



Jill Rowe Abernethy

March 13, 1967 - May 24, 2015

Jill Rowe Abernethy, 48, died May 24, 2015 at her residence in Asheville of breast cancer, an illness she handled with grace and humor.

Jill was born in High Point, NC on March 13, 1967 to Julius Daniel Rowe and Sandra Mullis Rowe. She was educated at High Point Central High School where she was an all-conference soccer player and honor student. She went on via a full tuition scholarship to the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill where she majored in business administration. She also received a degree in accounting from the University of Washington in Seattle. Following graduation, Jill worked in Washington, D.C. for Coca Cola before returning to North Carolina to be married. Jill always looked for the good in people and remained active in community service throughout her life. She served as an elder at First Presbyterian Church. Humble, caring, gentle, and witty, Jill loved children and animals and cooking and celebrations of any type. Her effortless charm and infectious, seemingly permanent smile were second only to the unwavering devotion and kindness she bestowed upon her family and friends. Her love for her children will be everlasting, and her expressions of love to so many will be greatly missed.

She is survived by her husband, William Borden Abernethy, III and their four children, Eli Rowe Abernethy, Carson Adams Abernethy, Sarah Mace Abernethy, and Gracey Reid Abernethy. She is also survived by her parents,

her sister, Julie Rowe Williams (Mark) of Chapel Hill and her brother, Julius Daniel Rowe, Jr. (Emily) of Charlotte and eight beloved nieces and nephews.

She was a truly wonderful mother, sister, daughter, aunt, and wife and was cherished by her entire family. The Abernethy's would like to thank Michael Messino, who along with Claire Dees, Kelli Condra, and dozens of others, who treated her with extraordinary skill and kindness and helped our family enjoy nine more terrific years of life together. We are also thankful for devoted friends that stood with her during the many years of this tireless march. Words are inadequate to express our gratitude.

A funeral service will be held 1:00 PM, Thursday, May 28, 2015 at First Presbyterian Church in downtown Asheville, 40 Church Street. The family will receive guests following the service at the church. A private graveside service will be held at Riverside Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Open Doors of Asheville, www.opendoorsasheville.org.

Cemetery Details

Riverside Cemetery

53 Birch Street
Asheville, NC 28801

Tribute Wall



“ *Jill Rowe Abernethy*

October 07, 2023 at 11:15 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Jill Rowe Abernethy.*



May 28, 2015 at 06:59 AM



“ *Roy & Minnie Rupert from the Coca Cola Consolidated family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Jill Rowe Abernethy.*



Roy & Minnie Rupert from the Coca Cola Consolidated family - May 28, 2015 at 06:42 AM



“ *You are in our thoughts and prayers. Beth, Nam, Grace, Caroline and Annaclaire Vo*



Beth Vo - May 27, 2015 at 08:59 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Jill Rowe Abernethy.*



May 27, 2015 at 05:11 PM



“ *Jill was such an upbeat person. She was always there in second grade to help on field trips and projects. She told me all about her family and how proud of them she was on a long trip over to Cherokee. I never heard her complain about herself. She told me about the family trip to Europe to make memories and happy times. She was an amazing person and I feel blessed to have known her and to have taught Gracey..She will never be forgotten.
Sincerely, Carolyn Barcafer*

carolyn barcafer - May 27, 2015 at 04:27 PM



“ *Brian and Sherry Outland purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Jill Rowe Abernethy.*



Brian and Sherry Outland - May 27, 2015 at 03:20 PM

DJ

“ We are all heartbroken by Jill's passing. She taught each of us - and everyone who knew her - how to live life to the fullest in grace, kindness and unrelenting dedication to her friends and family. What a remarkable woman. In silent admiration we were awed and inspired by her radiant courage and strength.



What a wonderful legacy she leaves behind in her bright, beautiful and talented children. The best of her lives on in them.

Bill, we love you and are here for you whenever you need us.

- David, Zuzu, Isabella and J. Allen Smith

David A Smith, Jr - May 27, 2015 at 12:11 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Jill Rowe Abernethy.



