



Paintings by Hannelore Schulz

Hannelore Schulz ... shares her past through visual arts.



Shadow Oaks is both fortunate and blessed to have such a wide range of talented and interesting residents. One such resident, Ms. Hannelore Schulz, resides in our Memory Care Unit. Her life has been abundant with adventure! She lived in Johannesburg, South Africa for more than 40 years in a picturesque suburb called Rivonia. During the Apartheid era, Nelson Mandela held secret meetings at a nearby farm.

She moved to Johannesburg from Germany with her late husband who died from a heart attack at the age of 52. After his death, Hannelore never remarried and lived an independent life. She often traveled with friends and family to various parts of the world. Her favorite place of all was the African bush at a place called Ingwelala where she owned a bungalow. Here she would drive an open 4x4 Land Rover and spend time viewing the animals for which Africa is famous, including lions, leopards, elephants, buffaloes, rhinos, giraffes, and zebras to name just a few.

While living in Africa, she also learned to paint, and since she had a background as a technical draftswoman, she had a particular skill for it. Her specialty was oil painting, and as the above photographs show, she painted a variety of subjects including still life, buildings, people, and animals. Her paintings are elegant and rich with colors. Her attention to detail is magnificent!

Unfortunately, she stopped painting when “the walls were full”, and no amount of cajoling from her family could make her pick up a paintbrush again! Hannelore’s other hobbies included reading, yoga and horse riding.

She moved to the USA from South Africa in 2009 to be closer to her daughters, Caroline and Vanessa, who live in Aiken, SC and Bend, OR, respectively.