

Second Generation: Shari Glauser



Shari Herman Glauser is the youngest daughter of Kurt and Rosalyn Herman. Kurt was a Holocaust survivor who came to America on a Kindertransport in 1939. He was one of 50 children brought on the trip, which was sponsored by Brith Sholom. He went to the Brith Sholom camp in Collegetown, Pennsylvania, before moving to a foster home in Allentown. Within two years, his parents were able to join him.

The family settled in Allentown and became American citizens. As an older adult Kurt gave speeches about his Holocaust experience, became the President of Brith Sholom and a member of the board of the Holocaust Awareness Museum. Kurt and Rosalyn had three daughters: Gayle, Elise and Shari. They lived in Northeast Philadelphia.

Shari attended Penn State University and earned a degree in Special Education. She taught in the School District of Philadelphia and managed the special education department at her school before retiring in 2017. She is currently working part-time with special needs preschool students as a Special Instructor and works as a Special Education Advocate.

Shari married Gary Glauser in 1988 and together they have two sons, Jeffrey and Gregory. She is Gigi to her three grandchildren: Kyler, Araceli and Sofia. When Kurt passed away, in 2014, Shari joined the board of the museum with two goals: to share his story and to assist, encourage and support second generation family members in telling their stories.



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