



Frances "Fran" Ruth Turner

September 26, 1949 - March 14, 2005

Frances "Fran" Ruth (Fletcher) Turner, 55, of 64 Merrill Road, Pittsburg, New Hampshire, passed away Monday morning, March 14, 2005, at the Upper Connecticut Valley Hospital following a long, courageous struggle with cancer. Fran was born September 26, 1949, in Kosciusko, Mississippi, daughter of the late Charles T. and Doris E. (Peters) Fletcher. Fran earned a Bachelor Degree in Music from the University of Mississippi and taught music in Mississippi and also in Boston with an emphasis in choral music for 15 years. She moved to Pittsburg 15 years ago and taught music at the Pittsburg Elementary School for the past 11 years before having to leave the position because of health reasons. She was very active in community activities, participating in the Colebrook music festivals and playing the piano in the jazz ensemble. She also participated in the Pittsburg Elementary School musical productions; performed as a dining room pianist at The BALSAMS Grand Resort Hotel in Dixville Notch, NH; and played organ for the Monadnock Congregational Church in Colebrook, the Farnham Memorial United Methodist Church in Pittsburg, and the Grace United Methodist Church in Canaan, VT. She was a published composer in Christian music publications and most recently had a compilation of her music available for sale under the title "Smooth Piano". Fran is survived by her three children, Joha Turner, Jonathan Turner and Jerusha Turner, all of Pittsburg and their father, John Turner, also of Pittsburg; two brothers, Steve Fletcher of Houston, TX, and John C. Fletcher of Kosciusko, Mississippi; three sisters, Grace Fletcher of Kosciusko,

Mississippi, Sharon Boyd of Friday Harbor, Washington, and Susan Gibbons of Houston, TX; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.