



Mrs. Suzanne Rhodes Bogardus

February 4, 1942 - January 7, 2026

It is with deep sorrow that the Bogardus family announces the death of Mrs. Suzanne Bogardus, 83.

Mrs. Bogardus entered into rest on Wednesday, January 7, 2026. The Directors of Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home & Crematory are caring for the family.

A funeral service to honor her life will be held at 2 o'clock on Friday, January 9, 2026, in The Chapel of Brown-Pennongton-Atkins Funeral Home, with The Rev. Todd Davis officiating. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service. A graveside funeral service at Roselawn Memorial Gardens in Meadville, PA, will be announced. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in her honor to the charity of one's choice.

Mrs. Bogardus was born on Wednesday, February 4, 1942, in Meadville, PA. She is the daughter of the late Robert M. "Red" Rhodes and the late Mildred Brutcher Rhodes.

Suzanne was a graduate of Meadville High School, Class of 1961, and worked for Talon, Inc. in Meadville before serving as Secretary at Stone Methodist Church. On October 12, 1963, she married Bruce L. Bogardus, with whom she shared a loving and devoted marriage.

Suzanne lived in Meadville, Pennsylvania; Stanley, North Carolina; and Hartsville, South Carolina. She was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother who found her greatest joy in supporting her family — especially her grandchildren, whose activities she followed faithfully, regardless of distance. She enjoyed cooking, sewing, reading, and traveling. Despite significant hearing loss following a stroke in 2018, Suzanne continued to explore the world and remained engaged in life.

In her early years, she was actively involved with St. Luke Church, serving in many capacities and later participating through online services. Suzanne was known for her kindness, thoughtfulness, and unwavering belief in the good in people. She will be remembered for her gentle spirit, her handwritten cards, and her enduring love for family and friends.

She is survived by her husband, Bruce Bogardus; her daughters, Lynne Bogardus Welch (Rex) of Franklin, Tennessee, and Laurie Bogardus Melton (Bill) of Stanley, North Carolina; her grandchildren, Jacob Melton (Abby), Kathleen Melton Furr (Alex), Robert Harrison Welch, and James Tanner Welch; and her great-granddaughter, Eloise Furr.

Along with her parents, she is preceded in death by her sister, Nancy Rhodes.

Cemetery Details

Roselawn Memorial Gardens

17045 Conneaut Lake Rd
Meadville, PA 16335

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 9. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

The Chapel of Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home
306 W. Home Avenue
Hartsville, SC 29550

Funeral Service

JAN 9. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Brown - Pennington - Atkins Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Suzanne Rhodes Bogardus*



Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home - January 08 at 11:45 AM

CD

So sorry to hear about Sue. She was such a sweet lady. Bruce and family I will keep you in my prayers.

Cathy Davis - January 08 at 05:59 PM

WM

“ *So sorry for your loss. I used to wait on Mrs. Bogardus at the bank. She always had a smile.*



Wanda Moore - January 08 at 01:17 PM

CG

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with the family. My mom and Sue were great friends.*



Connee Gamble Grantham - January 08 at 01:07 PM



“ 46 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home - January 08 at 11:41 AM



“ *Bruce and family, Bill and I are so sorry and extend our deepest sympathy. We enjoyed getting to know Sue at St Luke; she was a very fine lady.*



Peggy Query - January 08 at 10:50 AM



“ *So sorry for your loss. Sue will live on in the hearts of all who loved her. May your loving memories bring you peace and comfort.*

Joy Bogardus Fisher - January 08 at 10:32 AM



“ *Bruce, Lynne and Laurie
We were sorry to learn of Sue's passing. I went to school with her and we were in Stone Church Youth Group together.
Charlotte (Abell) and Dick Kightlinger*

Charlotte (Abell) Dick Kightlinger - January 08 at 09:24 AM

SK

“ As you grieve the loss of Sue; please know that you all are in my prayers. Sweet, gentle, but strong Sue was always there for me whenever I needed her support, especially during our Hillcrest years when we were raising young children
That friendship lasted for all these years and I so value those memories May you all find peace in knowing that her spirit will always be with you. Sidney Knapp

Sidney Knapp - January 08 at 07:56 AM



“ Mary Beth Carter Bennett lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Suzanne Rhodes Bogardus



Mary Beth Carter Bennett - January 08 at 07:23 AM

NK

“ I am sorry to hear of Sue 's passing. We were friends in High school. You have my deepest condolences.

Nancy Kuhns-Trucks - January 07 at 05:15 PM

JW

“ Judith W. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Mrs. Suzanne Rhodes Bogardus.



Judith W. - January 07 at 05:06 PM