

Arvella, who also sought damages for her work for the Crystal Cathedral Ministries and its *Hour of Power* television broadcast.

The minister's daughter, Carol Milner, called the judge's ruling a "travesty" and claimed that it left her parents with no option but to "start liquidating everything."

While the Schullers may regard the court decision as a reversal of fortune, not all share that same opinion. Because of the Schullers' lawsuit, creditors of the Crystal Cathedral church and ministry, who were owed millions of dollars, were delayed payments. With the judge's ruling, it gave a green light to allow the church's creditors to finally receive the money they were owed. Most have waited years for payment.

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END-TIME HANDMAIDENS FOUNDER DIES

Gwendolyn Ruth Shaw, founder and president of End-Time Handmaidens and Servants International, died Sunday, Jan. 13. She was 88.

Shaw was born Gwendolyn Bergman in Canada in 1924. She was raised in a Mennonite family and claimed a conversion to Christianity at age 17. In 1943, she met and married her first husband, Dave Schmidt, and in 1947 the couple became missionaries to China. After

more than 25 years of marriage and nearly a decade of separation, the couple divorced.

In the early 1970s, Schmidt met Lt. Col. James Shaw, a retired Air Force officer. Schmidt told Shaw that, "The Lord has told me that I can marry you." In 1975, the couple and their organization moved to Jasper, Ark.

With doctrinal ambiguity and theological aberrations, Shaw and her End-Time Handmaidens easily mobilized within and gleaned from various extremes of Pentecostal and Charismatic teachings. The organization stressed the importance of ongoing and personal revelation.

During a Benny Hinn crusade held August 2003 in Berlin, Germany, Hinn invited Shaw to the platform to pray for revival to come to Germany. Shaw told Hinn and his audience, "It will begin here, it will begin here." When Hinn inquired, "Are you prophesying now, that the revival will begin in Berlin?" Shaw replied, "I am speaking it by the Holy Spirit. ... The Lord said that the revival would begin with this crusade. ... Pastor Benny, you got no idea how important it is that you're here."

Thousands of Handmaidens and Servants gather annually at the group's World Conventions, which were first held in 1976. Followers are coerced into attending the gatherings and are told that those missing the convention may have lost their "first love" and have "grieved the Holy Spirit by not accepting His invitation."

Shaw wrote more than 50 books. Her second husband, James, died in 2007.

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PERSONAL FREEDOM OUTREACH — STATEMENT OF BELIEF

- I. THE BIBLE AS THE DIVINELY INSPIRED, INERRANT WORD OF GOD: IT IS IN ITS ENTIRETY THE SOLE AUTHORITY FOR ALL MATTERS OF CHRISTIAN BELIEF AND PRACTICE.
- II. THE ONE TRUE GOD. IN THE ONE TRUE GOD THERE EXIST THREE PERSONS, BEING: THE FATHER, THE SON JESUS CHRIST, AND THE HOLY SPIRIT.
- III. JESUS CHRIST: HIS DEITY, HUMANITY, VIRGIN BIRTH, SINLESSNESS, DEATH AND BODILY RESURRECTION; WHO WILL PERSONALLY AND VISIBLY RETURN AGAIN TO EARTH.
- IV. THE PERSONALITY AND DEITY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.
- V. THE EXISTENCE AND PERSONALITY OF SATAN, HIS TOTAL OPPOSITION TO GOD, AND HIS POWER OVER THE UNREGENERATE.
- VI. THE COMPLETE AND TOTAL DEPRAVITY OF ALL MEN WHICH MAKES THEM HOPELESSLY LOST WITHOUT THE NEW BIRTH OBTAINABLE THROUGH FAITH IN JESUS CHRIST.
- VII. THE FINAL ESTATE OF MAN: FOR THE SAVED, EVERLASTING LIFE IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD AND FOR THE UNSAVED, EVERLASTING PUNISHMENT BECAUSE OF THEIR UNBELIEF.
- VIII. THE GOSPEL BY WHICH WE ARE SAVED BEING SUMMED IN THE DEATH, BURIAL AND RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST.
- IX. THE CHURCH BEING THE BODY OF CHRIST, UNITED IN THE HOLY SPIRIT, CONSISTING OF THOSE WHO HAVE RECEIVED JESUS CHRIST AS SAVIOR. A LOCAL CHURCH IS AN ORGANIZED ASSEMBLY OF BELIEVERS UNITED FOR THE PURPOSE OF CARRYING OUT THE GREAT COMMISSION OF CHRIST.
- X. THE GREAT COMMISSION OF CHRIST BEING TO PREACH THE GOSPEL TO ALL MEN, BAPTIZING AND DISCIPLING THOSE WHO HAVE BELIEVED.