

Diane Robinson Graziose of St. Johnsbury, a beloved mother and a cherished friend, went to be with her Lord and Savior on Tuesday, Nov. 17, 2009, at the age of 56. She was strong, courageous and an inspiration to us all throughout her life, and throughout her battle with cancer. Diane was born on Nov. 4, 1953, in Concord, Vt., the eighth child of Clayton and Carol (Nutting) Robinson. She graduated from St. Johnsbury Academy in 1971. Being the free spirit that she was, her friends and she traveled to Alaska and that is where she met her husband to be, Philip Graziose. They were married on May 23, 1975. She really enjoyed her job at the Family Dollar Store because it gave her an opportunity to share her love and her laughter with so many. Her coworkers and all those who visited the store were always in awe of her determination and her positive spirit. She will be missed by many. She was predeceased by her husband Philip Graziose in October 2003, her father Clayton Robinson and niece Alicia Robinson in 2008 and a sister Mary Robinson in 1975. She is survived by her two children, Elizabeth Graziose of St. Johnsbury, and Nicholas Graziose and wife Sanela Fatic Graziose of Louisville, Ky.; her mother Carol Robinson of Passumpsic; her brothers and sisters Gloria Bullock and husband David Bullock of Marshville, N.C., Andrew Robinson and wife Deanne of Danville, Clayton Robinson and wife Theresa of Wilson, N.C., Brenda Ball and husband Richard of Passumpsic, Marcia Martel and husband Roger of Waterford, Thomas Robinson of Chester, Va., Earl Robinson and wife Mary of Groton, Cynthia Gordon and husband Robert of Lyndonville, Dorothy Robinson and spouse Sandy Turman of Passumpsic, Stanley Robinson and wife Kathy of Passumpsic, Russell Robinson and wife Lisa of Passumpsic, and Carol Robinson of Passumpsic; many aunts and uncles; nieces and nephews and their extended families; and her

special friends Linda Konieczny, Sue Camparetto and Karen Heroux. Funeral services will be held Thursday, Nov. 19, at 1 p.m. at the Grace United Methodist Church in St. Johnsbury. The Rev. John Marshall, pastor, will be officiating. Visiting hours will be held at the Sayles Funeral Home Wednesday from 6-8 p.m. In lieu of flowers donations may be directed to Grace United Methodist Church, 36 Central St., St. Johnsbury VT 05819.