

### **Joan R. Knechel**

Joan R. Knechel, 45, of Schooley's Mountain, Washington Township, Morris County, died Sept. 17, at Hackettstown Community Hospital.

Born April 10, 1957 in Newburg, N.Y., she was the daughter of Ann Rhinehart Lukacs and the late John A. Lukacs, MD.

She lived in Schooley's

Mountain for 22 years coming from New York City, N.Y. where she lived for one year, and Walden, N.Y. where she spent her childhood.

She was a registered nurse with Hackettstown Community Hospital from 1980 - 1996, starting as a floor nurse; the Continuing Care Unit; the Intensive Care Unit, Recovery and lastly management.

She was a graduate of Valley Central High School class of 1975 in Walden, N.Y.

She volunteered at Somerset Hills Handicap Riding Program in Oldwick. She was a member of the American Cancer Society and was instrumental in the development of the Road to Recovery Program. She was an avid outdoors enthusiast and artist.

In addition to her mother, she is survived by her husband, Thomas R. Knechel; five brothers; three sisters; two God daughters; 17 nieces and nephews; and two great-nieces.

Services were held from Cochran Funeral Home in Hackettstown.

A Mass was celebrated at Our Lady of The Mountain Church in Schooley's Mountain.

Interment was private.

Memorial donations may be sent to the cancer research program of your choice or to the Somerset Hills Handicap Riding Center Program, P.O. Box 305, Oldwick, N.J. 08858.

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