



Jill Denise Wagner

May 29, 1959 - October 24, 2024

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Jill Wagner, 65, passed away peacefully on October 24, 2024, surrounded by family at The University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor. Jill was born on May 29th, 1959, in Detroit to Richard and Janice Bell. Jill was the youngest of four, preceded in death by her two older brothers, Mike Bell and Rick Bell and survived by her older sister, Sandy Demek (Jeff Demek). After graduating from Redford High School in 1977, Jill worked in the insurance business until taking time off to be a stay-at-home mom. She would later return to the insurance business and eventually retired in 2019 to be a full-time Nana. Jill's incredible imagination started at a young age and grew into one with the most magical stories. During her retirement, Jill began to revisit her love of storytelling and writing. With the encouragement of her family, Jill would go on to write and publish a three-book crime thriller series which brought joy and adventure to the last few years of her life. Known for her infectious smile, morbid sense of humor and giant, kind heart, Jill leaves behind a lifetime of friendships and meaningful connections. She is survived by her husband, Allen Wagner, Jr.; her three adoring daughters, Kristy Miller (Bill Miller) of Byron, Shay Brown of Fenton, and Kelly Jobe of Fenton. Despite her many accomplishments, being a Nana is what filled her with the most pride, leaving behind four admiring grandchildren: Brett & Cameron Miller, Lily Wagner and Jaxon Cain Brown. Jill brought love and light to everyone she met. She was selfless, brilliant, strong and terrible at golf. She kept socks in her jewelry box and every piece of art

her grandkids made. She was witty and always made people laugh. She was always her true self and her legacy of kindness and acceptance will live on in the hearts of those she loved the most. Family will greet visitors from 4 PM until 8 PM on Friday, November 1, 2024, and again on Saturday from 10 AM until 12 noon. A memorial service will be held at 12 noon on Saturday, November 2, 2024, at Dryer Funeral Home in Holly. Memorial contributions may be made in Jill's name to St. Jude's Children Research Hospital. <https://www.stjude.org/>
www.dryerfuneralhomeholly.com

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 1. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Dryer Funeral Home
101 First St.
Holly, MI 48442
<http://dryerfuneralhomeholly.com>

Visitation

NOV 2. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Memorial Service

NOV 2. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Dryer Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Jill Denise Wagner*



Dryer Funeral Home, Inc. - November 02, 2024 at 04:54 PM

BD

“ *1 file added to the album Memorial service Jill Wagner*



Bruce Dryer - November 02, 2024 at 02:58 PM

JP

Thank you for sharing this beautiful tribute to Jill. She would be so proud of all of you for sharing your love for her.

Janet Knapp Prescott - November 05, 2024 at 05:38 AM

EF

“ *Ebelt family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Jill Denise Wagner.*



Ebelt family - November 01, 2024 at 12:57 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jill Denise Wagner.



November 01, 2024 at 10:33 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Jill Denise Wagner.

November 01, 2024 at 10:33 AM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jill Denise Wagner.



November 01, 2024 at 05:53 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Jill Denise Wagner.

November 01, 2024 at 05:53 AM



“ The Baran Family purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Jill Denise Wagner.



The Baran Family - October 31, 2024 at 04:10 PM

LM

“ I have been reflecting back to those young years of our friendship. Oh my, we made some amazing memories that I don't think she ever forgot either. We were inseparable. She was a great friend and we had some great times growing up. Rest easy Jill, love you. Linda markham

Linda markham - October 31, 2024 at 03:39 PM

RH

“ Roxanne H. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jill Denise Wagner.

Roxanne H. - October 31, 2024 at 02:06 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Jill Denise Wagner.

October 30, 2024 at 08:58 PM

VP

“ Vincenzo and Antoinette Picciche purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Jill Denise Wagner.



Vincenzo and Antoinette Picciche - October 30, 2024 at 07:14 PM

MR

“ As a friend of the Tabbert family I have heard a lot of your family adventures and many stories of your Mom, Jill. I loved reading all her books. What a great story teller. You would never know or recognize me but I have enjoyed many stories from Debbie Tabbert about all of you. May a great person rest in peace.
Mary Lou Rau

Mary Lou Rau - October 30, 2024 at 03:00 PM

GA

“ Gary and Mary Allen purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Jill Denise Wagner.



Gary and Mary Allen - October 30, 2024 at 01:41 PM

GA

“ Gary and Mary Allen planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jill Denise Wagner.

Gary and Mary Allen - October 30, 2024 at 01:41 PM

VS

“ Jill was one of my best friends. Terrible at golf, she always would say that, but I never thought so. She was my golf partner for many years, and I thoroughly enjoyed playing with her. She was smart, funny, quick witted and always there for me with her wisdom good times and bad. I will miss her, rest in peace my beautiful friend.

