



## Suzanne Bouchard

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Suzanne Bouchard, a prominent member of the Société Française de St. Louis, St. Louis Art Museum, and Missouri Botanical Garden, died May 15, 2026, at her home in Clayton, MO, following a long battle with cancer.

Ms. Bouchard, 81, was born in St. Louis, the daughter of Christine and George Eichelbouch. She graduated from Mount St. Mary's College in California with a degree in social work and worked for the Los Angeles County Commission on Human Relations. In 1970, she married Lee Bouchard; they were happily married for 47 years until his death in 2017. They moved to a home in Hibbing, MO, in 1979 to care for her parents. She cared for them and, later, for her aunt Jean Leblanc until her death.

The Bouchards were active in their French County community, where they became close friends with Giuseppe Pennazetti, owner of Bella Amore restaurant, Torino. Giuseppe inspired Ms. to "take up painting" and was in St. Louis' Central West End.

Ms. Bouchard spoke French and was a long-time member, director, and event planner extraordinaire of the Société Française de St. Louis.

She is survived by her sister, Joan Keyes, of Malibu, CA; cousin Katherine Lechoud of Clayton; and her late husband's daughter, Kate Bouchard, of Ontario, Canada.

She is also survived by her many dear friends, including Kathy Donnal, James and Roland Evans, Isabelle Hebert, Ivan and Iris Pique, Marion Melton, Suzanne Sacchi, Mary Ann and Michael O'Reily, Jeffrey Senter, Ben Sidelawski, and Charlotte Stone.

Suzanne Bouchard was best known for making her friends feel like family, and treating everyone – from garage parking assistants, to window washers, to caregivers – with respect, kindness, and caring.

In lieu of flowers or toys, please donate to one of her favorite organizations: the Alliance Française de St. Louis, the Société Française de St. Louis, the St. Louis Art Museum, or a charity of your choice.