



Helene L. Avedisian

March 11, 1959 - October 17, 2024

Helene Lori (Crittenden) Avedisian, a vibrant spirit who filled every room with laughter and love, passed away on October 17, 2024, surrounded by her family. Born in Detroit, Michigan, on March 11, 1959, to the late Roy and Margaret Crittenden, she was the youngest of six in the infamously known Crittenden girls.

Helene's adventurous spirit took her from the bustling streets of New York City to the stunning shores and mountains of California, ultimately leading her to Florida, where she reunited with her high school sweetheart, Paul Avedisian. Together, they built a cherished life in their "house in the woods," a testament to their love and partnership.

A talented individual with a passion for storytelling, Helene found immense joy as a tour guide in St. Augustine, where she created lasting memories for many fifth-grade travelers. Her infectious laughter and unparalleled zest for life touched the hearts of everyone she met. A beautiful writer, she shared her adventures and thoughts candidly, making friends and strangers alike feel welcomed and valued.

Helene is survived by her soulmate, Paul Avedisian; her beloved daughters, Brittney Walden (Brian) and Ashton Avedisian-Danielson; her three adored grandchildren, Abel Danielson, Wylder Walden, and Walker Walden, who

were her pride and joy; her sisters, Cindy Bates (Chuck), Lois Shelley (Dennis), Marge Crittenden, Jan Avery (James), and Sue Keer (Nazar).

In her memory, the family encourages donations to the Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville. They extend heartfelt gratitude to the compassionate caregivers at Mayo Clinic and beyond who supported Helene throughout her journey.

In accordance with her wishes, there will not be a formal funeral service. Instead, a celebration of her life will take place on November 16, 2024, at 11 a.m. For details on the location, please visit the link listed below.

<https://pp.events/a8RZ3z7e>

As Helene would remind us: live life to the fullest, and always remember to laugh, laugh, and laugh some more.

Tribute Wall



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LS

Beanie you will always be with us. Love you much - Denis and Louie

Lois shelley - October 31, 2024 at 07:34 PM

KR

So Loved this video covering so many years , I knew they had lost Theresa but oh my now Helene. Prayers for All of you ❤️🙏

Kirsten Rattai - November 23, 2024 at 11:49 AM

BT

“ *I thought that it was fitting that Hurricane Helene hit Florida this fall. It was like it formed in her honor. Every time I saw Helene, she was full of energy and affecting those around her. One Easter she taught this northerner how to make real “Sweet Tea”. I thought that to have a job as a tour guide was a perfect match for her personality. We last saw Helene this past spring and she was as upbeat as ever. I’m sorry we didn’t get to see more of her. She will be missed.*

Bill Trubilowicz - November 14, 2024 at 09:19 PM

DH

Helene is central in my childhood memories. My very best friend. I adored her. She was the most charismatic little girl ever. Literally everyone wanted to be her friend. She truly did light up the room. So sadly, we went our separate ways as teenagers. I have missed her all through the years, and carried her always in my heart. My kids know how much I loved her. I will be remembering her family in prayer. The Crittenden girls were always the prettiest girls in church. I loved Brother and Sister Crittenden as second parents. Helene and I went back and forth to each other's houses every weekend, and all summer long. Their house on Sarasota, the ravine, Farrell's Ice Cream Parlor, FaHoLa Camp, growing up at Brightmoor Tabernacle. My memories are precious. I look forward to seeing Helene in heaven one day. The best is yet to come. ❤️🙏❤️

Debbie Drewitz Hall - November 23, 2024 at 09:23 AM

DC

Helene was the gorgeous youngest sister of the stunning Crittenden sisters. While I knew Jan and Sue the most through Bible Quiz team together, I fondly remember visiting the Crittenden house and tasting no bake cookies for the first time and I still have the recipe for what they affectionately called "Poo Drop Cookies". Helene was part of this wonderful family dynasty and will be dearly missed.

Donna Cramton-Edling - November 23, 2024 at 07:56 PM



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