



## Jill Swain

August 4, 1960 - April 28, 2022

Jill 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.

# Previous Events

## Gathering of Friends & Family

MAY 2. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

# Tribute Wall



“ 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. <3



Marina Britos-Swain - June 04 at 09:51 AM

SA

“ Sarah sent a virtual gift in memory of Jill Swain



Sarah - May 11 at 10:02 PM

JB

“ 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

Jeannine Barganier - May 05 at 11:37 AM



“ 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



Patricia Irvin - May 02 at 06:26 PM

WE

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Wendi - May 02 at 08:50 AM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Jessica Bachand - May 01 at 07:29 PM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Jill Swain.



May 01 at 12:47 PM

GS

“ Gayle Dembski (Zak & Ski) purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Jill Swain.



Gayle Dembski (Zak & Ski) - May 01 at 11:35 AM

JA

“ Josefina Arrieta purchased the Heavenly Sentiments Spray for the family of Jill Swain.



Josefina Arrieta - May 01 at 10:45 AM

PR

“ 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!



Pam Royal - May 01 at 07:50 AM

ML

“ 6 files added to the tribute wall



Michael Lamb (DJ Lamb) - April 30 at 04:52 PM

ML

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Michael Lamb (DJ Lamb) - April 30 at 04:51 PM

ML

“ 15 files added to the tribute wall



Michael Lamb (DJ Lamb) - April 30 at 04:29 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jill Swain.



April 30 at 04:19 PM

ML

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Michael Lamb (DJ Lamb) - April 30 at 03:19 PM

SA

“ Sarah lit a candle in memory of Jill Swain



Sarah - April 30 at 12:56 PM

JS

“ *Judy & Steve lit a candle in memory of Jill Swain*



Judy & Steve - April 30 at 11:53 AM

JU

*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.*

Judy - April 30 at 11:55 AM



*IAM SORRY FOR FAMMILY there lost of jill*

Julia Lyon - May 03 at 02:37 PM

CL

“ *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.*

Céline Lh - April 30 at 11:19 AM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jill Swain.*



April 30 at 11:16 AM



“ *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*

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**Tana Casimiro** - April 30 at 11:06 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Jill Swain.*



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April 30 at 10:13 AM



“ *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!!!*

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**Jeff Canipe** - April 30 at 09:09 AM



“ *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*

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**Cliff Kinchen** - April 30 at 08:51 AM

AL

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

**Avis Summers Lewis** - April 30 at 07:52 AM

JT

*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*

**James A. Thomas** - April 30 at 09:58 AM

SM

“ *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.*



**Sue Moore** - April 30 at 02:32 AM

MM

“ *Mindy Matuszak lit a candle in memory of Jill Swain*



**Mindy Matuszak** - April 29 at 11:23 PM

CY

“ *Cathy Jo Young lit a candle in memory of Jill Swain*



**Cathy Jo Young** - April 29 at 09:54 PM

RO

“ Roslyn lit a candle in memory of Jill Swain



Roslyn - April 29 at 08:44 PM

AT

“ 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 🙏❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️

Allen Thomas - April 29 at 08:33 PM

SC

“ Sandy Ipock Carlew lit a candle in memory of Jill Swain



sandy Ipock Carlew - April 29 at 08:16 PM

CS

“ 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.

Carol Swartz - April 29 at 06:50 PM

JA

“ 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.

Jasmine - April 29 at 06:24 PM

BL

“ 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.



Bill & Lisa - April 29 at 05:41 PM

GD

“ 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!!

Gayle Dembski - April 29 at 05:20 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jill Swain.



April 29 at 05:05 PM

WH

“ 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)

Wayne Hoffman - April 29 at 04:39 PM

PT

“ 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

Patrice Tice - April 29 at 04:29 PM



“ Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Jill Swain.



April 29 at 03:48 PM



“ 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.

Karen Dortschy - April 29 at 01:07 PM

KG

“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*



**Kitty Giese** - April 28 at 03:55 PM

LP

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

**Lori Pulizzano** - April 28 at 04:07 PM

SL

*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*

**Shelly Lemos** - April 29 at 06:32 AM

SG

*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*

**Susan Guthrie** - April 29 at 03:51 PM

MO

*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*

**Mary Helen Ormsby** - April 29 at 05:19 PM