



Suzanne Martin Woodward

April 15, 1933 - October 8, 2021

Suzanne Martin Woodward of Zuni, Virginia, passed away on October 8, 2021. She was born to Susan (Sue) Anderson Martin and Francis Conway Martin on April 15, 1933, in King and Queen County, Virginia. Her father died when she was a teenager, leaving behind Suzanne, her mother and her two sisters, Catherine and Elizabeth. Suzanne grew up in the company of remarkable women and learned early on to be strong and independent. Suzanne graduated from Madison College. She met Lawrence Hunter Woodward, Sr. while teaching in Luray, Virginia. They were married for sixty-seven years until Hunter passed in June of this year. In addition to her husband and parents, Suzanne was predeceased by her sister and brother-in-law Catherine and Charles Wagoner and her sister-in-law and brother-in-law Peggy and Wayne Woodward.

Suzanne's greatest accomplishment and joy was her family. She leaves behind her children and their spouses, Beverly Woodward Rabil (Johnnie), Lawrence H. Woodward, Jr. (Jane), James F. Woodward (Cheryl), and Martin W. Woodward (Susan). She was also the beloved "Granny" to her eleven grandchildren, John Rabil, Jr. (Christy), Susan Rabil Longley (Matt), Alexandra Woodward Paone (Patrick,) Carlyn Woodward, Nicole Woodward Fagan (Alex), James Woodward Jr., William Woodward, Jacob Woodward, Meaghan Woodward, Cathleen Woodward, and Elizabeth Woodward and her four great-grandchildren, Hunter and Hannah Longley, Fred Rabil, and Nicholas Shugars. She is also survived by her sister Elizabeth Guy and

several nieces and nephews.

Suzanne had many jobs throughout her life and her work ethic is reflected in her children and grandchildren. She was noted for her hard work but her family always came first.

Suzanne had a quick wit and loved life. She cherished celebrations at the family farm on the York River and made sure that her loved ones revered family ties and land. Many people remember Suzanne excusing herself from a conversation to go “counsel” her children but, of course, her grandchildren were perfect. She was not above donning a top hat for St. Patrick’s Day or dressing as a witch for the Walters Homemakers club. She was also a member in the Windsor Woman’s club and enjoyed their July 4th celebrations and other annual events. She was a talented cook and it is hard to believe anyone will be able to do justice to her baked apples and crab casserole. Suzanne loved Virginia and was proud to have lived there her entire life. Sadly, Alzheimer’s Disease robbed Suzanne of the last years of her life. However, it did not rob her of her kind and caring ways. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Alzheimer’s Association. There will be a gathering to celebrate her life at noon on Tuesday, October 12th at Vincent Funeral Home, 417 11th Street, West Point, Virginia. Visitation will begin at 11:00.

Mrs. Woodward's funeral will be live streamed at the following link, beginning 10 minutes before the service: <https://vimeo.com/event/824845>

Cemetery Details

Sunny Slope Cemetery

King William Avenue
West Point, VA 23181

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 12. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Vincent Funeral Home, West Point Chapel
417 11th St
West Point, VA 23181
(804) 843-2550

Service

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Tribute Wall

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“ I never got to spend a lot of time with Suzanne but the time I did spend with her is still with me. As a teenager she never talked down to me and always included me in the joke or at least made me part of it. She made me laugh and I can still see her smile and the twinkle in her eyes and whenever Woody and my father came home with great fishing stories she was the first to bring them back to reality. My father loved her and thought she was hilarious which she was. I think of her often and will continue to do so. I am thankful to have spent the time I did with her.

Scott Hager - October 11, 2021 at 01:13 PM

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My sincere & heartfelt condolences to all of you “children”at this difficult time. I know it isn’t easy to say goodbye to someone you have loved so much. I know how much she cared about all of you & how she supported each of you. Her wit was memorable for sure. My love & prayers to each one of you in the days & weeks ahead. I pray you will feel supported & strengthened by God’s presence & love! Katie Hager

Katie Hager - October 11, 2021 at 02:41 PM

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Bev, Larry, Jim and Martin I have just heard of your Mom's death and want you to know how much she was loved by the members of the Woman's Club of Windsor. We always had a little competition going, as to who had the smartest and most beautiful children and grandchildren. We used to have some pretty lengthy phone conversations and I enjoyed them all.

Mary Lee Willis - October 11, 2021 at 09:28 PM