

Billie Williams' Memorial Service: memories shared in the chat during the Zoom memorial service

From Joyce Steckler : our love always to our dear friend. Stecklers

From Alice Curtis : Billie was so alive, so giving, so connected!

From George Lanning : A wonderful friend

From Polly : Such a beloved and beautiful soul. She touched so many lives.

From Sharon Love : She exuded joy and I always remember her smiling.

From mo and kent : Billie was such a delight..always smiling and questioning and involved...and smart as a whip!

From Sierra Visser Kroha : I am Billie's great niece and visited her once when I was about 14. She served me port wine inside a cantaloupe and I couldn't think of anything more spectacularly foreign and full of life. In that moment, I was inspired to travel and find the places where such a dish was served so casually.

From Diana Finch : Diana Finch, Olympia UU Always smiling and a beautiful presence.

From Barb Carey : Seeing Billie always made my heart sing, she was so loving!

From Mark Gray & Sue Brown : Thank you for your many gifts, Billie, to all and each of us. You made a difference!

From Richard L. Brandt-Kreutz : Billie was one of the welcoming people Betsy and I will always remember from our OUUC family.

From Karen and Jack Jackson : Just last year we were learning to play Mah Jongg - at times, a very intricate and demanding game.

From PatS : Billie took on learning Mah Jongg and we had many fun times together. she was always generous and loved learning and plying. she also became busy with Newcomers. Time for herself and being with others. I will miss you Billie. You are so loved.

From Bobbe & Mike Murray : There's no one like Billie. We will miss her terribly. Bobbe & Mike Murray

From Gail & Fritz Wrede : When I went to Paris in 2016 Billie said "oh I wish I could guide you" but she wrote down all the places I should see and experiences I should have. It was grand!!

From Jean Garwood : Jean Garwood, Panorama Billie organized the trip of a lifetime to France for my friend and me

From Joan Martin : Billie was an inspiration to me.

From Gail James : A little over a year ago, I lost my only son. Even though I had not been too involved with OUUC and her not even knowing my son, there was Billie for me that day for his memorial. She was incredibly wonderful.

From Cindy Bowens : Billie made me feel included and welcome each time I saw her. Her spirit of service was inspirational. I wish I'd had more time to get to know her. RIP Billie.

From Robin Bricel : I remember how helpful /Billie was at the French Club meetings in Olympia. Au revoir Bille

From Sue Langhans : Most inspirational women I had the privilege to know.

From James's iPhone : hi Billie love you

From Pat Dickason : Billie was so very caring...quite a role model.

From Tami Black : Billie visited me to talk about our shared love of Paris and France, but didn't stay long - she wanted to get back to care for Rob.

From Cecile Malik : Billie was so kind and welcoming, a true friend, whom I will dearly miss. We met through the French club, and shared some excellent discussions in the French book club, and I enjoyed and appreciated every moment shared with her.

From Emily Ray : I expect Billie joined OUUC through her friendship with Lydia Garrett, a long-time UU and former French teacher now living in AZ. Both Lydia and Billie were active in the Trotters, a women's hiking group a number of UU women enjoy.

From Carol McKinley : Billie was committed to making sure everyone was included and knew they were loved.

From PatS : Such an inspiration to all of us !

From Lee Doyle : I loved her sweet passion while gathering food for homeless families.

From Gretchen Faulstich : An amazing inspiration to be fully apart of this world--helping others always and exploring new places and engaging with new people. Always eager to meet the world.

From Lorraine Nail Visser : Bille always had such loving strength. I remember her best, striding by a creek and spreading my mother's and father's ashes, mixed with wildflower seeds. She plunged her hand in the bag and spread them with great energy and great love. A loving farewell to her beloved sister Marge and brother-in-law Clelland.

From miichaelstevenson@msn.com : Grand Bravo pour Billie !!!

From Candasa Utley : She celebrated our best, forgave our worst and always shone like a beacon....

From Christine Parke : An inspiration, and a role model....

