

Jill Kelly's New Book "Without A Word" Details Her Life With Jim Kelly

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BUFFALO, NY - In a new book, Hall of Fame quarterback Jim Kelly and his wife Jill open their lives to the world.

The book, "Without A Word" written by Jill, with contributions from Jim, details the life and death of their son Hunter and how it brought them closer to God and helped to save their troubled marriage.

A good portion of the book is taken directly from Jill's journals, journals she's written in every day.

Recently, Jill opened her heart, and those journals for us.

Many of entries in the book detail Jill's anguish as she watches Hunter battle just to breath and stay alive.

"What a little fighter he is, everyday he struggles from morning till night just to be a part of our world. He deserves so much better than this. Even though I can't stand the thought of being without him, I want him to be in heaven where he'll suffer no longer," Jill writes in the book.

Hunter was diagnosed with Krabbe Disease when he was just four months old. At the time, Jill and Jim were told that it was likely that Hunter would die within a year.

"Every minute, I just want to cry, I just want to kiss and hug Hunter forever and ever," Jill wrote in her journal at the time.

Jill Kelly: "The first year and a half of Hunter's life we were all waiting him for him to die, because that's what we were told."

Hunter would prove to be stronger and even more resilient than his famous dad, he lived seven years longer than doctors had given him.

Jill Kelly: "I believe God numbers our days. Hunter's every breath was in God's hands."

While he was alive, Jill says Hunter, the little boy who couldn't talk or even smile, filled the Kelly's lives and their home with love.

"I love when you lay in my lap and we just stare at each other. You're more handsome than all the Prince Charmings in the world," Jill wrote in her journal.

But behind every expression of Jill's unbridled, boundless, and unconditional love, the truth was never far away.

"Watching him struggle will surely put me in the grave, without him, that's where I'd want to be anyway," Jill wrote in her journal.

On August 5th, five years ago, love could no longer save Hunter James Kelly.

"My heart is screaming no, no, no, no. I can't do this. Help us," wrote Jill at that time.

Jill says reopening her journals in order to write the book reopened all of the memories of her love for Hunter, and her loss.

Jill Kelly: "I really wanted to experience the strong emotions of those times so that I could share that with someone who was reading it. It was hard beyond anything I can describe to you, and at the same time I could see that I'd been healed."

Starting next week, Jim and Jill Kelly will be signing copies of the book in Western New York:

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Barnes and Noble
1565 Niagara Falls Boulevard

* September 18 3:00
Barnes and Noble
3701 McKinley Parkway

* October 12 6:30
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