



Jill Mellon

August 21, 1992 - July 16, 2012

Jill Marie Mellon, AKA "The Beans, Jilly Beans, Jilly Pot Pie, Jill Jobear and Jilly Girl, 19, of Iron Mountain, passed away unexpectedly on Monday, July 16, 2012 at her home.

She was born Aug. 21, 1992, in Iron Mountain, the daughter of Dr. Michael and Lori (Ganz) Mellon. Her birth was on her parents 10th anniversary. Jill graduated from Iron Mountain High School in 2011, and was a member of St. Mary and St. Joseph Catholic Church.

She was a dedicated volunteer with Tammy Tomassucci and the girls at Family Ties, with Steve Cavalieri at his TMI/SMI classroom, and also helped Lorraine Massicotte with bingo at the V.A. Hospital in the nursing home wing. Jill did a job site for Sharon Quick at Woodland Daycare and was Jean Newberry's manager for the IMHS girls varsity volleyball team for four years.

She loved spending time outdoors, biking, tubing, swimming, kayaking, hunting and 4-wheeling at camp. Jill was thrilled when she was chosen for the Buckmasters White Tail Deer Hunt and the U.P. White Tails Boar Hunt. They were one of the highlights of her life.

Jill looked forward every year to the 4-H horseback riding program with her friend, Ross. She enjoyed her favorite foods - grapes, oranges, ice cream,

chocolate, pizza, mozzarella sticks, hot dogs, mac and cheese and spaghetti. She loved playing the Wii, Playstation, watching movies, playing games and cards, going to the show, and playing the "Claw" machine.

Jill learned card making from her friends, Jodi Reed and Donna Pietrantonio, which she really enjoyed. Other favorites were her beads and jewelry, stuffed animals, dolls and her large collection of Barbies. Jill's favorite time of year was Christmas. Most of all, Jill loved spending time doing many of these things with her family and friends.

She is survived by her parents, Dr. Michael and Lori Mellon of Iron Mountain; a brother, Travis Mellon (Cortney Roy) of Plano, Texas; a sister, Brigette Mellon (Tyler Weiss) of Chicago; paternal grandparents, Dr. Robert and Elizabeth Mellon of Iron Mountain; maternal grandmother, Anna Ganz of Iron Mountain; aunts and uncles, Rob (Jean) Mellon, Lisa (Tom) Nelson, Dr. Peter (Cassandra) Mellon, Dr. Monica (Dr. Steven) Terrian, Ernest (Shary) Ganz, Gail (Larry) Ragan, and Kathy Johnson (Randy Piper); cousins, Nicholas, Danielle and Carlyn Mellon, Kristin and Gregory Nelson, Megan and Courtney Mellon, Luke and Abby Terrian, Tanya (Steve) Phillips, Bryan (Crystal) Ganz, Tad Childers, Heather (John) Russell, Sara Demerath, and Lydia (Chris) Bryan, and Jim Johnson; second cousins, Brennan, Allyce, Aubrey, Lilah, Kaitlyn, Camryn, and Kayla, Zach, Killian, Elena; a special great-auntie, Pauline Formolo; favorite neighbor and buddy, Brian Bongji; special friend, Brian Carlson; good friends, Jamie, Lindsey and Kiana along with other relatives and friends. She is further survived by her extended family, the Spigarellis, Zambons, Rahoi/Watts, Lukes, and Jaynes.

Jill was preceded in death by her maternal grandfather, Fiorino Ganz; a special great-uncle, U.J.; great-aunt, Alice Tousignant; great-uncle, Santo Formolo; and cousin, Tony Johnson.

Visitation will be Friday from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. at St. Mary & St. Joseph Catholic Church in Iron Mountain.

A memorial Mass will follow Friday at 11 a.m. at the church. Fr. Daniel Zaloga and Deacon Don Christy will officiate.

Burial will be in Cemetery Park.

In lieu of flowers, several memorials will be established in Jill's memory.

Condolences to the family of Jill Mellon may be expressed online at ernashfuneralhomes.com.

