

In Memory

Linda Mealey

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How does one capture a person in a single page? I don't know. Neither is the eighteen-page vita in front of me up to the task. Each of us can only say what we remember best about our friend and colleague, Linda Mealey, who brightened our lives both personally and professionally. Perhaps the collective recall of *Human Behavior and Evolution Society's* members will come close to capturing the person we will miss so much.

Linda was a true scholar who brought intelligence, energy and imagination to research in evolutionary psychology. She was quick to comment, but was always thoughtful and interested, never hasty or judgmental. She was a fine teacher, concerned with conveying concepts clearly and with presenting a balanced view. Her welcoming manner put others at ease, and was surely responsible for attracting so many students and young investigators to our discipline. She authored some important works – her 1995 article, “The Sociobiology of Sociopathy: An Integrated Evolutionary Model” and her 1999 study, “Symmetry and Perceived Facial Attractiveness: A Monozygotic Co-Twin Comparison,” are widely cited. Her 2000 textbook, *Sex Differences: Development and Evolutionary Strategies*, garnered glowing reviews. Four book chapters are currently in press.

Linda believed strongly in doing the right thing. Perhaps this is why she alone looked beyond disagreements and discord to honor the life of the late Stephen Jay Gould at the 2002 *Human Behavior and Evolution Society* meeting. Perhaps this is why she faxed copious notes and memos to colleagues when cancer prohibited her presence at the August, 2002 *International Society of Human Ethology* meeting. Linda was also a cool friend with a wonderful sense of humor. We enjoyed so many terrific times at meetings in Santa Barbara, Chicago, Davis, Salt Lake City, Amherst, London and New Brunswick.

Linda's vita is wonderfully up to date, but sadly filled with dreams deferred. Several promised presentations were not delivered and several working papers may never appear in print. But her accomplishments and her high spirit will continue to enrich and inspire us all, as well as our many colleagues to come.

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SOME OF LINDA MEALEY'S MOST INFLUENTIAL PUBLICATIONS:

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