

Tributes to Jill Tate

Peter Graham

Jill was a kind friend and colleague, a champion for science and patient care. Will miss our long conversations on AACB harmonisation projects

Vicki Pitsiavas

Jill will be sorely missed by those who knew her and her tireless work for science and patient care.

Speranta Izabela Valentine

Dear Jill, we will always remember you and you will always be in our hearts. The Protein talks will be missed.

Kim Manfred

Dear Jill, it was a pleasure to have known you and thank you for this honour. Your expertise and dedication will be missed by many and never forgotten.

Tina Yen

Jill Tate With her quiet, understated leadership she emboldened a generation.

Ken McDonell

Jill was a lovely and clever lady and a treasured mentor. She will be missed.

Kenneth Robertson

I am deeply saddened to hear of Jill's passing. She was a wonderful person who will be missed both as a friend, and as a colleague. RIP Jill.

Dr Daman Langguth

Jill was a giant in QLD and Australia in the protein world.

Andrea Horvath

Jill, you were not just a very smart and knowledgeable colleague, an efficient leader of the profession and a "smooth operator" who dedicated her life to laboratory medicine, but you were a good friend, an inspirational role model, and the most gentle and modest person with a long-term vision that will guide us for many years to come.

Lambro Johnson

Vale Jill, a dedicated scientist, a kind and gentle person, and a valued friend and colleague. RIP.

Janine Grant

Such a loss to the AACB and wider laboratory medicine community. Go in peace Jill, my thoughts are with your close friends and Qld colleagues.

Vicki Vilaylath

Jill was such an inspirational woman in our field. Her presence and gentle encouragements will be missed. Such a huge loss to our community. My thoughts are with you and your family.

Robert Flatman

The loss of Jill's hard work and tireless positive influence will be felt by so many people, both locally and internationally. It was a privilege to have a chance to work with, and learn from, Jill.

George Koumantakis

Jill Tate

A great scientist and a great person!! She will be missed

Donald Clausen

Jill Tate, Very sad loss for clinical science, the profession has lost a great person/scientist. You will be missed

Fernando San Gil

I was very saddened to hear about the passing of Jill Tate. Jill was an inspirational person with an interest in all facet of Clinical Chemistry. You will be missed.

Julie Ryan

I was privileged to work with Jill on many occasions at Harmonisation activities both Working Groups and Seminars. Jill guided the Harmonisation work through its many facets with a professional but gentle hand and her influence will be felt for many years to come. Rest In Peace Jill with work well done.

Ian Farrance

Jill Tate, A very good friend and colleague, an expert scientist. You will be very much missed.

Max Reed

Having been fortunate enough to have been taken under Jill's wing in both her SRAC and Harmonisation roles, I cannot put into words how great a loss, her passing is to the profession. Such an amazing, warm, skilled and passionate lady, who I have been honoured to call my friend.

Alan Wu (University of California San Francisco)

I am greatly saddened by this news. She was a leader worldwide in the understanding of troponin. She led a mission on standardization that we will continue in her honor. She was always a friendly face when I saw her at meetings.

Fred Apple (Minneapolis USA)

It was a very sad day to hear of Jill's passing, a reality check to hug your friends and family. She was a dear colleague of 30 plus years who had a mindful presence to listen and share her thoughts and ideas regarding laboratory medicine,

Nader Rafai (Harvard USA)

It is with great sadness that I received the news of the passing of Jill Tate from Francesco Dati, a mutual close friend. I have known of Jill's illness for some time and exchanged notes with her on occasions; the last I heard from her was toward the end of October. Her dear and faithful friend Wendy Ferguson, who helped her throughout these difficult times, contacted

me and other Jill's friends over the weekend to inform us that her condition had deteriorated. The message I received from Franco on the following Monday about her passing was not a surprise, yet very sad.

I met Jill for the first time in the late 1980's when she visited me in my office in Children's Hospital in Washington DC to talk about lipids; I was considered a lipid expert at the time. The connection was immediate and mutual. Few years later, we were both invited to join the IFCC Lp(a) Standardization Group, along with Franco. The group included experts from around the globe including Kare Berg, the discoverer of Lp(a). Several of these people had strong opinions, which made these meetings lively and unpredictable. It was absolutely wonderful to watch Jill interacting with the group in her gentle yet firm way, earning the respect of everyone and quickly becoming the adult in the room. It is safe to say that the success of the group depended in large part on her efforts; she was the one who drafted all these complex manuscripts. Although she was not the official leader of the group, she led us by her actions; we all respected and loved Jill. The standardization effort was successful and, despite some tense moments, enjoyable. However for me, the best outcome was the strong friendship that developed with Jill and Franco. For three years, we met several times a year in a European city to work and get to know each other; it was a wonderful period. This friendship persisted to her last day and hopefully will continue with Franco for years to come. In life, we run across a lot of people, we become fond of some, but we end up loving only few; for me Jill was one of the few. I will miss her and her subtle sense of humor, her gentleness and intellect, her class and humility, but most of all her friendship.