May 27, 2015 at 10:59 AM

TS

*“ What a wonderful tribute on how to live life with grace and dignity. Thoughts and prayers to all the family members.
Theresa D. Stoker RN,OCN*

Theresa Stoker - May 27, 2015 at 10:27 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Jill Rowe Abernethy.*



May 27, 2015 at 09:42 AM



“ *Truly Beloved Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jill Rowe Abernethy.*



May 27, 2015 at 09:26 AM



“ *We are so sad to hear Jill's passing. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers during this tough time. She was a wonderful person and will be greatly missed.*

Bruce and Mary Margaret Johnson

Bruce Johnson - May 27, 2015 at 08:55 AM



“ *The McNichols Family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Jill Rowe Abernethy.*



The McNichols Family - May 27, 2015 at 06:57 AM

 Mark
Levin

“ We will all miss Jill. She was a wonderful person who leaves us all saddened by this great loss. Godspeed. Mark Levin

Mark Levin - May 26, 2015 at 07:18 PM



“ A New Sunrise Spray was purchased for the family of Jill Rowe Abernethy.



May 26, 2015 at 05:45 PM

JF

“ I'm so sad to hear of Jill's passing. I was Carson's first grade teacher and Jill was a wonderful parent and helper. She was so laid back and pleasant and made my first year at this school even more special. My deepest sympathy to her family.

Jan Filitti

Jan Filitti - May 26, 2015 at 04:07 PM

HM

“ My heartfelt sympathies to family and friends. May the Lord grant you peace and comfort as you go through this valley of grief. I am so sorry for your loss.

She was a beautiful lady and I had so much respect for her.

Hollie H. Morris - May 26, 2015 at 02:29 PM

DF

“ *De La Cruz Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Jill Rowe Abernethy.*



De La Cruz Family - May 26, 2015 at 01:59 PM

KL

“ *She was a loving Mother, friend to all, and her spirit continues to inspire us to live each day to the fullest. We remember Jill with smiles and heartfelt love. We pray for your family. May God give you strength in the days ahead, and the grace to live the life she wanted for each of you.*

The Lytle Family

Kelly Lytle - May 26, 2015 at 01:38 PM



“ *Blooming Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Jill Rowe Abernethy.*



May 26, 2015 at 01:29 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Jill Rowe Abernethy.*



May 26, 2015 at 12:08 PM

WH

“ *Bill - We are thinking of your family and Jill's family - It is so hard to comprehend the loss that you feel, the sadness that you must be going through... So many of your friends and neighbors are here to support you and be with you as your heart takes time to heal. Your memories will last a lifetime as you recall Jill's smile as it will warm you like the sun. May Jill's laughter echo in your heart and may the thoughts of your wonderful life together enrich all of your days.*



With Sympathy and Understanding

Max and Wendy Haner

Wendy Haner - May 26, 2015 at 12:07 PM

PD

“ *Strong woman, beautiful soul, sister, mom, wife, friend....so much to so many. You will continue to guide us, Jill. We love you!*

Patti Donnelly - May 26, 2015 at 11:52 AM

PT

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your entire family. Love Paul and Rosanne Tomasello*

Paul Tomasello - May 26, 2015 at 11:11 AM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Jill Rowe Abernethy.*



May 26, 2015 at 08:29 AM

KW

“ God be with you. I grew up with Jill during the IHM days. Always remember her as so sweet and nice. I'll be praying for you and your family. She will be missed but never forgotten. - Kerry Flynn Wells -

Kerry Flynn Wells - May 26, 2015 at 08:28 AM

RH

“ It's hard to put into words how much Jill meant to me. She was always so loving and kind to me and her " extended family" and will be surely missed. I feel truly blessed to have known her and loved her dearly. My deepest sympathy and love to all her immediate family. Rosalyn Hawkins

Rosalyn Hawkins - May 25, 2015 at 09:08 PM

KY

“ I will always remember Jill's lovely smile. Jill is Beautiful on the outside and the inside. Don't know anyone that loved her family as much as Jill does. May your memories give you peace.

With Love and Prayers,
Karen Youncke



Karen Youncke - May 25, 2015 at 05:53 PM

KM

“ Jill was always, always unfailingly kind and warm to our family. I appreciated her smile and the way she always made time to pitch in at school, even when she couldn't have felt like it. We will never forget Sarah's beautiful poem in 2014 about Jill. Blessings and much love to the Abernethy family. ~ Karen, Ted, Audrey, and Ava Meigs

Karen Meigs - May 25, 2015 at 04:33 PM