

Jane Curtis Brandt

Author, legal secretary, formerly of Westfield, 71

Jane Curtis Brandt, 71, of Stewartsville, N.J., and formerly of Westfield, N.J., died on Monday, Sept. 5, 2011, in Morristown Medical Center, after a brief but valiant struggle with cancer.

Relatives and friends are invited to the visitation from 4 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 8, at Gray Funeral Home, 318 E. Broad St., Westfield. (www.grayfuneralhomes.com to offer condolences). The service of remembrance will begin at 11 a.m. on Friday, Sept. 9, 2011, in the First United Methodist Church, 1 East Broad St., Westfield. Private interment will follow later in Fairview Cemetery.

Born in Plainfield, N.J., and raised in North Plainfield, N.J., Jane married and raised six children in Westfield.

She later operated a secretarial business in Manahawkin, N.J., and Cave Creek, Ariz. Jane was an accomplished author who wrote newspaper columns and published a recipe book. Jane was also a legal secretary and served as a

liaison for political candidates. She volunteered for many years at the Westfield Rescue Squad and the Westfield Service League.

Active in theatre, Jane held many leading roles, and won awards for her performances. A realtor, she also enjoyed selling homes in Arizona and New Jersey.

She had many varied interests, and friends, and felt great comfort from her beloved pets.

Surviving Jane are her six children, Susan B. McCrea of Westfield, Ellen Scott Brandt and her husband, James Peralta, of Bernardsville, N.J., Charles J. Brandt of Garwood, N.J., Jane E. Garretson and husband, Mark, of Westfield, Carolyn C. Bickford and her husband, Edward (Ted), of Needham, Mass., and Theodore A. Brandt and his wife, Jessica, of Tempe, Ariz.; 15 grandchildren and brother, William Curtis, of Scottsdale, Ariz.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society.