



# Jill Swain

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## **Jill Swain**

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**J**ill Matuszak Swain, 61, of Huntersville, passed away the morning of April 28, 2022. She was born on August 4, 1960 in Kansas City, Kansas to Don Matuszak and the late Mary Helen Matuszak.

Jill was a devoted public servant and the biggest fan of the town of Huntersville. She was elected to the town board in 1999, served 4 two-year terms as a commissioner, and then was elected mayor in 2007. She was most recently the executive director of the Huntersville Regional Chamber of Commerce.

While Jill will be remembered as a wonderful leader and ultimate connector, she will most be remembered for the positive impact she had on her community and everyone she met. She radiated a joy that would light up any room and she deeply loved her friends and family. She truly made the world a better place.

Survivors include her son Zack Swain, daughter Sydney Swain, sister Joelyn Shea, and too many friends too count.


Those wishing to make a memorial may send donations to Caterpillar Ministries, Angels and Sparrows, or your local humane society.

Anybody that knew Jill also knew that a stuffy service was not her wish. In lieu of a service, there will be a party to celebrate her life. Please drop in between 4-8 PM at Beaver Dam in Davidson on Monday, May 2. Please feel free to dress casually.


James Funeral Home of Huntersville is serving the family.



## Gathering of Friends & Family

 **Monday**, May 2, 2022

 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM ET

 **Beaver Dam Event Center**  
19600 Davidson-Concord Road, Davidson NC  
28036





# Tribute Wall

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**Sherri Dennis** posted:

Danny, I am so sorry to hear of your & your children's loss. I can't believe such a loving & vivacious person could be gone. I just now heard or I would've reached our sooner. Jill & I had some very fun times while in Newtonville. She was your perfect match & I'm sorry you lost her so soon. Love Sherri

January 10 at 1:53 PM



**Homer L. Williams** posted:

I am so sorry to just now hear of Jill passing. I just saw this because of my checking on her father, whom I knew at KSU and who was a terrific person and collegiate basketball player as well. I had been working along with Jill and her dear mother, on the effort to encourage KSU to recognize her father in the KSU Athletic Hall of Fame! I am so sad to learn that her mom passed, then Jill, and then her dad. God be with them and their entire family,

December 16 at 4:01 PM



**Marina Britos-Swain** shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

I only met my uncle Danny and Jill a few times, but they hosted my sister, Brianna Britos-Swain, my cat Athena, and me when we were driving back to Connecticut from Louisiana last May. I must say, Jill, she was a riot and if I could describe her with two words one would be spunk and the other, love.



June 4 at 5:51 AM



**Sarah** sent a virtual gift in honor of Jill.

May 11 at 6:02 PM



**Jeannine Barganier** posted:

I just saw this and was totally shocked! Jill and I were great friends when she was my neighbor in Memphis, TN. she had moved into the neighborhood and we clicked instantly. we would ride our bikes together and play all day long. We even had a fund raiser for St jude hospital in the neighborhood by selling toys we had. We have lost touch over the years when she and her family moved away. she was a joy to know. she will be missed! Jeannine (Jones) Barganier

May 5 at 7:37 AM



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**Patricia Irvin** lit a candle in honor of Jill.

Jill was such a sweet person. She will be missed. I do have one memory of Jill. Me and my Grandson Zach was going to Park and hit some Tennis balls. Jill came in with her children and they were talking about her being the Mayor. My grandson said Maw Maw is she the Mayor. I said yes the Mayor of Huntersville. She over heard and took the time to come over to talk with Zach. He was so excited and he was telling everyone I met the Mayor of Huntersville. Sending Love, hugs, and prayers, to the Family



May 2 at 2:26 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Gracious Lavender Basket to the Swain family.



May 1 at 8:47 AM



**Gayle Dembski (Zak & Ski)** sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Swain family.



May 1 at 7:35 AM



**Josefina Arrieta** sent a Heavenly Sentiments Spray to the Swain family.



May 1 at 6:45 AM



**Pam Royal** shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Jill had a God given gift way to make every person she came in contact with feel special. I was one of those people! I was impacted in my life positively by her love!



May 1 at 3:50 AM



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**Anonymous** sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Swain family.



April 30 at 12:19 PM



**Sarah** lit a candle in honor of Jill.



April 30 at 8:56 AM



**Judy & Steve** lit a candle in honor of Jill.



April 30 at 7:53 AM



**Julia Lyon** May 3 at 10:37 AM  
IAM SORRY FOR FAMILLY there lost of jill



**Judy** April 30 at 7:55 AM  
Jill was my very first niece. Thrilling. I am so happy that I spoke with her a few weeks ago. She was so happy! We will miss her greatly.