The family has entrusted the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home of Iron Mountain with the funeral arrangements.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 20. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Mary & St. Joseph Catholic Church
414 Prospect Ave.
Iron Mountain, MI 49801

Mass of Christian Burial

JUL 20. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Iron Mountain, MI 49801

Tribute Wall

RF

“ Mom attends the Family Ties Adult Center where Jill volunteered. She never failed to make Mom smile and made her birthday celebration on June 29th extra special. Jill will certainly be missed.

Richard Craig - Crystal Falls, MI - Friend - July 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

NF

“ First, my deepest sympathies again to the Mellon family who deeply loved and cared for precious Jill. And now to give a tribute to Jill, which is very sad for me, but also an absolute honor! I first met Jill as I started teaching her piano over 10 years ago. Without hesitation, Jill was an absolute gift to me. She was always upbeat, fun and feisty and teaching her to play was a blast! One of Jill's amazing gifts was memorizing! Once she learned it, she never forgot it! I imagine her playing Disney songs right now for Jesus and her grandfather. We would laugh during practices sometimes so hard that Jill would get the hiccups! The memories I have will be forever cherished and I thank you for the blessing of teaching, but also being Jill's friend! She was "one in a million" and I will never forget her! May you know how much others loved her too! My prayers are with you all....Nancy and Tracy laFleur

Nancy laFleur - Kingsford, MI - Friend - July 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ Dear Mike, Lori, Brigette, Travis ~

How our hearts go out to you.

Jill was a sweetie with that friendly, “hello,” creative spirit, will to learn, and caring heart. You are a warm and loving family that wrapped yourselves around her every step of the way. That love shined in Jill and will continue to shine ... remembering her is blessing.

With our deepest sympathy,

Bob and Terri Doepker, and family.

Terri Doepker - Iron Mountain, MI - Friends - July 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

GF

“ *I remember meeting at the Proud Equestrian week. My son was Niles and he liked horses too.... It is heartbreaking to lose our children.... My hugs and Love to your family.....*

Grace Michaud - Florence, WI - Niles Hiltunen Memorial Family - July 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ *To all who loved her and she loved....your loss must be overwhelming. Hold eachother tightly and remember her everyday and she will live in your heart forever.*

Sissy Pollard

Sissy Pollard - Hoffman Estates, IL - friend - July 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LC

“ I was blessed to have met and spend a few brief moments with Jill.

Jill had a natural gift of making you smile, she will be missed by all her peers,

family, everyone she touched.

Mike and Lori, our heart goes out to you and your family.

leigh and gary hileman

leigh aiello hileman - mcalpin, FL - cousin - July 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM

FT

“ I would like to extend my sincere sympathy to the family of Jill. I had the opportunity to work with Jill for many of her school years. She leaves me with many fond memories. She often left me with a smile on my face or a good belly laugh. I shared this story with her family, and they requested I tell it on her memory book. This one is a belly laugh, so be prepared! This took place a couple years ago. I was working with her and it was hunting season. Knowing that the Mellon camp has a record of shooting some big bucks, and that Jill herself has had the opportunity to hunt, I was eager to ask her if her dad or brother had gotten a buck. She told me they hadn't but her dad's nephew had shot a little buck. And then she said, "And my dad was really pissed!" It is a general rule at that camp, that they don't shoot bucks less than six points! She told me then that when he saw the buck he said and I quote, "What the F____ did you shoot that for?" That was Jill. If you said it, she repeated it!

Fran Pickett - Kingsford, MI - Speech Therapist - July 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TC

“ I am so sorry to hear of your loss. My deepest sympathies to you. Keeping you in my thoughts and prayers at this difficult time.

Tina (Aiello) Lutheran - Albuquerque, NM - Cousin - July 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ Dear Lori and Family, We are so sorry to hear about Jill's passing away so unexpectedly. I can only imagine the pain and sorrow that you are feeling. You know Lori that I do not write this flippantly. The Lord uses parenting to shape us, but he uses our special needs children to mold us and expose us to a degree that, I know I never expected. You, Lori , were quite an inspiration when we moved to the area and had to find our way through the maze of Special Ed. You always saw the needs and potential that Jill had and helped her achieve those goals Though I haven't been a direct part of Jill's life in the last several years, we have found much joy in watching her in her activities through high school. May the Lord continue to comfort you as remember all of God's blessings given to you in your beautiful daughter, Jill

