



Fall/Holiday Newsletter 2020

Hello Everyone,

This year has surely been one of challenges, frustration, and sorrow. Many people have been sick with Covid-19 or died because of it. Let us take a moment to remember all who have been affected by this disease.

Please stay safe everyone.

Devoted Fan and JNFC Icon

Sadly, one of Juice's biggest fans has passed away. Bill Volkman has left us with so many great memories.





Bill and I were friends, he would travel all over the country and follow Juice's tour. He would always plug the fan club to Juice and Otha and tell them how it was all going. He always had things signed and send them to me and that is a true gift from a generous man.

I met Bill at a concert in San Juan Capistrano California. Bill introduced himself to me and we talked and became fast friends. Through the years, I would see him at shows not knowing he would be there.

Bill had a sincere soul and he was very much appreciative that he was part of the JNFC family. Otha would often tell me Bill was at a show and beam a smile in his email.

Juice would always say "Hi Bill!" followed by a big hug as she welcomed him to the autograph table.

Bill would offer insight and reviews to shows along with the set list of songs that Juice performed the night prior. You could feel the energy of Juice's show through his account of what he enjoyed.

Through the years Bill was traveling, he met many other fan club members and became close friends and quickly became the “JNFC Ambassador At Large.”



Sadly, Bill experienced ill health his last few years and could no longer travel to see Juice as she toured the country. He told me that he was living the shows by what the JNFC was sharing.

Bill was a very unselfish man. Many times, he donated to events and or fund raisers because he felt it was the right thing to do.

Billy was never a quitter and he battled an illness that ultimately took him. However, he never gave up, he always maintained hope.

“Bill attended so many shows and was always a joy to be around.” Love Juice

As we remember Billy, let's not lose sight of our own mortality. Enjoy life, enjoy every single day and never take a moment for granted.

One of Billy's JNFC friends was Jody Stivers, here is what he had to say...

“Bill Volkman was a pal I got to know through the Juice Newton Fan Club in 2000. He was very friendly and thoroughly enjoyed talking about Juice's music. Now, I had considered myself to be the world's biggest Juice Newton fan until I got to know Bill. He was in a different league altogether! You know how people who followed the Grateful Dead from concert to concert were called “Deadheads”? Well, if there was ever a “Juicehead,” it was Bill! He'd travel halfway across the country to see Juice perform. Bill was a very friendly, positive person – and Juice's music brought him enormous joy.

Bill would send me his reviews of Juice's shows, which even described the venues and included the setlist, and I always enjoyed reading them. Bill carefully hung on to every note Juice sang – I remember him being amazed when Juice changed a single word in love performances of “You Make Me Want To Make You Mine.” He was fascinated at the lyrical impact of “this must be love of some kind” versus the newer “this *better* be love of some kind.” Bill genuinely cared about Juice's art and her approach to music – a sign of the truest of fans.

Bill was always generous to me – starting in 2001, for each Juice concert he attended, Bill would send me an autographed photo of Juice, and some were even personalized to me. He did that until 2010! Again, he was a very generous person. He would sometimes ask Juice to write something special on the photo. My favorite one is a beautiful photo from 1978, the image used for the inner sleeve to the “Well Kept Secret” vinyl album. Juice wrote “Jody, you are a special person! Juice Newton 2001.” I treasure it. (Thanks, Bill.)

The one and only time I met Bill in person was in 2010 at the Wild Rose Casino in Clinton, Iowa. Juice was headlining in the Oakwood Grand Ballroom. (I especially remember Juice and her band, The Regenerators, blowing the roof off the place from the get-go with an especially rockin' version of “Every Road Leads Back To You.”) Bill and I hung out a little before the show and met at a bar afterward. We had a great time hanging out together, laughing, and talking about Juice's music. I especially remember laughing at his jokes about how many times he'd been married. Imagine our delight when Otha Young, Jay Cawley, Rick Latham, and the rest of the band showed up at the bar! It was a dream moment, and there we were, two superfans experiencing it together. Awesome! Bill and I briefly thanked the band for the great show. Juice showed up about a half hour later, which made the evening perfect. Bill and I thanked Juice for the show, and then Bill and I chatted for a while longer before saying goodnight. That night was special, a memory I especially cherish now that Bill has departed this world. I like to believe Bill is in Heaven with the universe's best stereo system, enjoying the music he loved so deeply.”

Rest in peace Bill, we are all fans of you.

Paul and Juice

Congratulations Makena Young and Daniel Burns!! They are engaged!!



We all remember when dear Makena was born. Otha and Brenda were proud parents and had every right to be. Makena has grown into a successful woman and working in a field that she and her dad both shared an interest in...space.

Makena has met Buzz Aldrin the astronaut during the SR. Project. Mr. Aldrin is a hero from the early space explorations.

All and all, Makena has accomplished beyond what many may have envisioned for her life so early. She has an amazing drive and of course wonderful personality. How could she miss having Otha and Brenda as parents?

Admiration and respect are the order of the day when you speak of Makena Young.

What made the proposal from Daniel even more special to Makena is, Daniel used the same ring to propose to Makena as Otha did for Brenda. Daniel told her “I am asking you to marry me with the same ring your father used to propose to your mom.”



Congratulations Makena and Daniel from all of us at the JNFC!!

Message from Juice

“Around the world we have all been forever changed by Covid-19. This time of year is usually full of happiness and cheer along with optimism for the new year. Let us hope that 2021 is a more happy, positive time for every single person. Please be safe and happy this holiday season. Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and Happy New Year to the best fans in the music business!!”

Love you all,

Juice

Band Member In Need

Steve Cochran played in Juice's band for many years. Steve has been fighting pancreatic cancer. Steve is terminally ill. Please see the email his daughter sent to me today.

“Hi, this is Becky Linville, Steve Cochran's sister. I think this may be the way I contacted you last year when Steve was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. Steve did very well for about a year and a half. A few weeks ago the cancer came back with a fury, having spread to his stomach. He is at home with hospice care now and his oncologist says he could live perhaps another 2 - 6 months. However, she also emphasizes that a catastrophic event is very possible at any time. And she said that in reality his time will likely be closer to just two months. Steve has recently been put on a pain pump so he is doing much better than he had been doing as far as being up to talking to friends and family. He sounds pretty normal, but he does get tired easily. “

Also, there is a new GoFundMe page. I would appreciate if you could update your website with this new link:

https://www.gofundme.com/f/help-steve-beat-pancreatic-cancer-round-2?utm_source=customer&utm_medium=sms&utm_campaign=p_cp+share-sheet

I know these are trying times for everyone but if you can help Steve, please do by using the link above.

Thank you.

Paul's Message

It's quite easy to lose our focus in a bad and unexpected time and event. This year has certainly proven this. I sincerely hope that the worst is behind us soon.

Please have a wonderful holiday season. Remember those we lost and those we have as they make us who we are.

In the Spring Newsletter there is an article coming to us via longtime JNFC member Jody Stivers!! STAY TUNED!!

Best Wishes,

Paul Fowler- President Juice Newton Fan Club