







THE SUN REJOICES IN YOUR BEING....
SHINING THROUGH YOU EVERY TIME YOU SMILE...
WARMING THOSE AROUND YOU
WITH YOUR BRILLIANCE.

THE WIND REJOICES IN YOUR BEING...

DELIGHTING IN THE PRIVILEGE TO EMBRACE
YOUR GENTLE SWEETNESS AND CARRY IT
TO OTHERS ON A BREEZE.

THE EARTH REJOICES IN YOUR BEING...
AND THE DIFFERENCE THAT YOUR
CARING PRESENCE MAKES
EACH DAY IN ALL CREATION.

Jill Ellen Herreid was born the youngest to Arvie and Alvera Herreid on July 31, 1963 in Williston, ND. In the time Jill spent on earth, she lived a very full and active life. Being a lifelong resident of Williston, Jill graduated from Williston Senior High School with the class of 1981 and then continued her education at UND-W where she graduated with her associates degree in business and computer science. Upon graduating Jill was able to follow in her father's footsteps taking his place at Conlin's Furniture/Budget Home Furnishings as their bookkeeper/office manager. During those 30+ years of employment, Jill established lifelong memories and friendships.

All through Jill's education she participated in athletics which included basketball, track, and softball. She was an active member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. Jill never did anything half-hearted. She excelled as an athlete and enjoyed many years of comradery with all her teammates in whatever sport she was involved in. Jill was especially skilled in softball and participated in many tournaments local and statewide.

She enjoyed various outdoor activities as she always preferred dirt over pavement. Some of her favorite past times were snowshoeing, skiing, backpacking, fly fishing, kayaking, canoeing, horseback riding, rock climbing, snorkeling and surfing. Always the traveler, Jill enjoyed these various activities in places like the Beartooth Mountains of Montana, Key West, Florida, the Bahamas, Jamaica, the Big Island of Hawaii, among many others. Everywhere she went she made lifelong friends.

Jill's heart was so big, it is hard to put into words just how much she meant to anyone and everyone who was lucky enough to meet her. She was known for her selfless giving nature, her kindness and compassion, her ability to have fun, and to always make you feel welcome no matter who you were or your circumstances. There are so many people that looked up to Jill and whom she helped at various times in their lives. She was always there to listen and to give a hug that uplifted your soul. Her smile and knee-slapping laughter were contagious. She was a very hard worker, spiritual, and had a childlike curiosity about life. Jill loved all children and they loved her. Family and friends meant everything to Jill. We were all blessed with Jill singing to us, "Have I told you lately that I love you."

People were not Jill's only love in life. She shared a deep personal relationship with nature and animals.



She found great peace and spirituality in the rhythm of the earth and all its elements. Animals always had a way of finding a a home with Jill. She had a habit of filling bird feeders, feeding deer, and took in many strays over the years.

Jill is preceded in death by her parents, Arvie and Alvera Herreid, her oldest brother, Terry (Herreid) Hammond, and her brother in-law Paul Van Allen.

She is survived by her brother Glenn (Linda) Herreid of Georgia, her sisters Lana (Rick) Ensrud of Minnesota, Trudy Van Allen of Williston, Patti (Steve) Ogurchak of Williston and her partner Lynn Thomas of Williston, as well as all her nieces, nephews, and great nephews whom she loved dearly.

Jill was fearless. She lived her life by the mantra:

"Do one thing every day that scares the hell out of you".

Jill, "Have we told you lately that we love you!"