



Jill Louise Hinds

April 7, 1949 - January 6, 2013

Jill Louise Hinds died peacefully Jan. 6 at her home surrounded in love by family and close friends. Jill was wife, mother, sister, and precious friend. She is survived by her husband of 28 years, Ray Paddock, daughters Anna and Comilla, mother Janet, brothers Jerry (Eileen), James (Jan), sister Jeanne Hinds all of Traverse City. and sister Joni (John) Zupin of Golden, Co.

Jill also leaves a large extended family of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends near and far. They will all miss her greatly; she was an extraordinary presence among them all.

Jill was born in St. Louis, Mo., on April 7, 1949, to James and Janet Nelson Hinds. At a young age she moved to Traverse City. She graduated from Traverse City Central High School in 1967 and subsequently attained her art degree at Kendall School of Design in Grand Rapids. Jill has stayed in touch with her classmates over the years by serving on reunion committees and going to all of the events.

Jill's many careers have included graphic designer at Village Press, visual communication instructor at Northwestern Michigan College and, to the delight of many, an artist throughout her life.

In her 25-year career at NMC, she made her students and the development of their knowledge and talents her priority. For more than 20 years, Jill served as Design Adviser of both the student newspaper, White Pine Press, and the NMC Magazine. Both publications garnered state and national awards under her guidance. Jill wanted her students to be ready for the workplace, and she worked hard to provide them with practical experience as a large part of their education.

The great part of being a teacher was summer vacation, and Jill filled it with gardening, golf, art, and travel. She and Ray loved to golf together and she loved golfing with her girl friends in league play.

Once she retired, she loved to paint in her studio or out in the countryside. She worked in all media, thriving on pushing her unlimited talents. Her talents live on in her two daughters who are attending art schools in Florida and Georgia.

Jill's love of travel has taken her all over the world: Japan, China, Italy, Mexico, and numerous other countries and states. She enjoyed other cultures and especially their art. Jill and Ray hosted many students from Japan who have remained close family friends.

Jill inspired all who knew her as she battled cancer for over eight years. She will always be known for her joy of living and her valiant spirit. Jill's spirit, talent and life will be celebrated June 15 at her and Ray's home.

Jill's family requests that any remembrances be in the form of donations to the Visual Communications Program Fund at NMC for the Jill Hinds Art Scholarship. Donations may be sent to the NMC Foundation, 1701 E. Front St., Traverse City, MI 49686 or online at <http://www.nmc.edu/givetoday>.

Please share your memories, stories and photos of Jill at her online guest book/tribute page at <http://www.reynolds-jonkhoff.com>

The family is being served by Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home.

Comments



“ Hey girlfriend...wherever you are I know you're in a good place cause you made the world a better place. There have been so many people...so many students...who's life you've enlightened, including mine. You gave me a chance here at NMC and I am carrying on the knowledge you passed on to me to even more students. THANK YOU. I'll miss our sushi parties, trips to conferences and golf games...and especially sitting around the table with Marilyn playing colonel puff.

Tom Auch - January 18, 2013 at 12:32 PM



“ Jill was the best friend I ever had. We had so many joyous times together. In the span of our 27-year friendship, we somehow always managed to laugh hard and make the best of whatever situation we were in, whether it was working too late on WPP, or getting lost in Japan. I miss her terribly and always will.
I love you, Jill.

Marilyn Jaquish - January 17, 2013 at 05:22 PM



“ Jenna B Dokken lit a candle in memory of Jill Louise Hinds



Jenna B Dokken - January 17, 2013 at 09:16 AM



“ Jill, you were one of my first friends when I came to Traverse City in 1998. You incorporated me into your women's golf league, supported me as a co-instructor in NMC's art department, became my Grand Traverse Resort Invitational partner and worked side-by-side with me in my printmaking studio. Your passion to produce fine art in your retirement and your growth was awesome. You have been a real inspiration to me for the 14 years I have known you.

Dorothy Anderson Grow

Dorothy Anderson Grow - January 16, 2013 at 02:00 PM



“ Jill you will always be in my heart. You have been my inspiration and my hero. You will always be remembered as a strong woman, a wonderful mother and a caring daughter, a creative and fun artist and friend, a loving wife and the best big sister ever. I smile when I think of you or when I see your art. I love you dear sister.

Jeanne Hinds

JeanneHinds - January 15, 2013 at 07:42 PM



“ Jeanne,
My heart goes out to you in the of your sister and I wanted you to know you are in my thoughts and prayers. I do think of you often and would love to get together sometime. My cell number is 231-384-0333. Love, Meliss (Glines-Heller)

Melissa Glines Heller - January 14, 2013 at 02:06 PM



“ Thank you Missy. I will call soon . Jeanne Hinds

Jeanne Hinds - January 15, 2013 at 07:12 PM



“ Am full of so many happy memories with Jill. Jills gift of " giving of herself " to others will continue for me, thru her family, wowerful friends, and all that her hands touched. love, joni

joni zupin - January 14, 2013 at 06:15 AM



“ Jill was such an inspiration to me! She was a wonderful teacher and helped me transfer my knowledge from the drafting board to the computer when I first moved to TC. I joined the newspaper staff and traveled to FL for a newspaper conference, so much fun! One of my favorite memories...her humming! I LOVED her! She will be missed and thought of often!
My thoughts and prayers are with you all!

Kristen Rivard

Kristen Rivard - January 13, 2013 at 10:10 AM



“ Jill was such an optimistic, fun, inspirational person. She always had a song in her heart and never gave up, enjoying life to the fullest. She will be missed and remembered for a long time. I will always remember our great times in Mexico and golfing and will think of you whenever I have a marguerita or hit that long drive. My thoughts are with her family. What a great loss.

Carol Taberski

Carol Taberski - January 13, 2013 at 05:16 AM



“ Dear Ray, Anna and Comilla, You have been blessed to have one of the kindest people I have ever known as your wife and Mom. May all the happy memories you all shared together carry you through this sad time. Love you, Lisa

Lisa Schulte - January 12, 2013 at 06:32 PM



“ My dear friend, I will miss you. You were my first graphic design instructor and soon became a friend. I have so many wonderful memories of our painting outings together and trips to Italy. I remember the day we painted the Caboose on the Leelanau Trail. It was the 17th of April 2009 and a beautiful sunny day. We had so many cool painting adventures en plein air. God Bless, I know you are my angel.
With love, Lisa

Lisa Schulte - January 12, 2013 at 06:24 PM