

## Remembering Barbara “Babs” Davis

Our community has lost a great citizen who helped form the character of the Island. For more than five decades Babs Davis was a part of Island life. She raised her daughter Susan and her three boys, JB, Rob, & Jim, on the Island, always front and center in school activities and in their lives. She enjoyed seeing her two grandsons, J. Robert Davis and T. Shawn Davis-Banks, grow and thrive.

She found time for a host of community activities; Red Cross Blood Drives were a favorite. She raised Collies. Babs and her friend Joyce Dannels founded the Grand Island Student Ski Club. She and her husband Abe –a brilliant scientist– were founding members of the Island Presbyterian Church.

One of her former neighbors and a close friend, Judy Grady, remembers Babs as,

*“A great lady and a great friend. Tough on the outside, but soft on the inside. She was right there with me when my daughter was critically ill and I hope I was as comforting for her when we lost her Rob too soon. We skied in the winter, laughing and falling down a lot, and had great pool parties in the summer that often included her brilliant, but irascible, Abe. Sometimes we just talked for hours over a glass of sherry, well maybe two glasses. Who else would have a whelping box in the middle of their living room...only Babs. It’s that kind of friendship that lasts a lifetime. I know all those who knew her will miss her as I do; may she live on in our hearts.”*

A memorial service celebrating Babs’ extraordinary life will be held at the Island Presbyterian Church (Across Huth Road from the Huth Road School) at 11:00 AM, on Saturday, June 25<sup>th</sup>. A luncheon in the church Fellowship Hall will follow the service. All are welcome.