Truly,
Kathy Wilson, for the family

Lonnie and ,Kathy Wilson - Norway, MI - friend - July 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ Words cannot express how saddened our family is with the passing of Jill. She was such a sweet, kind, loving girl who was beautiful both inside and out. She always greeted us with a big smile and hug and she genuinely loved people. Some of my favorite memories of Jill are her love of beads and barbies, spending time with her when Brig and Melissa were younger at all of the basketball games, but my favorite memory of her was at her graduation party. She was just beaming and was on top of the world that day. She made each person at the party feel welcome and appreciated and was such a gracious host! Jill was truly a beautiful spirit who was loved and will be missed by everyone who had the pleasure to know her!

Monica and Don Maule - Iron Mountain, MI - friends - July 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ We are so sorry for your loss.

A wonderful memory we have of Jill as a little girl is when Jerry made her a birdhouse. Jill was excited, but not nearly as thrilled as Jerry was to make this for a special girl that always had a smile!!!

May your memories soften your sorrow.

Jerry and Mary Romitti

Jery and Mary Romitti - Iron Mountain, MI - July 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM

NF

“ I can't help but forget how excited she would get when our family would come over to play games at Christmas time every year. She would jump around and scream out answers whether it was her turn or not.

She kept up with me on facebook constantly and would say hi every couple weeks. I am proud of all she accomplished and wish your family the best with this tragedy. All of the Mellon's are wonderful and our family loves you dearly.

Nelson Hulbert - Coconut Creek, FL - Friend - July 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ To the Mellon Family, you have my deepest sympathy during this trying time. I knew Jill thru my granddaughter, Katie, but got to know her much better during our bingo volunteering at the VA Hospital. Always a bright smile and willing to help where needed. God Bless,
Judy Johnson

Judy Johnson - Iron Mountain, MI - July 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ Dear Mike and Lori,
I was saddened to hear of the sudden passing of Jill. Although I never had the opportunity to meet Jill, the obituary captures her living the full Mellon life-style, filled with continual growth and adventure. I wish you moments of peace during this grief-stricken time of sorrow, and know that you will find comfort through the support of family and friends. With the recent passing of Ryan, the Rice's truly understand, and will be forever thankful of that continued support. With deepest heartfelt sympathy. Julie

Julie Rice - Wisonsin Rapids, WI - Friend - July 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PT

“ Thoughts and prayers go out to Travis and family from all of your friends at Petri Electric.

Petri Electric - Richardson, TX - July 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PF

“ Dear Mellon Family, We are sorry for your loss. Jill was a wonderful girl that has touched many of our lives. She could brighten anyone's day with a simple gesture like a High-Five. I remember getting one everyday in the hallways at school! (Paul)

Paul Kuoppala and Family - Iron Mountain, MI - Friends - July 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ Mike, Lori, Brigette, Travis and immediate family,

I am so deeply saddened by the loss of Jilly. Words cannot express how sorry I am for you. You have always been and always will be my 2nd family, and I always thought of Jilly as my little sister. God couldn't have placed Jilly in a better family. You are all such amazing people. Jilly was such a happy, loving, sweet and silly person. I spent basically every weekend from 2nd grade through senior year of high school with your family, and I loved and will cherish every second I got to spend with Jilly. She was loved by EVERYONE. She made an impact in every life she touched and made an everlasting mark on everyone's heart. I am so glad I was able to see and hug Jilly this year at the 4th of July parade.

I love you all SO much! I am and will always be here for you!

*Love,
Melissa*

Melissa Maule - MI - Close Family Friend - July 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ Dear Mike, Lori and all the Mellon Family,
My heartfelt sympathy goes out to all of you during this difficult time. Although I never had the pleasure to meet Jill, I feel as though I knew her. I heard Dr. Mike talk about his daughter and always have such a smile on his face. I knew that Jill was a loving, happy, striving young woman who made people smile. Our prayers and thoughts are with all of you.