**Céline Lh** posted:

There is no words to express how sorry we are. Jill showed up in our life when we need it so much. This is how a group of friends was born .... and of course some wine was involved. It wouldn't have happened without her. She will be missed so much but not forgotten.

April 30 at 7:19 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet to the Swain family.



April 30 at 7:16 AM



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**Tana Casimiro** posted:

Jill Swain a woman with a plan." Cases for Munoz". I had a vision Jill had the plan. We organized to make Dresses from Pillow Cases, Haitian refugees displaced by hurricanes, that ravaged their country. We Huntersville got it done(200) dresses !Jill was a good and faithful servant....And she will be truly missed. This was Jill.Heavenly Father , open my eyes to the needs of people around me . Give me the wisdom to know how to show kindness and care to them.Jill good and faithful servant well done.Love ,Tana Casimiro

April 30 at 7:06 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Swain family.



April 30 at 6:13 AM



**Jeff Canipe** posted:

I met Jill years ago at the North County Regional library during voting a voting event. Despite all of the people walking around, she took the time to discuss local politics and various ideas with me. She also made me feel like a friend. You will be missed!!!

April 30 at 5:09 AM



**Cliff Kinchen** posted:

I met Jill about 9 years ago when I opened my Martial Arts School. She was a great supporter and constantly championed my business and the businesses of so many others. Last month she called me, and only in a way Jill can do, convinced me to become a member of the Chambers Board. She said, "I need you". Well Jill, so many of us needed you, and you were always there to help. You help me to become a better business owner and member of our community. You were a genuine friend to so many of us. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Your Friend, Cliff

April 30 at 4:51 AM



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**Avis Summers Lewis** posted:

What a woman of JOY. Her care and compassion fueled so many. Fly high my friend. Love, Avis

April 30 at 3:52 AM



**James A. Thomas** April 30 at 5:58 AM

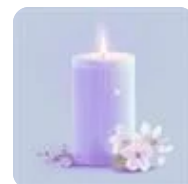
Even though having lived in Huntersville, for over fifty years I knew little of Ms. Jill Swain and her friends till I had become destitute and in need of a place to live. Jill and her friends found me a small but comfortable place to live. Even furnished my apartment with needed items to make my life more comfortable. Then when she needed help because she was driving on a wing and a prayer some of her friends and I arranged for to get new tires for her vehicle. Jill, cried at the thought that her friends were so willing to help her. God, bless your soul Jill. Friends wherever, Jim



**Sue Moore** lit a candle in honor of Jill.

I met Jill when I became a small business owner in Huntersville. She was always so kind and friendly. My sincere condolences to the whole family.

April 29 at 10:32 PM



**Mindy Matuszak** lit a candle in honor of Jill.

April 29 at 7:23 PM



**Cathy Jo Young** lit a candle in honor of Jill.

April 29 at 5:54 PM



**Roslyn** lit a candle in honor of Jill.

April 29 at 4:44 PM





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AT

**Allen Thomas** posted:

I'm completely at a loss of words. Jill. ♥ an AMAZING, charismatic wonderful soul gone too soon. Larger than life. 🙏 An endless source of energy, love, light, laughter and positivity. Will SO —MISS YOU Jill Swain 🙏♥♥♥♥♥

April 29 at 4:33 PM

SC

**Sandy Ipock Carlew** lit a candle in honor of Jill.



April 29 at 4:16 PM

CS

**Carol Swartz** posted:

I only met Jill last fall when she was running for mayor again. We had a lot of fun outside the pool talking and telling stories. She was so full of joy and life that she found her way into my heart right away. The day after the election when I was feeling sad about the outcome, I found my way to the local coffee shop she had recommended. And there she was! She hugged me and cried because I reminded her of all the wonderful people she had met during the election. She will be in my heart forever.

April 29 at 2:50 PM

JA

**Jasmine** posted:

I met Jill when I walked into the Huntersville Chamber off the street and asked her, a stranger, to sponsor a pop up shop with me. She enthusiastically agreed and got to work right away doing what she did best — being a connector, friend, and all around bright light. She was a fantastic support to me as I became a mom and parented a spunky toddler. I am so sad that she is gone. Love to her family.

April 29 at 2:24 PM



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**Bill & Lisa** lit a candle in honor of Jill.

Jill was the epitome of the "larger than life" person. She brought joy to every place, gathering and event. My wife and I knew her first through the Huntersville Chamber then became friends. She was even at our wedding in 2017. We were so dumbstruck and saddened when we heard the news. Jill will be sorely missed and the world is a lesser place without her.



