



Linda M. Sheppard

December 23, 1949 - November 9, 2018

Rye Beach – Linda M. Sheppard, 68, a long-time resident of Rye Beach, NH died Friday, November 9, 2018 at Portsmouth Regional Hospital after a period of failing health.

She was born in Apopka, FL December 23, 1949 the daughter of the late Betty (Reiners) Sheppard Smith and Major Robert Smith.

Linda graduated from Portsmouth High School with the Class of 1967 and received her Associate degree from Stratford College at Danville, Virginia and attended the University of Rhode Island. She was employed by the NH Department of Employment Security for many years as a Certifying Officer. Her last employment was as Resource Center Coordinator at the Portsmouth NH Works office. Linda retired in 2004 with 25 years of service.

She has served as a Rye Beach Precinct Commissioner since 2013. Linda enjoyed gardening, crafts, jigsaw puzzles, planting thousands of daffodils, playing cribbage, and motorcycle rides.

Linda was known for her steel trap memory. She believed in hard work, perseverance, and productivity.

Linda was respected and loved, and will be missed by those who knew her. She leaves many dear friends and her best feline friend Magic.

A graveside service will be held at 11 AM on Thursday, November 15, 2018 in the Central Cemetery, Rye. Friends are respectfully invited. Arrangements are by the Remick & Gendron Funeral Home-Crematory, Hampton. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the New Hampshire SPCA (<https://www.classy.org/give/127067/#!/donation/checkout>) , PO Box 196 Stratham, NH 03885.

Previous Events

Graveside Service

NOV **15**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Central Cemetery
20 Central Road
Rye, NH

Tribute Wall



“ *Linda M. Sheppard*

September 18, 2022 at 12:49 AM



“ *Graceful Grandeur Casket Spray was purchased for the family of Linda M. Sheppard.*



November 13, 2018 at 07:27 PM



“ *We emailed on Monday and Friday you were gone. I was blessed by our friendship that lasted over 50 years. You walked me through some hard times (losing my Mom) and we shared and cared for each other throughout your illness. I won't be able to be there on Thursday but my heart certainly will be and I will carry you in my heart forever. I am so glad you planted your "last" daffodil and had a month or so to enjoy that VW Beetle. We were planning a visit around those daffodils and I promise to drive by my next visit home especially at the time they bloom to see all your years of planting come to fruition. You were brave always - well done my friend. Go with God. I will see you in a wink of an eye.*

*Love,
Cherie*

Cherie - November 13, 2018 at 11:52 AM

LT

“ Although Linda and I were cousins, we only saw each other a handful of times in our lives. After her mother passed away, Linda and I began an email correspondance.

She has been an inspiration to me during her battles with cancer, and i will miss her good natured optimism and her dedication to her community.

When her daffodils bloom in the spring, she will be smiling and at peace.

Linda Tibolla - November 12, 2018 at 03:27 PM

KM

“ Linda was a special friend, always upbeat and optimistically looking to the future.

We are so sorry that we won't hear her voice again, nor see her driving her new

VW Convertible. She definitely fought the good fight.

Thanks to all of her wonderful friends plus Magic the Cat who helped Linda these past few years.

We're sure that Linda, Betty, Bob and Patches are planning a big annual Christmas/Birthday Party in heaven. We will certainly miss her.

Leo & Kathy Montalbano, Denver, NC (formerly Rye Beach)

Kathy Montalbano - November 12, 2018 at 11:11 AM

CA

“ Linda was in contact with my mother, her Great Aunt Helen Pluess and my sister, Linda Tibolla and they would keep me informed of what was happening in her life. I hope all of you who knew and loved her, worked with her and were her friend will enjoy many happy memories of better times, laughter and warmth.

Caroline Anderson - November 11, 2018 at 11:33 PM

WW

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



WOODY WOODHULL - November 11, 2018 at 05:14 PM

WW

This picture was at my wedding on 4-23-60, American Yacht Club, Rye NY with a cast of 100s including Linda, Betty and Bob

WOODY WOODHULL - November 11, 2018 at 07:02 PM

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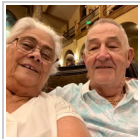
Thank you Woody. That was special. We know you played a part in her life. We have your book. Thank you for sharing!

christina cooper - November 11, 2018 at 07:46 PM

CH

I have seen that smile many times. Thank you so much for posting it and being a special part of her life. I have been to Rye, N.Y. I used to live in Greenwich after High School (Linda and I graduated together and were friends since our Freshman year.) We had a game of "war" in the pool at a graduation party. Neither one of us won that night at the Wentworth By The Sea! She did beat the socks off me at cribbage last year though. What a nice picture of you two! Thank you from my heart.

Cherie - November 13, 2018 at 01:01 PM



“ Diane Nault lit a candle in memory of Linda M. Sheppard



Diane Nault - November 11, 2018 at 04:45 PM

WW

“ I have known Linda, Betty and Bob since 1955 - Bob was my best friend in the Air Force - they are all gone now but miss Linda especially - talked with her often - they are all together again. -
Woody Woodhull

WOODY WOODHULL - November 11, 2018 at 03:08 PM

SW

Thank you Linda , Rest In Peace !

Stephen Watts - November 11, 2018 at 08:30 PM

JC

Linda and I were classmates at PHS...She had an infectious smile and a loving and warm heart...What a blessing she has been to all who have had the privilege of knowing her...May God grant you peace young lady...I am forever changed by your love!

Jim Calvert - November 12, 2018 at 08:01 AM

RC

Linda and I were friends since the Univ of Rhode Island. May her soul rest in the warmth of God's embrace and rejoin Bob and Betty in Heaven. Rick Currie.

Richard Currie - December 20, 2018 at 04:37 PM