



# Jill McQuay

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**J**ill Dawn McQuay, 50, born in Mecklenburg County on March 11, 1974. She passed on Saturday, February 15, 2025, at the Levine & Dickson Hospice House in Huntersville, NC from Cholangiocarcinoma (bile duct cancer).

Jill was a lifelong resident of Mecklenburg County. She went to Long Creek Elementary School, Alexander Jr. High School and North Mecklenburg High School. She also attended Central Piedmont Community College. She had a special place in her heart for Long Creek and was in one of the last classes in the original 2 story school building before it was torn down. She still had a brick from that building.

Jill was known for her selfless nature and deep love for those closest to her, including family, friends, colleagues and all the neighborhood animals. Her main concern while in the hospital was the care of her pets, a dog and 3 ducks. Through various jobs, she met people with whom she remained in close contact, most recently working at Jackson Day School.

Music was central in her life, having grown up surrounded by it. Whether rock, country, shag, alternative or who knows what, Jill was playing music any time she had the opportunity. Dancing was frequent and enjoyable for her; it just came naturally.

Jill loved witty conversation, kind deeds by others, pictures of river sunsets, music festivals, clothes, movie references, kayaking, and spending time with friends and family. She was overly compassionate and tolerant of others that were quirky or somewhat “different”.

Jill is survived by her parents, Johnny and Jane; her sister, Jamie Brooks (Jason) of Troy, NC; nephews, Jacob and Jordon Brooks; and longtime boyfriend, Marty Sharpe, who says, “a light that burns twice as bright lasts half as long and she was the brightest light in my life for a long time”.

A Celebration of Life will be held at Mission Farm (2702 Devine Rd, Iron Station) on Sunday, March 2nd at 2:00 PM. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Richardson Rescue (York,



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SC), Carolina Waterfowl Rescue (Indian Trail, NC), The Humane Society, or to the charity of your choice.

James Funeral Home, of Huntersville, is serving the family and obituary lovingly written by the family.



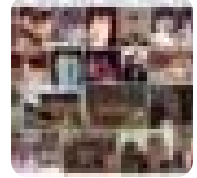
## Tribute Wall

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**Jerry B Mcquay** shared a photo to the **Pictures for Jill** album.



February 25 at 3:20 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Serene Retreat to the McQuay family.



February 24 at 5:10 AM



**Rhonda Bridges Trueman** posted:

I are deeply saddened to hear of your loss. Jill was a beautiful person, inside and out, with a spirit that radiated joy, kindness, and caring from an early age. My heart is with you it this incredibly difficult time.

February 22 at 6:15 AM



**Devondevon Freund** posted:

I loved seeing Jill with her ducks and walking her dog each day in the neighborhood. She had a special bond with the animals and you could tell she had a kind soul . I know she had the most supportive family and I'm very sad for them . The Friends

February 19 at 6:07 PM



**Tracy Howison** lit a candle in honor of Jill.

She was such a kind soul. I loved watching her Facebook posts being a loving mother to the ducks on Mt. Island. She will definitely be missed. My prayers are with her family! ❤️



February 19 at 3:49 PM



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**Sandy** posted:

I am so shocked by this news.... I had no idea Jill was sick. I first met her about 30 years ago when Jeff and I went to that club out on highway 16 to see Dino and his band. Jill worked there and we immediately became friends. That's where I also met her lovely parents and we shared many years enjoying beach music and fun times in Belmont. Jill was a joy and will be missed SANDY BAREFOOT

February 19 at 3:48 PM



**Matt Moore** posted:

Jill was so genuine and kind every time I saw her since I met her junior high. You never had to guess who she was; she was always Jill. She's just a great example of who you'd want your own children to turn out to be like. Prayers to her family.

February 19 at 1:34 PM



**Chasity McCain** lit a candle in honor of Jill.

Remember your beautiful spirit Jill from Jr High to when we graduated. SIP MY BEAUTIFUL FRIEND

February 19 at 1:01 PM



**Betty Paige** lit a candle in honor of Jill.

February 19 at 7:31 AM



**Betty Paige** February 19 at 7:32 AM

So sorry for your loss. Jill was a wonderful young woman. My deepest sympathies.



**Jerry D Souther** posted:

I am so sorry for your loss, sending Prayers..

February 19 at 2:17 AM



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**Lyn Harrington** lit a candle in honor of Jill.

Whether it was seeing her stroll across the parking lot in the mornings or just going in her office to chat, she always had that priceless smile that would warm your heart. Although, I enjoyed making her laugh out loud, I think she knew and/or expected me to say something crazy just so she could laugh.... LOL!!! She was my sister, my dear friend, a rare jewel whom I grew to love and respect. If I learned anything from her, it is patience and quietness (Jill, quietness is gonna be a challenge for me girl but I'll give it my best shot, but you already know how that's gonna turn out ...LOL)!!! I'm sure you're smiling right now saying (Harrington, you're a crazy gal). I love you Jill McQuay, my forever sister.



February 18 at 5:16 PM



**Tim & Carol Taylor** February 19 at 6:13 AM

Johnny and Jane, our hearts and prayers go out to your family.♥️🙏



**Lynette & Ed Gullede** posted:

We are deeply saddened over your loss of your beautiful daughter. She was always a pleasure to be around. Our prayers and hearts go out to you. Lynette and Ed Gullede

February 18 at 3:47 PM



**Janis Howe** posted:

Our heartfelt love and prayers for Jill's family. No words can express our sorrow for the loss of your beautiful Jill. I know the pain and grief you are experiencing and I am sorry♥️ Janis and Bill Howe

February 18 at 7:46 AM



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**Victoria James** lit a candle in honor of Jill.

Thoughts and prayers with family and friends threw this time of need im so sorry fly high Jill Jamie I'm so sorry praying for you and family three this time of need

February 16 at 3:08 AM



**CI Corey Illingworth** February 26 at 9:29 AM

I was shocked and deeply saddened to hear about Jill's passing. I haven't seen her in several years but I remember her very fondly. She had a very kind heart and she was always an absolute joy to be around. My prayers go out to her and her family. I have no doubt that Jill is looking down on us now from heaven.

**BG Brenda Gladden** February 20 at 8:30 AM

Sincere thoughts of comfort and peace in the loss of your daughter.

**JL Joyce Love** February 19 at 3:20 PM

I have many memories of sweet Jill and her family. From helping to coach a bad news bears on the softball field with her Mom, Jane, to a great friend later in her adult years, Jill notably dubbed Randy and I her Daddy 2 and Mama 2. Such a bright light Jill was in everyone's life with her generosity and kindness. Randy and I were so blessed to have her as a 3rd daughter. My wish is that she extends her hugs and Love to her family already there and to Randy until we all meet in heaven. My love to Jill's family!

**DH Dianne Hager** February 19 at 7:10 AM

Prayers for the family and all who loved Jill. She was a light to all. 🙏

**WP Wayne And Nancy Pope** February 19 at 5:43 AM

Our sincere condolences at this time of need. Our prayers and thoughts will be with you. God Bless

**JB Jane Bolton** February 18 at 10:21 AM

Jill was greatly loved and will be greatly missed. Sending love, prayers and hugs to her family and everyone that loves her. My heart is shattered with you and for you.

**MF Michael L Feimster** February 18 at 10:13 AM

jill was one of kind loved by all she be missed prayers for her family

**PB Patti Kerns Butler** February 17 at 10:05 AM

Sending love, prayers & hugs to you all. Please accept my most sincere condolences during this most difficult of times. Love & prayers Boyce & Patti Butler



# Media

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Here's some favorite moments... going back to start for this wonderful family.



# Memories only last if you share them

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



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