From Emily Ray : As a tour leader, Billie was always flexible and open to the hopes and ideas of others. A true collaborator.

From Kathryn : I took two tours in France with Billie and love them and her. To my surprise, with all Billie's travels, she had never been to Washington, DC. SO I invited her and she came Twice! It was wonderful!

From Judith : Billie enthused. Billie was interested. Billie found time and took time to find who she was speaking with and to. I remember the unique sound of her voice, and the laugh that was never tentative, guarded, but whole hearted and ready for the next bit of fun.

From charlottejouanneteau : Thanks for the wonderful ceremony and the beautiful music! My mom and dad met through Billie. Wouldn't be here without her! She will be deeply missed.

From Robin Henderson : Shout out to all the former Mme. Students in the room, including those who became teachers, and so had her as the mentor par excellence as well. (Especially firm handshake to those of us who became French teachers. Des profs pareils, on n'en voit ici-bas que très peu .)

From Daphné Jouanneteau : I'm so thankful for Billie. She is the reason my parents met. I would not be here today if it hadn't been for her. Lots of love, she will be missed.

From Liz Clement : Thankful to have met such a loving, genuine soul.

From Rebecca Downey : Remembering Billie with much love. There is no one like her and how blessed we have all been to have known such a beautiful soul. With love, Becky Downey, Marianne Hunter, Kathy Kinnaird and Jody Underwood.

From Karen and Jack Jackson : she taught at Timberline the same time as my Dad. I remember her always asking about him and saying hello whenever he joined us for an OUUC event. She was loveliness personified.

From Gary Worthington : Founder of the Adult Education Travel series (very popular class), and eagle-eyed editor of the catalog of classes! We miss her greatly.

From Beth Albertson : I remember her infectious smile, and she always managed to ask about my son. She was amazingly kind and will be missed.

From Riley McLaughlin : I miss her smile...

From marywelsh : A great auction enthusiast. Merci beaucoup Billie!

From Candasa Utley : Such a deeply kind soul...

From Richard L. Brandt-Kreutz : When Billie asked me to lead the Travel That Transforms Lives adult ed class at OUUC, I could tell that she would miss greatly miss it. She was so generous in her feedback and direction, she had a certain boldness that I have tried to carry forward in my teaching.

From Emily Ray : Billie's signature was her jaunty neckscarf. She looked fresh and pretty no matter the rigors of travel!

From Mark Gray & Sue Brown : "She listened to learn,"

From Candasa Utley : Wayshower and friend...

From susanbakke : So at ease with everyone she interacted with, making those of us she shared with at ease as well.

From Melanie Ransom : Billie made our trip to France extra special.

From margaret knudson : I loved sharing our love of opera with you! You are also model for me in gracious aging. I loved your bright eyes and smile.

From Kathryn : "Kathryn" or "me" is Kathy Hartzler.

From Dorothy Gist : She welcomed homeless guests like they were valued old friends. her respect for everyone is an inspiration.

From Celia's iPad : I will never forget her generous attention to Mary faring Tom as she faded following her final illness Billie took her wheelchair bound and non verbal to local music especially capital playhouse musicals

From Candasa Utley : Darling.

From Anne Radford : Billie lived fully right to the end-an inspiration to us all!

From Joanne Dufour : Billie was a supporter of the United Nations and a true friend and inspiration.

From Suzan Porter : My son, Theo, was beginning French in high school when I took him one year to the Olympia French Club's annual Christmas Party. Billie engaged him in his first full length conversation completely in French. On the way home, he said, "I LOVE that woman!" Yes, Theo, we all feel that way...

From Terri : Billie was one of the first people I met at OUUC. She was so kind, gentle, and loving; She made me feel so welcome and always greeted me with a big smile. May the light of her life shine on...

From Judith and Alain : Thank you TROY for the beautiful music

From 'Rena Shlichta : Dear Billie, oh, how I shall miss you, your friendship, your inspiration, and your love of the French language. I shall always remember you. Rena.