

# *Louise Suggs*



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Louise was born on September 7, 1923 to Marguerite and Johnny Suggs. She was fortunate to grow up between the first tee and the first hole of the Lithia Springs Golf Course in Lithia Springs, Georgia. The golf course was developed by her grandfather Rell J. Spiller, a wealthy concessionaire from Atlanta who was a sports enthusiast.

Louise played golf from the age of ten, learning and playing the game with her father, a former New York Yankee left-handed pitcher. Many days would find her with her father in the late afternoon playing until the course was ready to close. She and her father would take one club each and play until dark on the nine-hole course which would produce the greatest woman golf champion in the history of the LPGA.

Louise was not only the LPGA founder she was an LPGA and World Golf Hall of Fame member. She won 58 LPGA tournaments including 11 major championships. She is one of only seven women to win both the U. S. Women's Amateur and the U. S. Women's Open. She was the first player to win the LPGA Grand Slam in 1951.

She served as President of the LPGA from 1955-1957 and is the recipient of several prestigious awards. In 2000, the LPGA honored her by adding her name to the Rolex Rookie of the Year Award. That same year she and her fellow founders received both the Patty Berg and Commissioner Awards. In 2007, she was the recipient of the Bob Jones Award. The Golf Writers Association of America honored her with the William D. Richardson Award.

Louise was inducted into the Douglas County Hall of Fame on May 11, 2005.