April 29 at 1:41 PM



**Gayle Dembski** posted:

Jill was a beautiful, wonderful person! I just can't say enough great things about her, so I will move on to my story: It was our senior year at K-State and Jill and I were partners for our "Reporting II" class. Each week we would do a story, one person was the writer/reporter and the other was camera operator and editor! Jill wrote a story about the "Tubes". Everyone in Manhattan knew about the Tubes! It was spring, at the time they would release the tubes, so we set up the camera and Jill prepared to do her 'on-camera' report. As we set up, the weather started to change! It got cold, it got windy and then it started to sprinkle! We are madly trying to shoot our b-roll and do the on-camera report when the sprinkle turned to rain and then the rain turned to sleet! AHHHHH! The camera equipment is soon coated with ice! Jill and I are panicking that we may be responsible for damaged equipment! We laughed for years at the footage of Jill desperately trying to do her report with sleet pelting the side of her face and her hair blowing wildly out of control! I sure wish I had a copy of that tape... I miss you my dear friend. If you have a story about Jill... please share!!

April 29 at 1:20 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Swain family.



April 29 at 1:05 PM



**Wayne Hoffman** posted:

I remember Jill for her extraordinary energy during her time as mayor. She believed that mutually dependent growth in manufacturing, residential, and public services would generate a more prosperous and healthy community. It was a privilege to work with her while President of Forbo Siegling. Thank you Jill. Wayne Hoffman (retired)

April 29 at 12:39 PM



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**Patrice Tice** posted:

My heart is broken for all of us. Jill and I met at Kickapoo High School. Everything said about her is so true. We reconnected planning our 40th class reunion. She just makes people smile. She gave me a necklace while she was here that she received from a woman in one of her travels. She knew I had struggles and it was meant to give me peace and clarity. It meant so much to me. I am so saddened by this news. I wish I could attend the celebration of her life. She was one of a kind and will be missed by many. Sincerest condolences, Patrice Tice

April 29 at 12:29 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Basket Full of Wishes to the Swain family.



April 29 at 11:48 AM



**Karen Dortschy** posted:

My heart is broken. I met Jill in 2005 when we first moved to Huntersville, and our daughters attended summer day camp at the Waymer Center. When I started my own small business in 2011, she was happy to meet with me to provide insight and direction, and to introduce me to other area movers and shakers through the networking group she created called Huntersville Connection. We had stayed friends since then and met occasionally for lunch at Birkdale. Jill was always a champion for others, and was an authentically caring and kind person who was an amazing role model for young women - well, basically ALL women. She had a giving heart that was reflected in her coaching of girls' volleyball teams, creating the Huntersville Chamber, giving back to the community in so many ways, and her love for her daughters and dogs. I will miss her terribly and I know her passing leaves a huge void in our community. God bless her daughters and family.

April 29 at 9:07 AM



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KG

**Kitty Giese** lit a candle in honor of Jill.

Gone way too soon. The words will just not come out for how sorry I am for you children. You were her life. Things in Huntersville will not be the same without her energy. Love to all her family and friends. Kitty Nelson Giese

April 28 at 11:55 AM



MO

**Mary Helen Ormsby** April 29 at 1:19 PM

Jill and I met when Zach entered 6th grade at Davidson IB Middle School. She brightened the office every time she walked through the door, and I have such fond memories of the laughs we shared. After those school days were over, it was always a treat to run into her, as she carried out her duties in the many ways she served the Huntersville community. My deepest sympathy to Zach, Sydney and her entire family. I am so sad that I won't be able to run into her, again, and share another laugh. Mary Helen Ormsby

SG

**Susan Guthrie** April 29 at 11:51 AM

Jill left a lasting impact on everyone she met and she never met a stranger. She was the definition of a servant leader. Jill was a delight and we are just heartbroken. Much love to her family. We will never forget her. Scott and Susan Guthrie

SL

**Shelly Lemos** April 29 at 2:32 AM

I have so many fond memories of her humor and giving spirit. She allowed me to be a part of so many amazing experiences. I will miss her. My love to you Sydney and Zach! Shelly Ramminger Lemos

LP

**Lori Pulizzano** April 28 at 12:07 PM

To say I'm in shock is an understatement! Gone way too soon. RIP Jill...Lori Pulizzano



# Media

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Marina Britos-Swain shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

June 4 at 5:51 AM





**Pam Royal** shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

May 1 at 3:50 AM





# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Jill by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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