

Virginia Ann Sturtevant (1942-2003)

We have some shared memories, memories of some good times and some difficult times. Virginia Ann Sturtevant was a significant part of our lives. She could be soft and supporting, and she could be hard and demanding. We benefitted from her counsel whichever the case. It is a sad thing when someone as committed to helping others as she was departs our realm in such a prime time of life. Virginia was a committed professional who spent much of her life in various human services and educational vocations, always supportive and understanding of human frailties. Gini, as she was known to most of us, was a down-to-earth person who was loyal to her friends, matter-of-fact, a kind and understanding mother, and a good friend. To those of us who understood her, “Ginger”, was full of a zest for life, spontaneous, mischievous, sensuous, and could be the life of the party. But it was Gina who was the most sensitive, loving, and totally supportive person one could know. All these ways of behaving, which could be brought forth as the situation demanded it, gave her a unique versatility and a breadth of capabilities that made her special to all of us. However you knew her, as Gini, Ginger, Gina, or Virginia, she gave each of us a special part of our lives and contributed to our growth. As long as we have our memories, she will remain with us. As time goes on, the empty places her departure leaves within us will be filled in with new patterns of living, but none of these patterns will ever replace what was. We will continue to cherish the memories we have.

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