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Jill Christine Doble died on Wednesday, February 12, 2020 at the Campbell House Hospice in Collingwood. Although Jill was diagnosed with terminal cancer in the fall of 2018, she continued to live her life with the same ferocious zeal and energy she always had. Jill was a “farm girl” and never lost sight of her roots. She grew up on a farm in what was then Reach Township, a few miles from Uxbridge. She attended Bethesda, Greenbank and Epsom elementary schools, and Uxbridge Secondary School. After completing her BA at McMaster University, Jill completed her BEd at Ontario Teacher Education College. Full-time teaching positions were scarce when Jill graduated in 1976 but she persisted. She taught students in elementary schools within the Toronto and York Region School Boards where she shared her love of music and physical activities with her students and strove to expose them to the wonders of the natural environment. Jill was always a strong advocate for our natural world and was always up for adventure, especially if it involved being outdoors. Her entire life, she travelled extensively throughout the world on active adventures. She took up sailing while in Toronto and soon became involved in competitive sailing. As a member of the ladies team from the National Yacht Club, she competed in the J-24 World Championships in Rhode Island and in Ireland. Later, she became an active hike leader and member of the executive for the Oak Ridges Trail Association.

After retiring, Jill moved from Thornhill to Collingwood in November 2010. She embraced her new community and became actively involved in numerous organizations. These included the Sound Investment Choir, Blue Mountain Bruce Trail Club (BMBTC), Probus-by-the-Bay, and the Collingwood Garden Club. Not content to sit on the sidelines, Jill quickly assumed leadership roles including President of Sound Investment Choir, editor of the BMBTC’s quarterly newsletter (the Blue Print), Co-Director of the Collingwood Arboretum, and leader of BMBTC and Probus-by-the-Bay hikes, and cross-country ski and snowshoe treks. Jill also initiated an annual 3-day hiking event in Tobermory as a

fundraiser for the Bruce Trail. She was deservedly proud of completing the Bruce Trail end-to-end in 2017. Jill cultivated a broad network of friends through her diverse interests that included gardening, camping, tennis, kayaking and skiing. She was known as being direct, honest and down-to-earth. Jill was loyal to her friends and family. And she definitely knew how to have fun. Jill's sense of humour and beautiful smile drew others to her.

Jill was predeceased by her parents, Laurence and Dorothy (nee Davies) Doble, and brother, David Doble. She was the loving sister of Kevin Doble (Joanne), Susan Doble (John Fisk), and Jude Doble (Paul Harnack); treasured aunt of Lindsey Justynski (Dave), Brett Doble (Emma), Briar Sasso (Sean), Jordan Fisk (Dominique Shephard), Ryan Fisk and Finley Harnack; and great-aunt of Calem and Harvey Justynski and Isla Sasso. She will be missed greatly by her family and her extensive community of friends. Thank you to all who supported Jill throughout her journey. As per Jill's wishes, there will be no memorial service. A service berry tree in the Collingwood Arboretum will be dedicated in Jill's memory. Jill's wish to be an active participant in her own Celebration of Life ("while I'm still alive") was fulfilled on December 22, 2019 with the help of the Living Wish Foundation. The room was packed with family and friends. Some photos can be found on the Living Wish Foundation Facebook page dated December 29, 2019. At her Celebration of Life, the challenge Jill issued to those in attendance was for others to dig deep as she had done, and to share their personal and financial resources for the betterment of their own communities.

Memorial donations can be made to one of these causes that reflect Jill's passions: Bruce Trail Conservancy www.brucetrail.org, Oak Ridges Moraine Land Trust www.oakridgesmoraine.org, Indspire www.Indspire.ca, and South Georgian Bay Music Foundation www.sgbmusicfoundation.org.

Comments



“ Just heard about Jill s passing. We lost touch during university days but I do remember her as a close friend in high school. She always had a positive disposition and very much in control. Would have loved to have been at her Celebration. Certainly showed her true strength. Sending my sincere condolences to the family, a wonderful life taken way to early. I always admired her strength. Sad news but happy to hear she lived life to the fullest and was a fantastic auntie. Keep all those happy memories close. . Dawne Duckworth- nee Copeland

Dawne Duckworth - March 08 at 03:25 PM



“ Dear Susan and Family

Sorry to hear of your loss. Jill was that big sister that we all wish we had. By the sounds of it Jill lived her life to the fullest and will be missed. Thinking of you at this time and sending you a big hug.

Darlene (Lyons) Warwick

Darlene Warwick - March 01 at 10:57 AM



“ Sending you love and strength, Susan and family. She was always someone I admired as the "older sister". She accomplished so much in her life and is truly an example for which others should aspire and follow.

Becki Walker Pickering

Becki - March 01 at 10:45 AM



“ Susan and John
My deepest sympathies to you and all your family
Cathie (Walter) Kissick

Cathie Kissick - February 28 at 07:14 PM



“ Susan, John, Jordan & Ryan - our sincere condolences to you and all of your family. We have long heard stories about Jill and the wonderful vacations you all had together. It sounds like she left a real legacy in her many communities of like-minded adventurers. Cheers to a life well lived! Rosemary & Hal

Rosemary Lysaght - February 28 at 03:58 PM



“ Susan, I am so sorry to hear about the loss of your dear sister, Jill. I know you will sorely miss her, but have a lifetime of wonderful memories.

Katherine Hope - February 28 at 11:18 AM



“ I met Jill who as our hike leader in Tobermory, she had wonderful positive spirit. My condolences to all those who will miss her. I have placed a donation at Hospice in her name.

RoseMary



RoseMary Boyd - February 28 at 10:02 AM



“ Jill and I started elementary school the same time. Very sad to hear of her passing. My sincere sympathy to all Jill's family.

Gloria Rusnell - February 22 at 01:35 PM



“ Please accept my sincere condolences. Jill was a beautiful lady both inside and outside. I enjoyed her friendship with the snowshoe/hiking group, Probus, By the Bay. Ruth Gammell

Ruth Gammell - February 20 at 09:45 AM



“ Margaret Keith lit a candle in memory of Ms. Jill Christine Doble



Margaret Keith - February 20 at 09:03 AM



“ Jill and I shared many activities together. One that I will always cherish is the one we had on the week-end before her radiation treatment was to begin. She asked me to come to Collingwood and do 'fun' things together. The first one was to kayak down the Beaver River on Sat. and then on Sunday we cycled around her favourite places in Collingwood and then went for a swim I Georgian Bay.

I will truly miss my dear friend, Jill.

Hugs to all Jill's family
Ann Lever

Ann Lever - February 19 at 01:29 PM



“ We were fortunate enough to enjoy Jill's company on 6 of our trips, in various places around the world. Her constant smile and energy was infectious, and we so loved hiking and travelling with her. A great hiker, a sweet soul and a special person. She will be greatly missed by all...

Robert & Maddalena
Comfortable Hiking Holidays

Robert Eschenasi - February 19 at 10:41 AM



“ Fran H. lit a candle in memory of Ms. Jill Christine Doble



Fran H. - February 17 at 06:42 PM