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## “Nudies” Filmmaker Doris Wishman Dies

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Miami Herald

**D**oris Wishman, a prolific filmmaker, died of cancer August 10. She was 90.

The longtime Miami-area resident made more than 30 camp films, which often centered on the sexual exploits of women.

Wishman was editing a film until she became ill three weeks earlier, said her niece, Judy Kushner. *Each Time I Kill*, a 90-minute psychological thriller shot in Miami, will be released in about six months.

“She worked to the end,” Kushner said. “She was a vibrant, incredible woman.”

Wishman abandoned her dream of becoming a Hollywood actress to make movies. Her first film, *Hideout in the Sun*, was shot in 1960 in South Dade County around the old Miami Serpentarium.

Wishman, who admitted she didn’t like many of her films, was one of the pioneers of “nudies.” The genre was born from a New York court ruling that permitted naked characters in films if they were in a nudist camp. Known as the “Queen of Exploitation Cinema,” the self-taught Wishman started making movies in the 1960s. Her films included *Diary of a Nudist*, filmed at Lake Como Nudist Club in Lutz (Pasco County) Florida just north of Tampa.

Movie posters and images from Doris Wishman films.



Doris Wishman





What sets her nudies apart? They feature a plot to go along with the flesh – *Hideout in the Sun* is about bank robbers who take a pretty girl hostage.

After her filmmaking career went bust in the 1980s, she moved to Coral Gables with her sister, Pearl Kushner. Wishman was a regular at the Miracle Mile Barnes & Noble bookstore.

Her cult status was reaffirmed when she debuted a film earlier this year at the Miami Film Festival, her first release in 15 years. *Satan Was a Lady* was not a big budget – it was made for \$100,000.

But it whet the appetite of fans who had enjoyed Wishman flicks such as *The Sex Perils of Paulette*, *Another Day*, *Another Man* and *Bad Girls go to Hell*.

Those same fans posted messages of remembrance on her website, *DorisWishman.com*. A Los Angeles producer was finishing a film about her life. Her manager, a Brown University professor, is writing her biography. ✨