Tammy Conley & Family - Hermansville, MI - July 19, 2012 at 12:00 AM

HM

“ To the Mellon Family,
You have my deepest condolences. I did not know Jill very well, but I remember seeing her so many times over the years. I remember her at one of Brigette's birthday parties as a young child. She always seemed so happy and upbeat. When I saw her graduation pictures on facebook it made me so happy to see the success that she had found. The pictures of her and Brig that I've seen over the years always made me smile, sisterly love is truly an amazing thing. My thoughts and prayers are with you all during this time. After reading everyone else's comments, I see that my impressions of Jill were correct and that the angels in heaven are lucky to have her with them.
-Heather

Heather Klintworth - Lansing, MI - July 19, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ Though we never know the reasons for such loss, the lasting memories of such a kind and gentle spirit will forever live on in all of the lives Jill touched. Like a stone, thrown into a stream, the ripples seek out the shore and forever change it--so was Jill's life...a beautiful polished stone, thrown into an amazing, dedicated and loving families life stream, rippling out seeking the shore and forever changing everyone it touched. I pray for all of you, Jill's family and friends, that strength, peace and calm enter and remain in your hearts thru this most difficult time. Thank you for allowing me to have met Jill and Jodi and Darrell Reed's wedding, I am honored to say that I knew such a wonderful young lady. Blessings and peace...

Jen Wogernese - appleton, WI - July 19, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ Our deepest sympathies to you. Keeping you in our thoughts and prayers at this difficult time.

Jennifer (Courney) Harris - Fort Myers, FL - friend - July 19, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Jill was such a wonderful young lady. I truly enjoyed her warming smile and compassion that she showed to everyone. We were honored to have her at Family Ties with us. She made so many people happy. She was truly a blessing to us all. I will miss her beautiful smile and her kind words and helpfulness.

Jackie Dishaw - Kingsford, MI - friend - July 19, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ Dr. Mike, Lori and Family,

I just heard last night of Jills passing and my heart is heavy... I pray for strength from the Lord for your whole family during this difficult time. God sure did bless you with an Angel and he could not have given Jill better parents.

All My Love,

Sheri Quick

Sheri Quick - Rapid River, MI - Friend - July 19, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ To The Mellons,

I feel so privileged to have spent so many years in the company of your family and to experience such wonderful moments with Jill. Jill was a determined young lady and accomplished so much in so little time. She put so many smiles on so many faces :) God Bless you all in this difficult time, Siri

Siri Sholten - Sagola, MI - therapist and friend of family - July 19, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ Mike and Jill,

We are both so sorry to hear of Jill's passing. May God help you through this and please know that we are keeping you in our prayers. If there is anything we can do, please do not hesitate to call on us! Mike and Sharon, Olympia, Washington

Sharon Feeney - Olympia, WA - friend - July 19, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ I have attended many West Iron County Wykon-Iron Mountain Mountaineer athletic contests over the years but one fact was true many times over the last 4 years--I would always see one dedicated Mountaineer at the end of the bench helping with the teams. After reading all these tributes to Jill Mellon, now I know who that Mountaineer was. Heaven is full of Gold and Black confetti right now as their best fan is in the House. Dan Hinch, West Iron County Athletic Booster Club

Dan Hinch - Stambaugh, MI - July 19, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ Mellon Family- I will keep you in my thoughts and prayers. My deepest sympathies to you.

Ted Fornetti - July 19, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ You will be dearly missed Jilly Beans. The wonderful memories you have instilled in me and everyone who loves you will live on forever. Rest in peace.

Mitch Hulbert - Cleveland, OH - Friend - July 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ I'm sorry to hear about Jill Mellon. She will be sadly missed. Kaleb liked her as a friend. Laura Collins

Laura Collins - iron mountain, MI - friend - July 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PD

“ No words can express how heartfelt we are for the loss of your special daughter. God Bless...

Patty Soderbloom - Iron River, MI - Jill's Dad is my Doctor - July 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ Mike, Lori, Brig, and Trav,

Sending my heartfelt condolences to you and your family during this time. Jilly is such a special part of your family and such a sweet, special girl to others who have had the blessing to know her. She will be missed tremendously by many. May you find comfort in the memories shared with Jill and may you find strength in the love of family and friends. I will miss her infectious smile and laugh and will always cherish the times spent with her throughout the years. You are all in my thoughts and prayers during this most difficult time. Hugs in abundance...

