

## **Mrs. Diane Louise Strout**

NEW MILFORD, CT - Diane Louise Strout, 52, of New Milford, CT, passed away peacefully on April 11, 2006 after a long battle against carcinoid, a form of cancer. Mrs. Strout was born on August 1, 1953, in Poughkeepsie, NY, the daughter of Thelma Seaman and the late William Dodge.



Mrs. Strout was a woman of many talents. She graduated from Danbury High School and went on to become an honors graduate of the Warren Business Institute. She worked at Berol Corporation as a credit manager and was also manager of Eagle Pencil. She worked at Prab Robots and Unimation as one of the three people in New England capable of working with a specific robotics language. From there she went on to create her own business called Animaland, dealing in little figurines among other things, with the company name "Pooter Products" (after a nickname given to her daughter). Locally, she was known for her work as a security guard with S.C.C. Mrs. Strout spent time working at the New Milford High School as well as at Lynn Deming Park and was well known to many local residents. She worked for a short time at Bradlees and then later at Wal-Mart as a department manager. She also created the first coloring book for Wal-Mart. Consistently achieving remarkable sales, she was her local representative at the convention for the company in Arkansas. Mrs. Strout was a programmer, manager, published writer, poet, philosopher and an accomplished artist. She designed her own cakes and greeting cards, loved painting and helping those in need. She will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her.

She is survived by her two children, daughter Tracey Shrack and her son David Strout; one granddaughter, Shiane Shrack and two siblings, Cindy Andrews of Rochester, NH and Bill Dodge, currently serving in Iraq.

In lieu of flowers, please make memorial donations to the New Milford Hospital Regional Cancer Center, 21 Elm St., New Milford, CT 06776 or to the cancer center of your choice.