



Linda Ward Fitzhugh

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Comments



“ My first memory of Linda was as a 6 year-old child when the Werber's visited the Wards at their beach home in Peconic. Linda came in from a sail, and she was bringing the lightning sail boat up on the beach. She had that striking blonde hair.....it was like a postcard image from a beach in California.

Linda had a great sense of humor when it came to the ups and downs of life.

On a humorous note, I will never forget Linda introducing us to Newton Smith at a party in Great Neck about 48 years ago.

I was about 16 years old, but I can't forget listening to Newton, and admiring his really unusual works of art. I remember that Charlie Ward had one of Newton's large paintings hanging over his large fireplace in the living room at the Paradise Point house.

Our family still has one of Newton's paintings.

Newton was like a comedic asteroid, and watching Linda with Newton was a riot. The 2 of them were like characters in a movie.

And I used to love hearing Linda talk about her mother and her aunt.....it was like "the Bunny and Sunny hour." (by the way, does anyone name their adult friends "Bunny" or "Sunny" anymore?)

I got to know Linda when I got older, and I always remember that she just always had this "presence" about her. She radiated this amazingly positive energy. She was just so incredibly gracious.

Linda was one of the classiest people that I have ever met.

She was so very kind and caring, and so considerate of other people at all times. She could have written her own edition of the book on proper manners and etiquette. She had such style, and was a truly graceful person.

She had a remarkable voice, and I could listen to her on the phone for hours.

I always looked forward to getting her letters, ,and I just loved to wonder at her INCREDIBLE handwriting!!

Linda and I had long conversations about how she had to spend so much time and organize and close the estates of about 9 different Ward family members after they had died. Linda became an expert. But it was never a problem, because she was just so damned organized!!

Linda visited the Werber's about 7 years ago, and she brought us original copies of the newspapers that had the story about the Apollo moon landing.....she just thought we would get a kick out of that. .

She really does come from another era....from a place in America where civility and character and honesty were the most important qualities in a person.

It is sad to see that great generation disappear from American life.

Linda was a class act all the way. I will never meet anyone like her again.

The Werbers LOVE the Wards

I know that Jan has lost a beloved aunt, but the Werber's have lost a dear friend.

My deepest condolences to Linda's family.

In Sympathy,

John Werber.....of

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(1) Peconic, NY (property purchased from Charles Ward in 1965)

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(2) 87 Beach road, Great Neck, NY(property sold by Charles Ward to my father in the 1950's)

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