Joletta Lee - Friend - July 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LN

“ Mike and Family,

*We were so sorry to hear of Jill's passing. We'll keep you and your family in our thoughts and prayers during this time and in the months to come. Jill was a gift to so many people and she touched so many. An amazing woman. Take care.
Ron and Lynn Stickel*

Lynn & Ron Stickel - Las Cruces, NM - July 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CD

“ Dear Mr. and Mrs. Mellon,

We are so very sorry for the loss of your daughter, our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. I have never met Jill but just from what Mike has told me I know how special she was in all of your lives. God Bless and if there is anything I can do to help, please, "just ask".

*Sincerely,
Curtis, Patty and Kristi*

Curtis and Patricia (Kristi Palmer) - Iron River, MI - My doctor - July 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ Lori, Mike and the whole Mellon family,
*We are deeply saddened with Jill's passing and our hearts go out to all of you.
You are all in our prayers always.*

*Love
John and Dianna Jamar*

John and Dianna Jamar - Iron Mountain, MI - friends - July 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MT

“ *My prayers and sympathies in this very difficult time. Jill was an inspiration to us all. Her smile and laughter were contagious.*

Mary Meyers - iron mountain, MI - past teacher - July 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ I met Jill recently while attending my mother's 95th birthday celebration at Family Ties, where Jill was a volunteer. Jill was so friendly and attentive to my mother, Eva Craig, and the other folks at Family Ties. Her kindness and warmth to all was wonderful, and it was apparent to me how much Jill was loved by the people there.

You have my sincere condolences on the passing of this special young woman.

Mary Muncy - Canton, MI - July 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ Mike, Lori, Bridgette, Travis (the best neighbors in the world)

I am so sorry for your loss, I wish I could be there to give you all a huge hug.. I remember being at your house a few days after you came home from the hospital with Jill, it feels like yesterday. Jill was an amazing women, she has touched the lives of many... We have lost, but heaven has gained an angel. I'm thinking of you all and praying for you to find comfort.

*Sending our LOVE
Jennifer and Violet Bongji
Lilee, and Nuka*

Jennifer - Phoenix , AZ - Friend - July 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ Mellon Family,

My thoughts are with you in this difficult time. You guys were so great with Jill. I can't imagine how difficult this is for you.

Andy Heilala

Andy Heilala - Austin, TX - Family Friend - July 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ *Lori, Brigette, Travis, and Mike,
So very sorry for your loss. Please know that you are all in our thoughts and prayers. Remember the great family weekend you just had that put smiles on Jill's face. She had a BIG heart and was always smiling. The heavens and Jesus have another angel among them. All our love.*

Mary and Bob Jayne - Iron Mountain, MI - friends - July 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ *Dear Mellon family,
My deepest sympathy is with you at this time of great loss! Heaven has a new star! Prayers are coming. Hold those memories close to your heart!*

Cheryl Wender-Menghini - Iron mountain, MI - Friend - July 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ *Mike, Lori, Brigette and Travis,

I am absolutley heartbroken over the loss of Jill. Just remembering all the time she and Bird spent together. She will be missed greatly and I want you all to know that you are in my thoughts and prayers.*

Words cannot express the sympathy I have for your family.

All my love.

Jenni

Jenni Giguere - Friend/Neighbor - July 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ Lori, Mike, Travis and Brigette.....You were all Jill's life.....when God placed Jill with your family he knew what he was doing. Jill was blessed to have you as her family just as you were blessed to have her in your lives. It is never easy to lose someone so dear to us, and when they are so young its even harder. But Jill lived a GREAT life and her BIG HEART and SMILE touched alot of people. She will be missed not only by your family, but by a whole community who loved her. If a persons life was measured by the number of people that knew them, then Jill would be much older than her 19 years! Jill will never be gone because you hold forever in your hearts, all the great memories and stories of Jills life. Yes you were Blessed to have Jill in your lives, but Jill was just as Blessed to have had all of you to call her family. You are special people and like I said at the beginning, Jill could not have found a better family. May God help you heal and move forward because thats what Jill would want. Peace and Love to you!!
Jeff and Cindy Olsen

Cindy Olsen - Iron Mountain, MI - friend - July 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you. We will never forget Jill's smile...especially at her High School graduation!

