



## Suzanne M. Abendroth

January 19, 1932 - July 5, 2019

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Suzanne Marie Abendroth, 87, passed away on Friday, July 5, 2019, at Milestone Senior Living in Woodruff, Wisconsin. She was born on January 19, 1932, in Oak Park, Illinois, the younger of two daughters of Charles and Florence (Holing) Jonak.

Suzanne and her sister Barbara spent part of their youth in Odgensburg, Wisconsin, with their aunt Alice where Suzanne exercised her love of animals, bringing home strays and riding horses. Once the effects of the Great Depression had eased, Suzanne and Barbara returned home to the Chicago area where Suzanne graduated from Austin High School in 1949. She attended Lake Forest College after graduation where she began a lifelong friendship with her roommate, Marie Abendroth.

Visiting Marie's family home in Rhinelander, Sue met Marie's big brother Carl. On June 16, 1951, Suzanne and Carl were married. Shortly after their wedding, Carl and Suzanne moved to Washington, DC, for a year and then settled in Reed City, Michigan, where all three of their children were born.

During Carl's 40-year career in the hardwood flooring business and after retirement, Carl and Suzanne travelled all over the world and settled in

several locations, including White Lake WI, Memphis TN, Crystal Falls MI, Singapore, Scottsdale AZ, Wausau WI, Fredericksburg TX, Hilton Head SC, Manitowish Waters WI, Eagle River WI, Sayner WI, and Woodruff. They moved into Milestone Senior Living when it opened in early 2013.

Friends and family will long remember Suzanne's graciousness, compassion, and easy conversation, and admire the mutual love and respect evident in the presence of Sue and Carl.

Suzanne was a member of Peace Lutheran Church in Arbor Vitae and formerly Trinity Lutheran Church in Boulder Junction. She was active for many years as a volunteer in eldercare and hospice. Over the years, she completed many art projects — including a full wall mural in their home in White Lake. She instilled her love of jigsaw puzzles in both her daughters.

Survivors include son Tom (Cherie) Abendroth of Arbor Vitae, two daughters Debra Stephenson of Sayner and Barbra Guerra of Woodruff, five grandchildren, two great-children, two nieces, Michele Pompe of Poulsbo, Washington, and Terri Lara of Lombard, Illinois, a brother-in-law John (Anne) Abendroth of San Diego, and a sister-in-law Marie Winter of Deerfield Beach, Florida. She was preceded in death by her husband, sister, and one granddaughter.

A memorial service will be held on Sunday, August 4, at 1:30 p.m. at Peace Lutheran Church in Arbor Vitae with a Gathering of Friends & Family at noon. Refreshments will be served. Burial will take place at a later date in the Park Cemetery in Ogdensburg. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Peace Lutheran Church or Ministry Hospice.

# Cemetery Details

## Park Cemetery

Ogdensburg, WI

# Previous Events

## Memorial Gathering

AUG 4. 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM (CT)

Peace Lutheran Church  
Arbor Vitae, WI 54568

## Memorial Service

AUG 4. 1:30 PM (CT)

Peace Lutheran Church  
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# Tribute Wall



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Suzanne M. Abendroth.



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“ Sue's picture is lovely. Sue was always a true friend. She was fun to have around with a song in her heart. I hope to see her again. Love Marie, sister-in-law and college room-mate.

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Marie B. Winter - July 13, 2019 at 04:44 PM



“ To other friends and relatives of our sister in Christ. Trinity church nursing home outreach shared the gospel message with Suzanne for over a year by providing a DVD service at Milestone. As often as she could attend, I held the music and prayers for her to follow. From Ephesians 2 v8-9 a heavenly reunion is in store: "Indeed, it is by grace you have been saved, through faith -- and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God -- not by works, so that no one can boast." (EHV)

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Diane Reinemann - July 10, 2019 at 09:54 AM