

Alison Jolly

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ALISON JOLLY'S LIFE AND CAREER SPANNED THREE CONTINENTS. SHE MARRIED SIR RICHARD JOLLY, LIVED ON BOTH SIDES OF THE ATLANTIC, RAISED FOUR CHILDREN, BECAME A GRANDMOTHER, AND AMIDST ALL THIS PURSUED A LIFELONG PASSION FOR MADAGASCAR.

WIDELY LOVED AND REVERED, JOLLY'S DEATH ON 6TH FEBRUARY 2014, AT HOME IN LEWES, EAST SUSSEX, LEAVES A BIG GAP IN MANY LIVES, IN MANY PLACES.



AS A POST-DOCTORAL STUDENT AT YALE UNIVERSITY, JOLLY PIONEERED IN-DEPTH FIELD RESEARCH ON THE BEHAVIOR AND ECOLOGY OF LEMURS IN MADAGASCAR.

THROUGHOUT THESE TRAVELS, HER ABIDING INTEREST IN BIG QUESTIONS TO WHICH SMALL LEMURS MIGHT PROVIDE ANSWERS NEVER WAVERED AND, OVER THE YEARS, HER INSIGHTS TRANSFORMED OUR UNDERSTANDING OF THE EVOLUTION OF SOCIAL BEHAVIOR.



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Alison Jolly, a graduate of Cornell University with a doctorate from Yale, has conducted field research in Madagascar, Uganda, and Zambia, under the auspices of the New York Zoological Society.

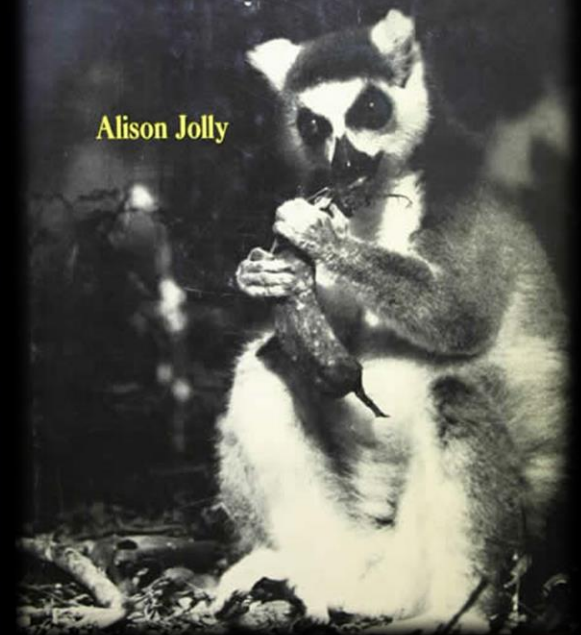
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A STEADFAST CHAMPION OF LEMUR CONSERVATION, JOLLY WAS ALSO AMONG THE FIRST TO ARGUE THAT CONSERVATION MUST RECOGNIZE THE NEEDS OF LOCAL PEOPLE.

SHE NURTURED STUDENTS TOO, IN MADAGASCAR AND BEYOND, AND A WHOLE GENERATION OF PRIMATOLOGISTS AND CONSERVATION BIOLOGISTS CAME OF AGE WITH HER ENCOURAGEMENT AND SUPPORT.



NEVER JUST A CONSERVATION COMMENTATOR, JOLLY ALSO IMMERSSED HERSELF IN ACTION, FROM ADVISING RIO TINTO IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE QMM TITANIUM MINE ON THE COUNTRY'S SOUTHERN COAST,

AND, WITH HER MALAGASY COLLEAGUE HANTA RASAMIMANANA, WRITING THE AKO BOOKS ABOUT LEMURS FOR CHILDREN IN MADAGASCAR'S PRIMARY SCHOOLS, TO MENTORING A RISING GENERATION OF MALAGASY CONSERVATION SCIENTISTS.



JOLLY'S GENIUS LAY IN THE CREATIVITY OF HER MIND, THE ACUTENESS OF HER EYE, A REMARKABLE WAY WITH WORDS, AND A UNIQUE PERSONAL ABILITY TO BE WHOLLY ENTHUSIASTIC WHILE DELIVERING BLUNT HOME TRUTHS.

NO ONE WHO KNEW HER, FROM FIRST YEAR STUDENTS TO HIGH-RANKING WORLD BANK OFFICIALS, WILL FORGET THE WARM SMILE AND THE LILTING, MEASURED VOICE WITH WHICH SHE OFFERED THESE TRUTHS.

**THE WORLD IS NOT ONLY A SADDER PLACE BUT ALSO A MUCH DULLER ONE WITHOUT HER
-ALISON RICHARD**



THANKS TO ALISON RICHARD, LISA GOULD, TEAGUE O'MARA, TRACY DUBOVIK, ROBERT SUSSMAN, PAT WRIGHT AND PETER KLOPFER WHO HAVE SHARED THEIR PHOTOS AND STORIES.

Her love and patience with all her students, caring for us on a personal level, and scientific mentorship enabling me to be a veterinarian and a true scientist. My most important memory was the passion she took for me. She dedicated her time, effort, and many connections to fly me back three times to Madagascar to do research. I was a 21-year old student and she believed in me, my work ethic, and my comfort with her research. I loved every minute we were together. She had a passion and I just wish she was here longer - **Tracy Dubovick-Wynder, former student of Alison.**

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AND STORIES ABOUT ALISON**

