



Jill Marie Draves

July 9, 1972 - July 30, 2025

Jill Marie Draves (Griffith), 53, of Brooklyn Park, Minnesota, passed away peacefully on July 30, 2025, after a hard-fought battle with cancer. Born and raised in Coon Rapids, she graduated from Coon Rapids High School and earned her bachelor's degree from Minnesota State University, Mankato.

Jill built a 26-year career at Wells Fargo, rising to Control Management Director and Senior Vice President through dedication, integrity, and a relentless work ethic. Beloved wife, mother, daughter, sister, and aunt, Jill was a beautiful wife with a stunning smile and beyond the most amazing mother to her two boys-she did everything for them, and they meant the world to her. Jill loved sports, especially soccer. She loved being on the field, whether playing, coaching both her boys with energy, pride, and heart, or watching them from the sidelines. She believed in the value of hard work and dedication, always telling her boys, "Be the hardest worker"-on the field, in practice, or in games.

Jill was a deeply loving and present Mom. Even during her cancer journey, she never missed one of her boys' games. Her kindness, strength, and unwavering support for the people she loved defined her life. Her memory will live on forever in the hearts of family and friends who knew her, and her spirit will remain present in all life events to come.

She is survived by her loving husband, Clay; sons, Connor and Jaden; father,

Rob Griffith; mother, Rose Griffith; brothers, Gary Griffith, Mike Griffith, Brian Griffith, and Todd Griffith; as well as many other beloved family members and friends.

Visitation will be held at Washburn-McReavy in Coon Rapids on Wednesday, August 13, from 5:00-8:00 PM.

A church service will be held at the Church of St. Timothy in Blaine on Thursday, August 14, at 11:00 AM, with lunch to follow.

Interment will take place after lunch at Lakewood Cemetery in Minneapolis.

The family would like to extend a heartfelt thank-you to the doctors and staff at Abbott Northwestern Hospital and the Allina Cancer Institute at Abbott.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in Jill's name to the Allina Cancer Institute at Abbott.

Cemetery Details

Lakewood Cemetery (Minneapolis)

3600 Hennepin Avenue South
Minneapolis, MN 55408

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 13. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Coon Rapids Chapel
1827 Coon Rapids Blvd.
Coon Rapids, MN 55433

Visitation

AUG 14. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Church of St. Timothy
707 89th Ave NE
Blaine, MN 55434

Mass of Christian Burial

AUG 14. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Church of St. Timothy
707 89th Ave NE
Blaine, MN 55434

Tribute Wall

TA

“ *Jill was a wonderful mentor, brilliant, kind and caring. I was her admin for nearly 4 years, & know she talked daily about her family. Her smile said it all when she spoke of you (Clay, boys & parents). You were her pride & joy. She helped me through a very difficult 11 months (personally) & I am forever grateful to her for all of the support she provided to me.*

May you feel God's comfort during this difficult time. Tabitha

Tabitha - August 14, 2025 at 11:33 AM

PD

“ *Jill was so many things, a good friend, kind hearted, at times an entertainer(doeing the froggie dance) and so much more. She was like a mirror, reflecting always light when needed, and positivity where ever she was. Jill was unwavering light an examllemfor ua all. While taken too soon, God have bigger things in store, to call His daughter home. May she find comfort in God's gentle embrace where she will have no more pain, sorrow or suffering. May Jill's memory be eternal.*

Phil Domek - August 13, 2025 at 10:13 AM

PD

Excuse the typos

Phil Domek - August 13, 2025 at 10:17 AM

CJ

“ A shining light gone far too soon. I had the privilege of playing soccer and running track with Jill in our high school years. What a joy she was to be around, peace to her boys, her husband and his family, and to the Griffith family.

Carla Johnson - August 12, 2025 at 11:51 PM

HJ

“ Rest in Heaven, Jill. Our condolences to the Draves family. Jill coached my son for many years, taught him so much. A beautiful soul gone far too soon. Sending thoughts, hugs, and prayers.

Sincerely, The Jones Family



Heather Jones - August 12, 2025 at 03:12 PM

AD

“ My condolences to Jill’s husband, her boys that she adored and her extended family. Jill and I worked together at Wells Fargo for a number of years. Jill could be counted on through thick and thin in the workplace. However, the best conversations were always when we talked about family. Her eyes would light up, she would start smiling and speaking with great joy about her boys, coaching and her family. Her family was everything to her. May she rest in peace and may her memory be a blessing to all that knew her.

Allison DeGerolami - August 11, 2025 at 06:49 PM

JM

“ Mary and I know Jill would never bet on a Grey horse especially a #5. We loved her and will truly miss her. Jill will always be in our hearts. RIP my friend.



Jerry and Mary - August 11, 2025 at 05:13 PM

AG

“ My condolences to the entire Draves family. Jill was my manager and mentor for many years. I fondly remember our weekly conversations sharing stories (and trials/tribulations) of club sports for our boys. Her passion for sports and tracking her son's on the field made her eyes light up. She will be dearly missed.

Ari G. - August 11, 2025 at 11:15 AM

LS

“ To the Draves family, my deepest sympathies for your loss. Jill and I were close colleagues, and she will be missed greatly. We shared a no nonsense mentality and had many great laughs together. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Lori S.

Lori S - August 09, 2025 at 10:21 PM