



## Sue Ella Meadows

January 22, 1942 - January 30, 2022

Sue Ella Cunningham Meadows, beloved wife, mother, sister, grandmother, aunt, and friend, passed away peacefully at home in Easton, Sunday, January 30, 2022.

Born in Cowen, West Virginia, January 1942, she lived her earliest years in that pastoral hill community where generations of her family had worked in the timber industry. Her own parents, Ralph and Ella Ruth Wilkins Cunningham, were educators – and in 1949, they moved to the college town of Athens, West Virginia, where Ralph took up his life’s calling as a Professor of Education at Concord College. Sue Ella grew up on Faculty Hill in Athens, where she met her lifelong pal, Gay Lew Wooddell, daughter of the college football coach. Inseparable throughout the rest of their days, Gay Lew and Sue Ella spent their childhood walking to and from school, stopping at Ball’s General Store for treats, visiting with their fathers and their students on the campus, and attending church each Sunday at the white-clapboard Methodist church on the hill.

An accomplished student and pianist, following her Spring recital at age 15, Sue Ella was introduced to James (Jim) O. Meadows Jr. by Gay Lew and her boyfriend (Roger Hutchison), Jim’s cousin. The son of a local business leader, Jim was already well on his way to becoming a commercial pilot. Sue Ella hitched her wagon to his star and didn’t waste a minute getting on with

becoming his wife.

She graduated Valedictorian of her high school class, graduated from Concord College with a B.S. in Education in three years – and married Jim in 1961.

The following years were defined by their combined efforts in support of Jim's career – first with the Air Force then with United Airlines. Their address changed many times over the early years – Waco, Texas, Charleston, South Carolina, Amissville, Virginia, and Reston, Virginia – until 1976, when she and Jim bought their home on Glebe Creek in Easton, Maryland. Her gracious hospitality and fine cooking drew decades of family and friends down their long lane where Sue Ella served up delicious meals, especially her Chicken Divan, along with tableside laughs and memories.

As her three children grew older, Sue Ella returned to teaching, and in 1990 earned her Master's Degree in Special Education from Johns Hopkins University. She absolutely loved intellectual pursuits and learning – and passionately pursued photography, homeopathy, and her faith. She was blessed to be joined in these pursuits by many talented and inspiring women – whose fellowship was a guiding light in her life.

She married that pilot fella in no small part to be able to travel – and travel she did. Over the years she got to spots across the globe – from New Zealand and the French Riviera to Europe, the UK, and Hawaii. She was particularly fond of German Gluhwein and returned to Munich's Christmas market many times.

But of all the many loves she had in this world, none surpassed that she had for her grandchildren, whom she cared for, loved, taught, shepherded, taxied, and cheered on – from their first breath until her last.

She will be celebrated and missed by those she leaves behind, who draw

great comfort from the ease of her passing and knowing that hers was a life well-lived. She is survived by her husband of 60 years, daughter Suzanne and husband Michael Hogan, daughter Mary Anne and partner Sherry Jennings-Barsamian, son James (Jay) O. Meadows III and wife Megan, her grandchildren Emily and Conor Hogan, Tyler Meadows, Paul Barsamian and chosen grandson Ian Schools, her sister Carolyn, brother David, nieces Betsy Bailey, Ginny Cunningham Sidebottom, Sarah Hogencamp, and Anna Walton and nephews James and John McCrone.

A celebration of life ceremony will be held at a future date in the Spring.

# Tribute Wall



“ Sue Ella Meadows

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ Sue Ella Meadows

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ Sue Ella Meadows

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ Sue Ella was always so gracious to share her kindness and love! It was a blessing for us to be part of her Church family and she will be missed so very much. Our thoughts and prayers are with Jim and the family. Our Deepest Condolences, Ben & Santy Gibson



Ben & Santy Gibson - February 11, 2022 at 02:38 PM



“ I admired Sue Ella so much in particular her intellectual curiosity, her kindness. And her willingness to laugh. I am grateful for the adventures of body, mind and spirit that we shared. Rest in peace, dear friend.

Linda Mastro - February 06, 2022 at 01:07 PM

PF

“ So very sorry to learn of Sue Ella's passing - such a fine person. My thoughts and prayers are with Jim and the family.



Phil Foster - February 06, 2022 at 04:37 AM

ML

“ I have such fond memories of your mom - she was a kind and wonderful person. I'm thinking of you all and wishing you peace and comfort.  
- Marci Suman Leach



Marci Leach - February 02, 2022 at 08:15 PM

JE

“ Jeanne Everngam lit a candle in memory of Sue Ella Meadows



Jeanne Everngam - February 02, 2022 at 12:23 PM

TM

“ So blessed to call Sue Ella a friend....she was a loving, gifted, inspirational Christian who was so loved and will be missed. Her spirit and legacy live on. Terry & Barbara Mullikin

Terry & Barbara Mullikin - February 01, 2022 at 05:26 PM

KG

*Sue Ella Meadows was a great role model and Person for me growing up. She always took an interest in others outside of herself. Kent Gibson*

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**Kent Gibson** - February 06, 2022 at 06:45 PM

AL

*I always enjoyed being around Sue Ella!  
She was an inspiration and joy to know!!  
Blessings and love to her family!*

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**Aurelia Luton** - February 07, 2022 at 09:24 AM