



## Sarah Suzanne Barnes Turner

March 30, 1945 - February 19, 2024

Sarah Suzanne Barnes Turner went to her heavenly home on February 19, 2024 following a long brave fight with complications from abdominal surgery. She was born March 30, 1945 in Salisbury to the late James Dewey Barnes, Sr. and Ruby Bivins Barnes. Suzanne was a proud member and valedictorian of the NRHS Class of 1963. She retired in 1994 after a career in childcare. Parents often ascertained that she was planning to continue before they planned another child.

She was a longtime member of First Baptist Church of Salisbury and Sojourners Sunday School Class.

Suzanne was a giver and a gift to all who met her. She never met a stranger and was quick to offer a compliment to whomever she met and to learn their name, which she would remember. She made everyone she met feel special. She was proud to share that God had given her the gift of gab. She always placed others first and was a faithful friend to all. She loved spending time with her children and grandchildren. Suzanne was an avid reader of mysteries and loved working jigsaw puzzles.

Along with her parents, she was preceded in death by her brother, James Dewey Barnes, Jr.

Suzanne is survived by her high school sweetheart and husband of 60+ years, Larry Ward Turner, whom she married June 2, 1963. She is also survived by daughter Jenna Turner Fry (Charles) of Salisbury; son, Jon Ethan Turner (Marsha) of Pittsburgh, PA; grandchildren Caitlyn Fry McGee (Chris) of

Charleston, SC, Caroline Fry van der Poel (Scott) of Gastonia; Charles Addison Fry (fiancé, Justyn) of Washington, DC; Lauren Hailey Turner and Lindsey Morgan Turner of Pittsburgh; and great-granddaughter Annie Shay McGee of Charleston. She also was anxiously awaiting the March arrival of baby van der Poel.

The family will receive friends from 6-8 PM Thursday (Feb 22) at Summersett Funeral Home.

The funeral service will be held at 1 PM Friday (Feb 23) at First Baptist Church, officiated by Rev. Kenneth Lance & Rev. Brian Farmer. Burial will follow at Rowan Memorial Park.

Summersett Funeral Home is serving the Turner family. Online condolences may be made at [www.summersettfuneralhome.com](http://www.summersettfuneralhome.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Rowan Memorial Park

4125 Franklin Comm Center Rd  
Salisbury, NC 28144  
(704) 636-8751

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB **22**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Summersett Funeral Home  
1315 W. Innes St.  
Salisbury, NC 28144  
(704) 633-2111  
<https://www.summersettfuneralhome.com>

## Funeral Service

FEB **23**. 1:00 PM (ET)

First Baptist Church Salisbury  
223 N. Fulton St.  
Salisbury, NC 28144

# Tribute Wall



“ *Summersett Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Sarah Suzanne Barnes Turner*



**Summersett Funeral Home and Cremation Center** - February 22, 2024 at 12:19 PM

NJ

*Suzanne was described perfectly in her obituary! She was a rare gem, to be sure! She always had a smile and a good word for everyone. She will surely be missed by everyone! Prayers for you and your family, Larry, for peace and comfort throughout this difficult time. My love to you all!*

*Nancy Jarrell*



**Nancy Jarrell** - February 27, 2024 at 10:53 AM

DA

“ *Suzy was a wonderful friend at NRHS and in Sunday school at First Baptist. She was kind to all she knew. I was blessed to be a distant cousin. May the Holy Spirit bless her husband and children. You are free of pain and have a heavenly home now. Love. Donna Barnes Arey*

**Donna Barnes Arey** - March 03, 2024 at 05:59 PM

DA

“ Donna Arey lit a candle in memory of Sarah Suzanne Turner



Donna Barnes Arey - March 03, 2024 at 05:24 PM

DA

“ Suzy was a wonderful friend in school & church. Prayers for the families and friends. We had been in the same Sunday school class. May the Holy Spirit comfort the families. She was a Christian, distant cousin, friend in school.



I'm thankful to have known her. She is at peace & free of pain. Loving thoughts & prayers for the families,  
Donna Barnes Arey

Donna Barnes Arey - March 01, 2024 at 05:44 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Sarah Suzanne Barnes Turner.



February 22, 2024 at 09:46 AM

KF

“ Kerry and Heather Dyer & family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sarah Suzanne Barnes Turner.

Kerry and Heather Dyer & family - February 22, 2024 at 09:46 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Sarah Suzanne Barnes Turner.



February 22, 2024 at 08:57 AM



“ Your Girtys Run Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sarah Suzanne Barnes Turner.

**Your Girtys Run Family** - February 22, 2024 at 08:57 AM



“ The Miller Family purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Sarah Suzanne Barnes Turner.



