



Deborah "Debbie" Bickford

April 3, 1953 - November 9, 2004

Mrs. Deborah "Debbie" (Hartlen) Bickford, 51, of Carlton Hill Road, Colebrook, NH, passed away Tuesday, November 9, 2004, at the Upper Connecticut Valley Hospital surrounded by her family following a courageous battle with cancer. Mrs. Bickford was born April 3, 1953, in West Stewartstown, NH, daughter of the late Kelsea and Evelyn (Brown) Hartlen. After graduating from high school, Mrs. Bickford lived in Massachusetts for a short period of time and worked in a laundry facility. She returned to the North Country and worked for Tillotson Heath Care where she worked for more than 30 years until her health began to fail. She was a fun loving and playful person who enjoyed a good joke and having water fights with her family. She also enjoyed fishing and camping and loved her two dogs Honey and Shadow and her bird, Myrtle. She collected Betty Boop and Smiling Faces, and daffodils and tulips were her favorite flowers. Her courage and fighting spirit were an inspiration to her family and she will be forever remembered as a loving wife, sister, aunt and friend. Mrs. Bickford is survived by her husband of 12 years, Eugene Bickford of Colebrook, NH; a brother, Donald Hartlen of Groveton, NH; five sisters, Reona Hartlen, Patricia Clark and Juanita Eastman, and Judy Reynolds, all of Colebrook, NH, and Michelle Plourde of West Stewartstown, NH; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.