



## *Lynn W. Day*

**1931-1999**

Lynn Weyerhaeuser was born in Chicago and raised in St. Paul, the younger of two daughters. Her parents, Vivian O'Gara and F.K. Weyerhaeuser were active in community affairs and F.K. served as president of the Weyerhaeuser Sales Company and, later, Chairman of the parent company.

At an early age she was exposed to forests and the environment as she traveled with her father on his visits to logging camps and sawmills. Lynn was a sports enthusiast, particularly horseback riding and tennis. She attended Miss Porter's School and graduated from Vassar College.

On graduation she assumed one of her early leadership roles as advance facilitator for the Eisenhower presidential campaign. Her skills in the political arena carried on a few years later, when in Detroit, she conducted a campaign for a Republican County sheriff. Although he was a lesser dignitary she worked as hard for him as she had for the president.

In 1956 she married longtime Michigan native, Stanley R. Day, a Detroit manufacturer, and settled in that state.

As she raised her children, a daughter and three sons, she worked at regional activities such as the Detroit Institute for Children, the Detroit Zoo, the Michigan Forest Association board of directors, the garden club, The Detroit Institute of Arts board of trustees, the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan board and was a founding member of The Greening of Detroit. Her out of state exception was the California based Forest History Society where she served as a member of the board, feeling a strong family connection due to her father's early association with it. The FHS stayed in her life for many years as she followed it to its final headquarters in Durham, North Carolina and served as head of development and a member of its Executive Committee.

Lynn had remarkable capacity for work, and staying with a project, into early morning hours if necessary, was done without question. She was considered a strong and valuable mentor, who would reach out to her peers as well as those younger and support them in their objectives. Looking ahead and planning for the future was natural to her and a trait that was sought after by distant organizations.

She had been a member of the boards of the World Forestry Center in Portland, the Rock Island Corporation and the Weyerhaeuser Family Foundation in St. Paul. In the early 90's she joined the Winrock International Institute for Agricultural Development, headquartered in the Little Rock area. She served as a member of its executive committee and chaired a search committee for a new president.

Maintaining her Detroit activities she worked on the Education Committee of the Detroit Symphony. Pursuing a long time interest she opened and operated an art gallery in her community. However, her great dedication was to an Upper Peninsula tree farm that she

and her family worked. This also was used as a vacation destination for skiing and hiking.

Lynn had a strong self-confidence, a sense of humor and mischief, and a ready smile. She was a strong supporter of the Weyerhaeuser family. A cousin very accurately said, "You know our family has had lots of leaders over the years, but Lynn has been its heart. She welcomed every individual in the family with a smile and an interest that was genuine. She was devoted to the family from deep in her heart. She never lead from a need to control or dominate but from a desire to see all the varied talents and abilities of family members shine through."

She is sorely missed.