



## Jill Victoria Kaner

July 20, 1955 - October 19, 2025

Groveland, MA - Jill Victoria Kaner, a longtime resident of Groveland, Massachusetts, passed away on October 19, 2025 after years of declining health.

Jill was born in New York City on July 20, 1955, to Jay and Mary Jane Kaner, both veterans of World War II, a fact that made Jill immensely proud. Jill moved to Fairfield, Connecticut as a child where she attended local schools and made many lifelong friends. She was a proud graduate of Roger Ludlowe High School, class of 1973. She then graduated from Pine Manor College in Newton, Massachusetts and Hollins University in Roanoke, Virginia. A writer, Jill studied English and literature, and kept small notebooks of her poetry throughout her life. She worked as a paralegal in New York, then in the credit department at Sears, where she also helped write copy for their famous catalog.

Jill loved to travel. With her life-partner, Mary T. Farren, she traveled the world visiting Paris, Rome, Lourdes, Machu Picchu and beyond. She especially loved her time in Switzerland as a high school student, where she studied French and backpacked through the alps with her newfound friends. As a child of the 70's, Jill never let go of her free-spirited zest for life and her hope that through peace & love the world might become a better place. She will forever be remembered for her loyalty, humor and her devoted love of family

and friends. She never let anyone go, always remembering birthdays, graduations, and memorial dates. Her well-mannered presence graced many a gathering and she always found a way to put people at ease and to make them smile. Her love of art and music was shared with many of the young people in her life and those of us who knew her will never forget her irony, wit, and sharp turn of phrase.

Jill was pre-deceased by her life-partner of over thirty years, Mary T. Farren, as well as her parents, and her beloved aunt, Marcia Kaner of New York City. She is survived by her sister-in-law Elizabeth Mosseri and her husband Lu, her niece Sarah Mosseri and her husband Noah and her nephew Daniel Mosseri of Athens, Georgia, and her sister-in-law Mary Molloy of Valley Stream, New York. Jill is also survived by a wide circle of close friends: her dear friend and companion Terry Holbrook of South Weymouth, Massachusetts, her lifelong friend, Marilyn (Roach) Shannahan, her husband Brian, of West Newbury, Massachusetts, and their daughters Courtney, Kelsey and their families, Barbara and Tom Lincoln of San Diego, and their daughter Elizabeth (Bizzy) and sons John and Andrew, Joan Polster and Kathleen Scholan of Fairfield, Connecticut, and her Sears' friends, Denise Stacy, Doreen Casoli, and Marion Boudreault.

A graveside service will be held on November 21, 2025 at 10:30 AM at Oaklawn Cemetery, 1530 Bronson Road, Fairfield, Connecticut.

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

NOV **21**. 10:30 AM (ET)

Oaklawn Cemetery  
1530 Bronson Road  
Fairfield , CT 06824

# Tribute Wall

LZ

“ I have been trying to contact Jill Since December 2025 and just reading this for the first time and feel so sad that I did not know she had passed. She was great, so giving, so caring. We worked through our health problems and she helped our foundation by running and raising money. My condolences to the family, I wish I had known.

*Loretta Zack*

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**Loretta Zack** - May 14 at 11:19 AM

LM

“ Liz Mosseri lit a candle in memory of Jill  
Victoria Kaner



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**Liz Mosseri** - December 14, 2025 at 05:11 PM

JR

“ *Jill was the very best of the best! I'm so sad that she is no longer with us, but so grateful that she is now with Mary and her family in Heaven, and no longer suffering. 🙏🙏🙏*

*Jill was one of the nicest people I've ever met in my entire life. She was full of love and kindness for everyone. She cared about everyone, loved to get together with family and friends, had a zest for life!*

*We loved talking about our travels, she told me about growing up in New York & CT with her beloved parents, visiting the Met and Broadway in NYC, trading stories about the ocean/lakes, international travel adventures, how she loved going to Tanglewood for concerts in the summer, and her dedicated fundraising for the Dana Farber cancer fight.*

*She was a true friend to the end for myself and so many others. When I was going through difficult times, Jill was the one that was always there, giving me an encouraging word, and making me laugh hearing about her many adventures.*

*Jill, you were such a special friend to me into so many people. You are truly missed. Sending prayers and hugs to all who loved you, and know that the world is a much better place because of you.  
Love, your friend Jean in Chicago*

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**Jean R** - November 22, 2025 at 07:49 PM