. Her favorite one, Big Red, will really miss her.

Survivors include her loving husband of nearly 30 years, Michael Joseph Heinze; daughter Carmen Giddon; grandchildren Lola and Beatrice; siblings Fred Shelfer, Jim Shelfer, Bruce Shelfer and Steve Shelfer as well as many nieces, nephews and extended family members. Penelope was preceded in passing by her parents.

A memorial service will be held at St. John's Episcopal Church on Monday, March 11, 2024 at 11:00 a.m. with a committal service to immediately follow at Shelfer Cemetery of Havana, Florida. A celebration of Penelope's life will be held at the Dogwood House (2552 Capital Circle NE) once services have concluded.

Breanna Green of Bevis Funeral Home (850-385-2193 or [www.bevisfh.com](http://www.bevisfh.com)) is assisting the family with their arrangements.

# Cemetery Details

## Shelfer Cemetery

Shelfer Cemetery Road  
Havana, FL 32333

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

MAR 11. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. John's Episcopal Church  
211 North Monroe St.  
Tallahassee, FL 32301

## Celebration of Life

MAR 11 (ET)

The Dogwood House  
2552 Capital Circle  
Tallahassee, FL 32308

## Committal Service

MAR 11 (ET)

Shelfer Cemetery  
Shelfer Cemetery Road  
Havana, FL 32333



# Tribute Wall

CB

“ *Michael: Sending heartfelt condolences and love from your Ohio family, Aunt Rita, Jayne, Peg and Kait*

Cousin, Jayne Bland - March 11, 2024 at 01:34 PM

AW

“ *Amanda W. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Penelope Elizabeth Shelfer Heinze.*

Amanda W. - March 10, 2024 at 03:04 PM

WH

“ *With love to you and your family - Gary & Regina Hodge planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Penelope Elizabeth Shelfer Heinze.*

With love to you and your family - Gary & Regina Hodge - March 10, 2024 at 02:43 PM

LM

“ *Love, Linda, Chelsea and Melissa purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Penelope Elizabeth Shelfer Heinze.*



Love, Linda, Chelsea and Melissa - March 09, 2024 at 11:08 AM

LM

“ Love, Linda, Chelsea and Melissa planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Penelope Elizabeth Shelfer Heinze.

Love, Linda, Chelsea and Melissa - March 09, 2024 at 11:08 AM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Penelope Elizabeth Shelfer Heinze.



March 09, 2024 at 10:16 AM

TF

“ The Gianelli Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Penelope Elizabeth Shelfer Heinze.

The Gianelli Family - March 09, 2024 at 10:16 AM

RP

“ Richard & Audrey Giddon (Derek's parents purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Penelope Elizabeth Shelfer Heinze.



Richard & Audrey Giddon (Derek's parents - March 08, 2024 at 10:33 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Penelope Elizabeth Shelfer Heinze.*



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March 07, 2024 at 02:40 PM



“ *Steve, Feliks, Zach, Sascha, Phil, Rob planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Penelope Elizabeth Shelfer Heinze.*

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**Steve, Feliks, Zach, Sascha, Phil, Rob** - March 07, 2024 at 02:40 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Penelope Elizabeth Shelfer Heinze.*



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March 07, 2024 at 02:35 PM



“ *Elias planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Penelope Elizabeth Shelfer Heinze.*

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**Elias** - March 07, 2024 at 02:35 PM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Penelope Elizabeth Shelfer Heinze.*



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March 07, 2024 at 02:28 PM



“ *Donna, Laurie, and Marisa planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Penelope Elizabeth Shelfer Heinze.*

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**Donna, Laurie, and Marisa** - March 07, 2024 at 02:28 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



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**Bevis Funeral Home** - March 07, 2024 at 11:08 AM

LD

“ It still doesn't seem real! Will always smile when I think about you, loved seeing you at my last 2 gatherings at my home very recently, it was such a pleasant surprise, and then our lovely lunch with the ladies in Bainbridge! I love my bird feeder and think of you every morning watching the birds fighting that squirrel for their vittles every day! I'll love you always and forever 🙏🏻🤙🏻💋. We will watch out for Michael, don't you worry 😊!



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Lisa Doxsee - March 06, 2024 at 04:40 PM