

Marilyn McElwee Bogle

August 12, 1931 ~ January 23, 2020 (age 88)

Obituary

Marilyn McElwee Bogle passed away peacefully in her home January 23, 2020. She was born August 12, 1931, the daughter of Franklin Scarborough and Christine Lucille McElwee in Augusta, Arkansas.

She grew up in Augusta and graduated from Laura Connor High School in 1948. Soon after she met her future husband Robert L. (Bob) Bogle who upon graduation from the University of Arkansas had taken a position as County Inspector in the Woodruff County Health Department. The secretary assigned to him was Christine McElwee, Marilyn's mother. After meeting Bob, needless to say she came up with numerous excuses to visit her mother at the office. They married in the First Baptist Church of Augusta on September 3, 1950 and left the next day for Chapel Hill, North Carolina for a year while Bob studied for and received his master's degree. Upon Bob's graduation in 1951, a job opening as County Inspector became available in Benton County and they moved to Bentonville. They arrived October 8, 1951, and on October 15, 1951, they joined the First Baptist Church of Bentonville where they remained members for the next 69 years.

While raising her family she served as a Girl Scout leader of Troop 150 for eleven years, a member of the Bentonville PTA and a Sunday School teacher. Other activities included membership in the Bentonville Garden Club, the James Bright Chapter of DAR, and committee member for the Arkansas Governor's Mansion.

Marilyn helped to develop the beautiful neighborhood around her by remodeling the surrounding houses, and along with Bob, created the picturesque Bogle Park which quickly became a favorite location for photographs, especially at prom time.

She was awarded the Arthur "Rabbit" Dickerson Pioneer Award by the Bentonville-Bella Vista Chamber of Commerce, and the Peel Museum Founders Day Award. Other recognitions include induction into the U of A Sports Hall of Honor for her loyal support, and the "Outstanding Friends" award by the U of A Horticulture Department.

She and Bob were instrumental in the restoration of the Bentonville Train Station Depot and adjoining park.

On one of their first dates Bob took Marilyn to a Razorback football game in Little Rock which began a lifelong passion for following the Razorbacks. Over the years attending Razorback games and events became a family affair. Marilyn became especially interested in the U of A women's sports and especially softball, basketball, and gymnastics. With their love for the University of Arkansas they endowed several academic and sports scholarships as well as contributing to many building projects on campus. She also served on Committee for the 21st Century, and the Red Tie Dinner committee.

After Bob's retirement from Walmart, they enjoyed traveling throughout the world. They loved visiting gardens and bringing home new plants to their garden.

Numerous areas around Bentonville reflect their landscaping contributions. One of their most memorable trips celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary which took them around the world traveling on the Air France Concord.

Marilyn always enjoyed planning parties and opening her home for numerous events as well as celebrating holidays with the Jefferson Street neighbors in Bogle Park.

She supported numerous charitable causes and organizations including the Walton Arts Center, SoNA, AR Care, the NWA Children's Shelter, the Bentonville Public Schools, and the Bentonville Public Library.

She will always be remembered for her deep love of her family, community, and friends, and her generous giving of time and resources.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Franklin Scarborough and Christine McElwee.

She is survived by her husband of 69 years, Robert L. Bogle of Bentonville; her children, son, David Bogle and wife, Tina from Bentonville, daughters, Becky Alexander and husband, Bob of Rogers, and Ann McKenzie and husband, Jim of Bentonville; three grandsons, Ben Bogle and wife, Sara of Destin, Florida, Marshall and Sam McKenzie of Bentonville; a granddaughter, Erin Easley and husband, Jason and their children, Lukas, Brittany, and Halie from Gravette, Arkansas; sister, Frances Scott and husband, Charley; sister-in-law, Wilma Bogle of Grove, OK and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral Services will be held at 1:00p.m., Tuesday, January 28, 2020 at First Baptist Church in Bentonville. Visitation will be held from 11:00a.m., until service time.

A private burial will follow the ceremony.

In lieu of flowers, memorials in her honor may be made to the Northwest Arkansas Children's Shelter, the Helen Walton Children's Enrichment Center, or AR Care of Augusta, Arkansas.