



## Jane Abbey Phillips

July 13, 1944 - November 9, 2023

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Jane Abbey Phillips on November 9, 2023 with loving family at her bedside. Born Jane Abbey Hoople in London Ontario on July 13, 1944, she leaves behind her dear husband Jim, devoted sons Nicholas and Colin, and cherished Grandchildren Liam, Ellie, Yuma, Benjamin, Kaito and Sana. Jane was predeceased by her sister Marianne and parents Duncan and Dorothy. A superb Librarian, fabulous gardener and fearless defender of vulnerable people and creatures, Jane will be dearly missed. When Jane wasn't troweling in flower beds or enjoying the front porch with Jim, she was immersed in a great book with a cat on her lap and dog by her side. The family wishes to thank the incredible management and staff at Hospice Halifax for their commitment of comfort and compassion for Jane and her family during this difficult time. A private ceremony will be held for Jane at a later date and donations can be made to Hospice Halifax. Please leave Online condolences at [harboursidecremation.ca](http://harboursidecremation.ca)

# Tribute Wall

AF

“ I met Jane soon after she became librarian for the Dept. of Community Services. Her knowledge and helpful assistance in finding relevant books on work-related issues became a great help, and we soon became friends.  
Her good humour was infectious and our families shared many delicious meals and celebrations together. She very much loved her family. A highlight was their travels together as a family in their camper van through Europe and Asia, and later, several trips to Japan.  
Jane was an avid gardener and I greatly admired how she transformed the spaces around her. She was generous in sharing her plants with us. The Japanese forest grass and barrenwort, also called fairy wings, are in several parts of our garden, and will continue to remind us of her smile, her humour, and her joy for life.

--Beverly d'Entremont, Anthony Farrell.

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**Anthony J Farrell** - November 19, 2023 at 04:04 PM

PM

“ Unfortunately distance prevents us being there celebrating our friend and neighbour Jane.  
We have fond memories of Jane around pleasant meals at your inviting home with candles and flowers and stimulating conversations on diverse subjects, even politics...smile.  
We see Jane with you Jim, always working to make a warm and cosy home and garden. It was an inspiration to us; we learned from you.  
Jane shall always be with us; you both continue to live in our memory at Green Lane.  
Paule & Ken MacInnis  
Ottawa

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**paule Macinnis** - November 18, 2023 at 10:20 AM

CH

“ I remember Jane from her library days in government. We used to see each other at NS Government librarians' meetings. Her cheerful face was always a welcome sight. I am so sorry for her family's loss.  
Chris Corston

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**Christine** - November 15, 2023 at 09:03 PM

LI

“ Dear Jim, Nicholas and Colin, Gary and I are so sorry to hear about Jane. I first met Jane when we were both in Library School at McGill. Then she helped me get my first library job, working with her at the SGWU Guidance Centre library. She was the best to work with. We were friends. She was one of my bridesmaids. Even though there were times over the years when we didn't keep in touch, we still did over time. Once she was in Halifax we saw each other when time allowed, lunching and sharing our daily lives. She was a funny, wonderful, and kind friend. Our hearts are with you.  
Lindy Stephens

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**Lindy** - November 15, 2023 at 06:07 PM

CB

“ Dear Jim, I'm so sorry for your loss. I wish you and your family my sincere condolences. I hope you are doing well - I remember your friendship and kindness at the Department of Health. Stay strong my friend.  
Your old work-mate,  
Carolyn

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**Carolyn Boyer** - November 15, 2023 at 02:23 PM

VS

“ It is so sad to know that my friend Jane has died. She was so vital, so lovely, and such a dear person.  
I knew her in Yarmouth as a fellow librarian and as a wonderful friend. And it's as a wonderful friend that I treasured knowing her for these many years.  
I revelled listening to her stories- no one else could tell an anecdote like Jane- it was seldom clear where the narrative was going, but the journey was well worth the listening.  
I will miss her dearly.



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**Virginia Stoddard** - November 14, 2023 at 04:49 PM

CW

“ I am sorry to see of Jane's passing. I first met Jane in BC during one of her visits with her husband's family. I worked at the BC Dept. of Human Resources library and she worked at a similar library in NS. Jane was instrumental in helping me find a job in Halifax when I relocated here in 1985. We lost touch but I have always remembered her kindness and friendship. Sharing hugs to your family.

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**Christine Eidt Williams** - November 14, 2023 at 02:28 PM

JL

“ My deepest sympathy to you and your family Jim.

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**Judy LeClair-Dares** - November 14, 2023 at 08:01 AM

TA

“ It’s hard to believe that my dear friend Jane is gone. We were close friends from our days as librarians together in Yarmouth in the late 70s. We shared good times —many dinners, the birth of our children, back to the land poverty, and so many conversations! There were hard times too, but we got through them together. Jim and Jane moved to the city but we remained close. There were many more dinners and talks, and we were there for each other through good and tough times for many more years. Jane was wonderful, caring and thoughtful but more than anything, so funny! Jim and her boys were her world and I would like to express my condolences to them. She was the very best of us 😭

Trudy Amirault - November 13, 2023 at 05:38 PM

JP

I was a colleague of Jane’s at the Department of Community Services and can attest to her dedication and expertise in research and library services. Her library was also a place of refuge and great fun. Her sense of humour was always appreciated and I enjoyed hearing about her travels and family. RIP Jane

Joan Parks - November 14, 2023 at 07:34 AM

RH

So sorry to hear of Jane’s death. My sympathy to you and your family Jim

Ruth Hart - November 15, 2023 at 07:10 AM

KD

I am so sorry to read of Jane's passing. My sincere condolences to Jim, Nicholas, Colin and all the family. Jane was a marvelous colleague at Community Services. She will be dearly missed by everyone who had the great good fortune to have known her.

Kerry Deagle - November 15, 2023 at 10:27 AM



*I am saddened to learn today that Jane has passed away, what a fun person!! I enjoyed our working days together and I will remember her as a classy lady. My sympathy to Jim, Nicholas and Colin, along with her grandchildren; I smile when I think of her and I know you have many precious memories. Take care of each other! Willena Campbell*

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**Whilomena Campbell** - November 17, 2023 at 04:35 PM



*I am sending my condolences to you Jim and your family I have many fond memories of our time working together back in the 80s, Jane was my mentor in so many ways, she was such a classy lady, she will be sadly missed Angela Cromwell - November 21st*

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**Angela Cromwell** - November 21, 2023 at 10:25 AM