



## Mrs. Susan H Shapiro Ph.D.

September 21, 1957 - June 7, 2023

Susan Harriet Shapiro, PhD, 65, of Tallahassee, Florida, passed away from a neurological event on Wednesday afternoon, June 7, 2023, at Tallahassee Memorial Hospital with her loving family and close friends by her side.

One of two siblings, she was born in Albany, New York on September 21, 1957, to Samuel Shapiro and Elsie Golderman, of blessed memory.

Survivors include her wife, Stella Jeanne Morris; son, Zachary Hoelzle; brother, Dr. Barry Shapiro; their adorable fur-baby Lexi Grace; as well as a number of nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was known for her beauty, elegance, resilience, generosity, and her capacity to love deeply. She began her academic journey at Binghamton University, culminating in a PhD from Florida State University in Clinical Psychology. She impacted thousands of lives in her clinical work, most recently at Florida State University's Counseling Center. She used the wisdom learned through her deeply spiritual life - as she was inspired by both the Jewish and Christian faiths to heal everyone around her from, clients, friends, family, neighbors, and even strangers. She was a talented artist and fabulous gourmet who delighted in hosting illustrious dinner parties and beautiful holiday celebrations.

Some pastimes that filled her soul with joy included: creating forever memories with her friends and family, and exploring the meaning of life through travel, gardening, cooking, knitting, reading, exercise, art, and getting the 'Final Jeopardy' question correct.

The graveside service will be held at 11:00 AM on Friday, June 9, 2023, at Tallahassee Memory Gardens in the Garden of the Christus at the Abbey Funeral Home 4037 N. Monroe St Tallahassee, FL 323303; (850) 363-1686

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This fund has been established in honor of Dr. Sue Shapiro and will fund suicide prevention and education projects as a legacy of her life's work and expertise. This fund will continue her mission to save lives.

Online condolences may be expressed at [www.abbeyfh.com](http://www.abbeyfh.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Tallahassee Memory Gardens

4037 North Monroe Street  
Tallahassee, FL 32303  
(850) 562-1518  
<https://www.abbeyfh.com/>

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

JUN 9. 11:00 AM (ET)

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[abbeyfh@comcast.net](mailto:abbeyfh@comcast.net)

# Tribute Wall

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“ It was just yesterday (October 1, 2023) at an autocross event that a colleague of Susan's who is a Counseling Psychologist at the FSU Student Center advised me that Sue had passed in June of this year. We had moved out of the TLH area approximately 5 years ago and I had lost touch with Susan who I went to graduate school with at FSU and also worked with her when she was at the Division of Disability Determination. Sue told me at the time of her departure from DDD to FSU Student Services that she wanted to more fully utilize her skills and training to help some of the most difficult psychological cases. She was a master clinician and a very caring human being. The world is a slightly less caring place with the loss of such a charming and caring human being who practiced psychology masterfully. Robert Schilling, Ph.D.

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**Robert F Schilling** - October 02, 2023 at 01:03 PM