



Mary Jill Cassidy Leonard

September 1, 1943 - July 18, 2022

Albany, NY - Leonard, Mary Jill (Cassidy) Our beloved sister Jill left this life on July 18, 2022, after a tremendous demonstration of strength, courage and independence in her battle with metastatic melanoma.

She is reunited with her beloved husband Tim whom she married on May 24, 1975.

Jill was born in Albany on September 1, 1943 to Thomas F and Margaret Faire (Marshall) Cassidy.

Jill is preceded in death by both parents, her cherished husband Tim, sister Margaret (Peg) Perfield Levine and brothers Thomas F Cassidy, Jr and William. Jill is survived by her sister Maureen Cassidy (Gerald Kluff), brother Michael J Cassidy (Janet Cassidy), sister in law Nancy Carey Cassidy, brother in law Alan Levine, nieces Jill Perfield Anelli and Elizabeth Faire Cassidy and nephews David Perfield (Lisa), Colin Cassidy (Nicole), Kevin Cassidy and Thomas Hugh Carey Cassidy. She loved her adorable great-nephews and nieces Brandon Anelli, Anna and Lexi Perfield and Jack, Sienna and Chloe Cassidy and thoroughly enjoyed watching them grown up. They all will enjoy their Aunt Jill memories.

Always outgoing, pretty and personable, Jill had a fun and varied career. She

is a graduate of the Academy of the Holy Names (1960). After Holy Names, she did an internship with Josef Yezzi's, a well-known woman's dress shop, in downtown Albany. She then went on to work at Berdorf Goodman's in New York. During her time at Berdorf's, she coordinated the Truman Capote and Katherine Graham's Black and White Ball. She later went to work for Mohawk Airlines, based in both Albany and Boston and traveled extensively. Politics caught her eye and she went to work on the staffs of Gov. Nelson Rockefeller, Perry Duryea and Joseph Bruno. Always independent, she was a proud and active Republican, much to the chagrin of Tim, a life-long Albany Democrat.

After her family, Jill was most proud of her community service which she participated in with joy and enthusiasm.. Jill was a member of the Junior League of Albany. She was a founding chairperson of the volunteers for the "Melodies of Christmas" concerts and Dancing in the Woods, founding board member of The Ronald McDonald House, member of the Albany Institute of Art and board member of the Saratoga Performing Arts Center. Tim and Jill were members of Wolfert Roost Country Club.

Jill and her family are most grateful for the amazing healthcare she received from Joanne Fogarty, MD, Michael Postow, MD from MSKCC and the wonderful and compassionate staff at Albany Medical Center.

Services will be private at Jill's request.

In lieu of flowers, Jill would like contributions made to The Albany Ronald McDonald House 139 South Lake Avenue, Albany NY 12208, in her honor.

To leave a message for the family please visit www.McveighFuneralHome.com

Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Jill Cassidy Leonard*

October 08, 2023 at 09:24 PM



“ *Good morning Maureen*

I wanted to send my condolences although you don't know me. In the category of small world, my husband Jack OBrien died the same day as Jill; he was from Albany and a good friend of Tim's. Tim and Jill actually attended our wedding in NYC 2 weeks before they were married in May of 1975. My brother in law sent me the obituary page for my husband from the Times Union which by chance was on the same page as Jill's. I was so happy to see she had such a full life. My sincere sympathy to you. I have a lovely photo I would be glad to share with you of Tim and Jill. karlaperlman@hotmail.com



Karla Perlman - August 06, 2022 at 08:46 AM



“ *My thoughts are with you Maureen and the rest of Jill's relatives and friends. I will hold dear all of my cherished memories of all the years from high school on of time spent laughing and reminiscing about our lives as we partied, went out to a myriad of events and elbow bending at all our favorite spots around the Capital District. You were always a pure soul that is now married with Tim's in eternal rest.*

Frances Ingraham - July 26, 2022 at 11:31 AM

MM

“ We are so sorry to hear of Jill's passing. Jill was a devoted member of the Junior League of Albany. We thank you for all of her service to the league!

Michelle Mahon - July 24, 2022 at 11:28 AM

JV

“ Dear Maureen and Mike,
Sending prayers to you and your families at this difficult time. The Murphys have many great memories of our next door neighbors on Halsdorf Street. Such a loss losing three siblings in such a short time. May Jill, Peggy and Tom all rest in peace.
Jo-Anne Murphy Vogel

JoAnne Vogel - July 23, 2022 at 12:01 PM

RM

“ It is very sad to learn about Jill's passing. We were cousins, about 20 of us, and we spent a lot of time together as youngsters, but not so much after family and careers diverged. Jill kept in touch, and helped keep us connected.

Rich Marshall - July 22, 2022 at 10:31 PM

SH

“ I used to work at Dr. Fogarty's office, so I got to talk to Jill often. I enjoyed her stories about Tim and Bleeker Stadium the most! We grew very close in that time and am truly sorry for her passing. I will always treasure the times we chatted.

susan hinckley - July 22, 2022 at 02:22 PM

HC

“ To the Cassidy family, We are sorry for your loss. Our prayers are with you during this time. We sent a donation to RMH to honor Jill .
With Sympathy, Helen Carey O'Neill and the family

Helen Carey - July 22, 2022 at 12:31 PM

DC

“ Very sad to read about Jill's passing. I worked with Jill at the DOS, Division of Licensing Services. She was such nice woman. I remember she had a nice picture of golfer Phil Mickelson on her desk. ❤️

Deby Campana - July 21, 2022 at 05:44 PM

KO

“ Jill and I grew-up as "around-the-corner" buddies. She at 12 Halsdorf Street and me at 12 Kakely Street, and since we both attended St. Catherine's elementary school, we often walked to, or from, together. We never actually "dated", but as Seniors, she joined me at CBA's Winter Prom...and was selected as PROM QUEEN!
Although I left Albany in the late 1960's, we remained friends, and most recently, found ourselves as friends on Facebook. She was a warm, bubbly lady of class, and she will be missed.
My heart is heavy.

Kevin O'Neill - July 21, 2022 at 05:37 PM

MR

“ I am so very heart broken to learn of Jills passing We worked together at the state and I adored her and cherished our friendship She was an amazing bright light My deepest sympathies to her beloved family and dear friends Rest in peace dear Jill

Maureen R - July 21, 2022 at 05:29 PM

BC

“ I cannot believe my dear friend JILL, a long-time and loyal member of our “pack “Has actually left us. I have never known anyone who demonstrated such courage battling this terrible cancer. Her attitude was so upbeat and inspiring. I still want to pick up the phone and ask her how she’s doing. She would answer “great”, or simply that it wasn’t a good day. Never complained! She would amaze and tire me recalling all her errands on the previous day. We certainly shared many laughs together and had a date this week to meet for Oysters which she loved. sadly, that didn’t happen. Maybe she and Tim are enjoying some together. How happy she must be. Rest in peace my friend. I will miss you ☐



Barbara Conway - July 21, 2022 at 03:03 PM