Mark Pontti - Iron Mountain, MI - July 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ Lori and Mike, I was so taken back with the loss of Jill. My deepest sympathy to your family. Jill was a positive, strong young lady, who will be missed very much in our orthodontic office. My memory of Jill will be one of optimisim, and gratefullness. Jill walked into our office with her head held high and a BIG smile on her face, no matter what procedure was being done. May the great precious memories of Jill comfort you and lead you to healing. God Bless Jill and your family.

Cookie Motkowski - Big Bend, WI - friend - July 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ There are no words to express how I am feeling about the loss of Jilly Beans. I was blessed to have had Jill as my student when she was in 6th grade. I know I did more learning from her than I did teaching her that year. She taught me about kindness, love, compassion, perseverance, and hugging!! Although those of us on earth are saddened by our loss, I know the heavens are rejoicing at Jill's presence.

Lori Cevigney - Iron Mountain, MI - July 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KF

“ Mike and Lori,.....Very Sorry for you Loss.....God Bless.....KJ

Kenny Johnson - San Diego, CA - Friend - July 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ Our thoughts an prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time. We send our love.

Dennis ~ Laura and Mindy Cook - Green Bay, WI - July 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ Oh Lori and Mike, I am so deeply sorry for your loss. Your daughter Jill was an amazing young lady and it was a privilege to know her and your family. She was such a strong young lady. Though she went through many medical treatments she lived life to the fullest and was and always will be an inspiration to our family! And you, Mike, Trav and Bridgette are such a loving and supportive family of who I have looked to over the years for encouragement, advice and just a really good example of a family that loved one another, supported one another and faced each day together. I wish I could take your pain away and how I wish you had more time with your precious daughter. But know that she awaits your arrival in Heaven, and is waiting full, complete and healthy with no more challenges. God Bless you all. I love you so very much, Sam

Samantha Coron - Kingsford, MI - Family Friend - July 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CE

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with your and your family in your time of sorrow. Jill was a special person who I will always remember for her sweetness and kindness to everyone she met. I know she was surrounded by love and will be greatly missed.. She will be remembered by many. She was loved on earth and has now in heaven. God Bless

Connie and Jerry Bartholomew - Iron Mountain, MI - past employee - July 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ We knew Jill from when she and Sarah Pietrantonio were in school together! Know they are now are in Heaven (riding horses together). Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this most difficult time.

John, Pam, Summer and Sam Pietrantonio - Iron mountain, MI - Friend - July 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ The Mellon Family Jill was just a beautiful wonderful special young lady even though everytime she saw me she pretend I was there who's going to do that now. Jill was our earthly angel and now she will be our heavenly angel. I am going to miss you Miss Jill I love you this time you can't pretend I am not there. Love you Mrs Gal! Last night the twins wanted to win for her in soccer but they tied, they were losing with 10 seconds to go in the game and Kota said Jill let me make this goal and he did he never made one before. Jill you will always be with us!q

Maureen Galeazzi - Iron Mountain, MI - family friend - July 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KT

“ Dear Mellon Family,

I am so very saddened to hear about Jill's passing. I was very lucky to have her in my classroom her 6th grade year. She taught me more about teaching students than any textbook or professor ever could. Know that she has touched people's lives in a very positive manner and she will not be forgotten. Jilly Bean provided me a laugh a day when I had her. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

Kristi Solda - Iron Mountain, MI - 6th grade teacher - July 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KF

“ *Lori and Family,*

I was so sadden when I read about Jill. I remeber meeting her at your house when we had the "wee care" support group. Hold on tight to all those precious times you all have had with Jill to help carry you through this hard time. God blessed you with his angel and now he has taken her home to be with him! Big hugs
Kathy

Kathy Stchowicz - Kinville - Marquette, MI - Friend - July 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ *The Mellon Family,*

I am so sorry to hear of Jill's passing. My prayers and sympathiies to you all during these extremely difficult times. Even though I didnt know her well, Jill always has a huge smile on her face and giggling whenever I'd see her in passing. Thats how I will remember her. Thinking of you and God bless you, Sheree Edlund Gauthier, Class of 78 IMHS

Sheree Edlund Gauthier - Iron Mountain, MI - IMHS Class of 78 , friend - July 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM