



## Else Pietras Short

December 1, 1925 - January 22, 2024

Else Pietras Short, 98, of Greensboro, NC, died Monday, January 22, 2024 at Brookdale Assisted Living. She was the wife of William Alexander Short.

She was born December 1, 1925 in Recklinghausen, Germany, a daughter of the late August Pietras and Anna Drews Pietras. She was of the Baptist faith and a retired housekeeper and seamstress.

She is survived by two sons, William Robert Short and his wife, Edith of Germany and Fred Alexander Short and his wife, Cheryll of Canton, GA; two daughters, Barbara S. Leota of New York and Ailene S. Reynolds of Greensboro, NC; three grandchildren, Tony Leota, Johnny Leota (Jeanna) and Alexandria Reid (Dylan Locklear); three step grandchildren, Callie Gutierrez, Stacie Fitzgerald and Than Short; four great grandchildren, Nyla Leota, Soldad Leota, Liam Leota and Olivia "Sissy" Leota; and a granddaughter in law, Diana Leota.

She was preceded in death by two sisters, Marianna and Lana.

A funeral service will be conducted at 2:00 p.m., Saturday, January 27, 2024 at Finch & Finch Chapel, Altavista by the Rev. Brady Willis with entombment to follow at Altavista Memorial Park Mausoleum.

The family suggests that those wishing to make memorials consider the AuthoraCare Hospice, 22500 Summit Ave., Greensboro, NC 27405.

# Cemetery Details

## Altavista Memorial Park Mausoleum

642 Wards Road  
Altavista, VA 24517

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

JAN 27. 2:00 PM (ET)

Finch and Finch Chapel  
809 Main St.  
Altavista, VA 24517

# Tribute Wall



“ *Finch & Finch, Inc. Funeral & Cremation Service created a Webcast in memory of Else Pietras Short*



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**Finch & Finch, Inc. Funeral & Cremation Service** - January 25, 2024 at 10:12 AM

SR

“ *Else was a dear friend and I was blessed to share many joy filled years with her. I am thankful to her daughter, my dear friend, Aileen, for bringing us together. Ours was such a special friendship and I have so many memories that I treasure in my heart. She was a kind, loving, and caring lady, and always wanted to share with others whatever she had. I loved her dearly and though I miss her very much I am consoled in knowing she is now in her eternal home with our Almighty God.*

*For all the Short Family: I pray the Lord bless you and give you His peace and strength.*

*God bless,*

*Susan Russell*

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**Susan Russell** - January 27, 2024 at 02:59 PM

CG

“ Just want to send love and prayers. Callie and family



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**Callie Gutierrez** - January 27, 2024 at 01:36 PM

LG

“ To all of Else's family: Else was a great neighbor and friend from the time she and Mr. Short built their new house just across the street (Darrell Lane) until she had to move to be closer to Ailene. Then she kept in touch through another close neighbor, Mrs. Herndon. She was always friendly and helpful. I know you all will miss her. Please accept my condolences.

*Lillian Gillespie*

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**Lillian Gillespie** - January 26, 2024 at 07:35 PM

SG

“ I am writing this for my Mom, Frances Nichols. She says she and Else were good friends and kept in touch with each other through the years. I've been thinking about her and she will be missed. Prayers to her family.

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**Susan Nichols Gilliam** - January 25, 2024 at 04:36 PM

WS

*Susan, we thank you and your family for the sympathetic support and prayers. Blessings to you all.*

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**william short** - January 27, 2024 at 12:13 PM



“ *Ailene, I am very sorry for the loss of your Sweet Mom. She was certainly blessed with a long life. My prayers are extended to you and your family.. May the memories you share help to bring comfort and peace.. Ralph Woods*



**Ralph Woods** - January 25, 2024 at 02:08 PM

WS

*Ralph thank you for the comforting words. Mom's memory is etched in all our hearts.*

**william short** - January 27, 2024 at 12:18 PM

AF

“ *All your children, we love you forever. purchased the Treasured Lilies Spray for the family of Else Pietras Short.*



**All your children, we love you forever.** - January 25, 2024 at 10:30 AM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Else Pietras Short.*



January 25, 2024 at 06:42 AM

JB

“ *Else was a dear friend of my Mom, Frances Nichols. They kept in touch after Else moved from Hurt. My sisters and I took our Mom to visit her when she lived near Danville. She was a gracious and sweet lady. Prayers and thoughts are with her family now.*

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**Janet Nichols Beckner** - January 24, 2024 at 11:10 PM

SG

*We told our Mom yesterday that her friend had passed away and gave her the obituary to read. She read it aloud word for word and made comments about their times together. At one time , years ago, they lived in the same house in Hurt, I think our Mom & Dad upstairs and Else and kids downstairs. She sends her thoughts and prayers to Else's family. She will be missed.*

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**Susan Nichols Gilliam** - January 26, 2024 at 12:53 AM

SR

*Else was a dear friend and I was blessed to share many years with her. I am very thankful to you, Aileen, for bringing us together. Else was a caring, loving, beautiful lady and will always be in my heart. I love her and miss her but I take comfort knowing that she has entered her eternal life with our Lord God Almighty. To all of Else's family: May God give you His peace and strength. God bless,*

*Susan Russell*

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**Susan Russell** - January 26, 2024 at 04:14 PM

WS

*I wish I could have been present when your mom made her comments. Even today, as her children, there are many things we don't know about our mom and her routine. Life is like a wonderful magical tapestry.*

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**william short** - January 27, 2024 at 12:24 PM