

Monday morning early -
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My dear Don -

Continued thoughts. -

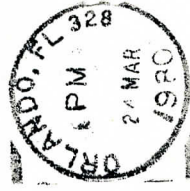
If someone like God could tell the story of
Marge Bump she would probably say she was on her
way toward being in love with Ernest. But
at that time I was incapable of love. I was
a child both physically and emotionally. I was
only a few years away from dolls. I didn't even
know how boys were made, for I grew up in a
female household. My brain worked well,
for I was an honor student, but the word love
had as little meaning as the words heaven or hell -
something to think about later. Ernest may
have taken my lack of response as rejection.
If we could know the real reason that
prompted him to write that the state was
clear - we would know the real reasons for
the end of our close friendship. From that
time on I could no longer talk or write to him
freely. I'm sure he could sense a big
change in me - for that was the
true "End of something". I have no way
of knowing what were his true feelings about
me. I only know from the letter he wrote me
after seeing me in Diamond Beach - that he may have
realized me had somehow misad the boat.
Perhaps he was only being polite and trying
to make amends for the story.

But Ernest remained a strong influence thru my life. I made my judgements of things by his standards. I liked or disliked people as I felt he would have done. Of course that was mostly unconscious - but none the less strong.

If Ernest had not written that story about me, I would have continued in the personality of Marge Bump - But that story cut me off from my past. I was ashamed of the name Marge Bump. That is how I can say Ernest killed her. I built my future in places away from Petoskey and away from people who knew Marge Bump. I became only Marge Main. Being able to write you about Marge Bump has brought her back - a psychiatrist would probably have made a try for that, but not as successfully. I don't mind care for her - but I understand her better.

Thank you - Love -

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