

In Memoriam

Dr Jill Wade

(d. 11 December 2020)

Jill Wade, a dear friend and colleague, is no longer with us, and with a sad and heavy heart, I extend our condolences to her family and her partner Don Sinclair. I have known Jill for nearly three decades, and all who had the good fortune of knowing and working with Jill will attest to her kind and warm nature and strength of presence. She leaves behind a legacy of scholarship in Canadian history and her contribution to Open Learning is imprinted on the association we now enjoy. Jill was one of the founding members of the Open Learning Agency Tutor Association (OLATA), serving as Director in 1992-93 and 1997-98. Upon the transition of OLATA to the Faculty Association of Open Learning (FAOLA) she served as Director 1998-99 and 2001-2002, and ultimately as Director of the British Columbia Open University Faculty Association 2009-2010. We owe much to Jill and Don who tirelessly promoted and defended the interests of Open Learning faculty; it is due to Jill's foresight, commitment and passion that we enjoy the privileges and rights of faculty.

Her spirit will always be with us. Join with me in commemorating Jill's passing, in the words of Alfred Tennyson, by reading out loud:

Flow down, cold rivulet, to the sea,
Thy tribute wave deliver:
No more by thee my steps shall be,
For ever and for ever.

Flow, softly flow, by lawn and lea,
A rivulet then a river:
Nowhere by thee my steps shall be
For ever and for ever.

But here will sigh thine alder tree
And here thine aspen shiver;
And here by thee will hum the bee,

For ever and for ever.

A thousand suns will stream on thee,
A thousand moons will quiver;
But not by thee my steps shall be,
For ever and for ever.

Always in our memory!