Vicky Stone - October 30, 2024 at 12:23 PM

SB

She loved you just as much! <3

Shay Brown - October 30, 2024 at 06:36 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Jill Denise Wagner.

October 30, 2024 at 04:47 AM

LW

“ Love Debbie (Brown) Wertz and Gary Wertz purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Jill Denise Wagner.



Love Debbie (Brown) Wertz and Gary Wertz - October 29, 2024 at 09:48 PM

LB

“ Lisa, Heather, and Gail Bell purchased the Pretty Please for the family of Jill Denise Wagner.



Lisa, Heather, and Gail Bell - October 29, 2024 at 04:57 PM

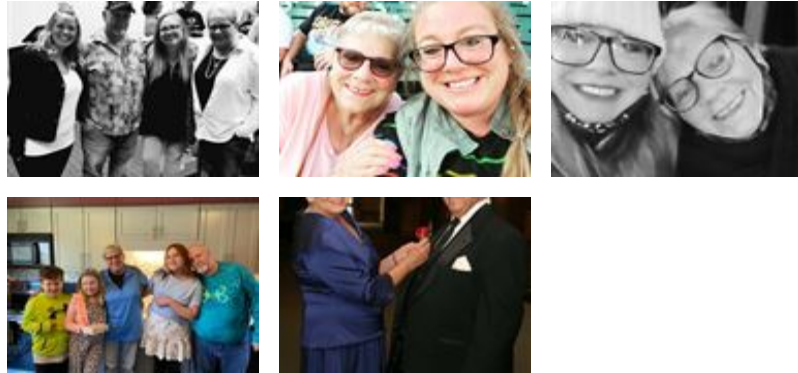
LB

“ From: Lisa, Heather, and Gail Bell planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jill Denise Wagner.

Lisa, Heather, and Gail Bell - October 29, 2024 at 04:57 PM



“ 28 files added to the album Life Tributes



Dryer Funeral Home, Inc. - October 29, 2024 at 02:27 PM

BK

“ Brian and Teri Keener purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Jill Denise Wagner.



Brian and Teri Keener - October 29, 2024 at 11:05 AM

BK

“ Brian and Teri Keener planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jill Denise Wagner.

Brian and Teri Keener - October 29, 2024 at 11:05 AM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jill Denise Wagner.



October 29, 2024 at 10:14 AM



“ Joe and Karen Gazetti purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Jill Denise Wagner.



Joe and Karen Gazetti - October 29, 2024 at 09:59 AM



“ Joe and Karen Gazetti planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jill Denise Wagner.

Joe and Karen Gazetti - October 29, 2024 at 09:59 AM



“ Abbey F. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jill Denise Wagner.

Abbey F. - October 28, 2024 at 08:17 PM

TV

“ Terry and Ann Veprauskas purchased the Treasured Lilies Spray for the family of Jill Denise Wagner.



Terry and Ann Veprauskas - October 28, 2024 at 03:28 PM

BM

“ Brian and Carol Mynatt purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Jill Denise Wagner.



Brian and Carol Mynatt - October 28, 2024 at 02:52 PM

MD

“ Enjoyed reading her amazing books. She seemed like a wonderful lady and incredible author. Sorry for your loss!!!

Martha Daily - October 28, 2024 at 02:16 PM

SB

Thank you!!!

Shay Brown - October 30, 2024 at 06:37 PM

AS

“ I had the opportunity to reconnect with Jill at her book signing and via Facebook. It had been years but it was so amazing seeing her and her family. I couldn't get over how cool it was to connect and enjoyed talking to her. I love the books. What an inspiration and accomplishment. I will miss seeing updates from you jill. Rip 🙏

Ann Snyder - October 28, 2024 at 01:50 PM

JJ

“ Jon and Julie Jordan purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Jill Denise Wagner.



Jon and Julie Jordan - October 28, 2024 at 12:49 PM

JJ

“ Jill was and always will be that friend that you haven't spoken with in a while, then when we would, it would be magical. ❤️. Hugs and Kisses to the Wagner family.



Julie Kay Jordan - October 28, 2024 at 12:41 PM

SB

Love you, Jules!!

Shay Brown - October 30, 2024 at 06:37 PM

LI

“ Love - The Izzo's purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Jill Denise Wagner.



Love - The Izzo's - October 28, 2024 at 12:30 PM

LI

“ Love - The Izzo's planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jill Denise Wagner.

Love - The Izzo's - October 28, 2024 at 12:30 PM