

Marie Anne Fagnant Cope, 42, of Bath, NH, died Friday, March 23, 2007, at the Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center, Lebanon, N.H., following an extended illness. Mrs. Cope is survived by her husband, Thomas P. Cope, and son, Benjamin A. W. Cope, both of Bath; her parents, Richard and Annabelle (Smith) Fagnant of Monroe; her brother and sister-in-law, Mark and Karen Fagnant of Piermont; her parents-in-law, Robert and Margaret Cope of Bath; her brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Oliver Cope and Hilary Johnson Cope of New York City; her sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Eliza Cope Nolan and Jonathan W. Nolan of Portland, Maine; and seven nephews and nieces to all of whom she was devoted. Born in Woodsville, N.H., on December 24, 1964, Marie attended St. Johnsbury Academy, earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in music education from Plymouth State College and a Master of Arts degree in choral conducting from the University of Rhode Island. While in graduate school, Marie was a member of the Westerly (Rhode Island) Chorus. In recent years, Marie gave private voice and piano lessons in her home at Woodbourne Farm, and created and led the Connecticut River Youth Choir in annual concerts. Previously, she had taught music in the Haverhill Cooperative School System and in the Indian River School of the Mascoma Valley Regional School District. She was a lifelong member of St. Joseph's Church in Woodsville. Marie devoted herself to the education of her son, Benjamin. She provided home schooling right up to the time of her final illness, and encouraged his interests in music and dance. She was an able and experienced gardener as well as a gourmet cook, bringing a fine sense of design to both. She read extensively, and during her early married years, enjoyed traveling abroad with her husband. A Mass of Resurrection will be celebrated at 1 p.m. on Saturday, March 31st, at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church, Upper Plain, Bradford, Vt. A private burial will take place at a later date. It has been requested that flowers be omitted, and contributions be made to the Pulmonary Hypertension Association, 801 Roeder Road, Suite 400, Silver Spring, MD 20910.