

Norman Strauss

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## NORMAN STRAUSS OBITUARY

S TRAUSS Norman H., age 64 of New York, NY and formerly of Upper Greenwood Lake, NJ, died on Tuesday, October 18, 2011 after a brief battle with pancreatic cancer. Norm had been employed with AT&T for over thirty years in New York and retired in 1997. He was an avid "Vanner" and would attend "Truck-in's" all across the country. He loved his custom van, and most of all he loved the camaraderie and all the wonderful friends he made over the years.

In 2008, sadness struck when Norm lost his wife Catherine (nee Monsees) after just nine years of a very loving marriage. Two and a half years later, Norm married again to Deirdre (nee Anderson) whom he had known for many years and had always remained close with. They too enjoyed a loving relationship and Norm easily made the transition from living in rural New Jersey to Manhattan. They just celebrated their first anniversary this August. Norm had a huge heart and was always there to help anyone in need. He is grateful for all the wonderful friends he was blessed with during his life.

Norm is survived by his wife Deirdre of New York, NY, Catherine's son; Travis Petrowski and his wife Julie of Indiana, two brothers; Richard Strauss and his wife Arlene of Old Bridge, NJ, and Nicholas Strauss and his wife Joanne of Wayne, one sister; Valerie Strauss of NJ, two grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Friends may visit with the family at the Vander May Wayne Colonial Funeral Home, 567 Ratzer Road, Wayne, on Saturday, October 22, 2011 from 2-4 PM. Funeral Services will be held at 4 PM at the funeral home immediately following the visiting hours.

Those planning an expression of sympathy in Norm's name are asked to consider The Lustgarten Foundation, 1111 Stewart Avenue, Bethpage, NY, 11714. For a photo and more information visit <u>www.vandermay.com</u>.

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