**The Miller Family** - February 22, 2024 at 08:33 AM



“ *Serene Retreat* was purchased for the family of Sarah Suzanne Barnes Turner.



February 21, 2024 at 09:21 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Sarah Suzanne Barnes Turner.



February 21, 2024 at 07:56 PM



“ Whitehouse and Berarducci Families planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sarah Suzanne Barnes Turner.

**Whitehouse and Berarducci Families** - February 21, 2024 at 07:56 PM



“ The DiMaria, Homer, and Murray families purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Sarah Suzanne Barnes Turner.



**The DiMaria, Homer, and Murray families** - February 21, 2024 at 06:52 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Sarah Suzanne Barnes Turner.



February 21, 2024 at 04:48 PM

UA

“ UPMC AIPPS planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sarah Suzanne Barnes Turner.

UPMC AIPPS - February 21, 2024 at 04:48 PM

BP

“ Larry, I always was glad to see you both at the Yadkin Reunions. May God comfort you and family in this time of sorrow. Bill Poole

Bill Poole - February 21, 2024 at 03:08 PM

RC

“ Risen Church purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Sarah Suzanne Barnes Turner.



Risen Church - February 21, 2024 at 10:54 AM

RC

“ Risen Church planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sarah Suzanne Barnes Turner.

Risen Church - February 21, 2024 at 10:54 AM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Sarah Suzanne Barnes Turner.



February 21, 2024 at 10:16 AM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Sarah Suzanne Barnes Turner.*



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February 21, 2024 at 07:52 AM



“ *Jack and Sandy planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sarah Suzanne Barnes Turner.*

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**Jack and Sandy** - February 21, 2024 at 07:52 AM



“ *Suzanne was a shining light in our neighborhood! The world is a lesser place without her. Her wonderful smile and outgoing personality and her spunk will be dearly missed. Just a chat with her could brighten anyone's day. Suzannes memory will be a bright star in all of our lives. It was a great honor to be her neighbor and she will never be forgotten. May she enjoy eternal peace along the side of her creator!*

*The Demitraszek Family*

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**John J Demitraszek Jr** - February 20, 2024 at 10:24 PM

JD

“ Our wonderful neighborhood and the world is a lesser place without Suzanne. Her amazing energy, beautiful smile and friendly way will be missed. Suzannes warm and friendly personality could bring light to whatever the day was like. She was a ray of sunshine no matter how cloudy it was. We will miss everything she brought to this neighborhood. May she enjoy eternal peace at her creators side.

*The Demitraszek Family*

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**John Demitraszek** - February 20, 2024 at 10:09 PM



“ Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Sarah Suzanne Barnes Turner.



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February 20, 2024 at 07:22 PM

TN

“ The Nielsen's purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Sarah Suzanne Barnes Turner.



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**The Nielsen's** - February 20, 2024 at 06:32 PM

TN

“ The Nielsen's planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sarah Suzanne Barnes Turner.

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**The Nielsen's** - February 20, 2024 at 06:32 PM

JB

“ My sweet Suzanne. I've prayed for you for a long time now and my church has. But God had other plans. After the day we spent together talking about everything I didn't want to leave you. You're so amazing loving and kind. I know you're now in a better place, no more suffering. Please tell my Freddie I'm still missing him. Well, until we meet again, I love you Suzie.

Jane Bailey - February 20, 2024 at 04:57 PM

CM

“ Suzy and I worked together at TenderCare many years ago and I'm so glad I got to know her there! She showed me how to be kind to everyone, no matter who they were! She was a shining light for all who knew her! Her smile, her laugh and her warm nature will never be forgotten! Thank you Suzy for being so wonderful! Continue to watch over us here on earth! You will be missed!

Love,  
Catherine McNulty



Catherine McNulty - February 20, 2024 at 03:00 PM

DA

Suzanne Turner was a special friend who loved the Lord, families & friends. She was blessed to have a Christian husband Larry. Their witness was shown with smiles of friendly hello's and hugs. Suzy was a school friend & we shared a Sunday school class. She was a thoughtful friend and distant cousin. Prayers for the families and friends who were touched by "Sweet Suzy". The family pictures shared are wonderful. She was a sweetheart, a Christian lady, a giver of joyful talks and much more. I know she's at peace in heaven. Love, Donna Barnes Arey

Donna Barnes Arey - March 01, 2024 at 06:46 PM

TF

“ *The Sasek Family purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Sarah Suzanne Barnes Turner.*



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**The Sasek Family** - February 20, 2024 at 02:02 PM

RM

“ *Rodney & Marie purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Sarah Suzanne Barnes Turner.*



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**Rodney & Marie** - February 20, 2024 at 01:52 PM