

Mount Holyoke College Class of 1965 In Memoriam

Jill Agruss Breckenridge

Jill Agruss Breckenridge, warm-hearted, witty and devoted to MHC, was released from her body on August 22 after a long, valiant fight against gastric, and later cervical, breast and ovarian cancer. Jill's utter openness encouraged others to ask questions and share histories, a legacy passed on to daughter Brooke, who works in oncology.

A math major with an MS and BSE from the U. of CO, Denver, and an MBA from CO State U, Jill first worked as a chemist, toxicologist and graduate assistant before becoming owner of The Coffee Man. After 6 years, she entered New Business Development at Hewlett-Packard, where she stayed for 21 years. For the last 10 years, she was an independent Management Consultant for Business/Hi-Tech.

Throughout the years, Jill's heart always beat strongly for MHC. Just 5 months before her death, she organized and headed the successful Western Alumnae Council. A member of the Clubs Committee, Jill was active in the MHC Peninsula Club in CA for many years as Pres., Treas., B&B Chair and 7-College Conference Rep and also in the Peninsula Area Alumnae Region. Jill truly deserved the Loyalty Award, which she was no longer able to receive in person at our reunion in May. Her friends cherish memories of this uncommon woman who did it her way. Jill's family meant so much to her, and she is survived by daughter Brooke (MHC '93) and son Larry. Condolences may be sent to Brooke Breckenridge at 812 E Golden Rd., Spokane, WA 99208 (brookebreckenridge@yahoo.com).

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