

**leslie Caroline Shreve** departed this world's stage on March 31, 2024 at the age of 79.



leslie (she prefers lower case) left this message for those in her life's circle:

*"I've had a terrific life, and I thank each of you who have been a part of it. I'm so glad that I had the courage to stay in New York after that first lonely year. I'm grateful to have been cast by Teleprompter Cable TV in the show that turned into the acclaimed "Leslie the Shreve" with stories for Many Lands. I designed the set, drew the graphics, wrote and sang the songs, and met my wonderful future husband - award-winning Television Director Joel Willis."*

After completing her Bachelors in Fine Arts/Drama at Ithaca College, leslie successfully and happily pursued her dreams in New York City. She enjoyed a fulfilling professional career as an actor, announcer, voice-over artist, make-up artist (Daytime Emmy Award for Outstanding Make-Up Design for "All My Children"), and advocate for those who share her craft. leslie reflected:

*"I've had many touching reviews from my theater work but two reviews which reflect my life are "you are such a passionate person always looking for ways to do things for others" (this is my intent in this life) and "thank you for adding magic to my childhood."*

leslie served on National Boards of SAG and AFTRA (later SAG-AFTRA) where she was long time chair of the Women's Committee. She served on EAG Council – The Episcopal Actors Guild – (a charitable help organization for performers of all faiths and none and was quietly chair of their Grants Committee); the Council for The Lambs; St.Lukes/Roosevelt Hospital's Crime Victims Treatment Center (Steering Committee); and IATSE 798 (Television Trustee). She was also a member of the Blue Hill Troupe, the Dutch Treat Club, The Village Light Opera Group (Lifetime Honoree), the Original NYC Bad Girls, TRC (The Rehearsal Club) and The Players.

As past President, she was most proud of the growth of the New York Coalition of Professional Women in the Arts and Media, Inc which she championed since its inception and was named as Special Advisor.

Recalling her personal life with her beloved Joel, leslie said:

*“Together Joel and I built a solar house in the rocky soil of the Saugatuck River on Glacial Moraine in the Weston Connecticut Woods. We were flower children. We didn't want to tear down trees so we built vertically among them. From the parking lot we built a 102 ft bridge which went into the second floor of our home. Our pool had a black lining. We changed plans for a balcony, hammered shut our “door to nowhere” and had many fun parties and intimate times there.*

*Joel and I loved sailing in the Caribbean where we learned to scuba dive. That was a true joy, and continues to inspire my dreams!*

*Joel’s decent into Parkinson’s took 15 mysterious years and I loved and missed all aspects of him.”*

leslie is survived by her sister Raleigh Orth (Don), her three nephews and their families, and by her brother Dana Shreve (Lynn). She is ever grateful for her amazing and loving Family. And at the end of her life leslie lived in NYC with a view to the West and of her several betta fish.

This is leslie’s closing message: *“So, to you friends... I wish each of you to notice the magic in your life...I send you love.”*

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