



Toby Susan Strout

November 29, 1945 - February 27, 2017

Toby S. Strout, age 71 of Bloomington passed away Monday evening February 27, 2017 peacefully and on her own terms in the company of loving family and lifelong friends at the Indiana University Health Bloomington Hospital.

She was born in Brooklyn, New York on November 29, 1945 to Irving Schoichet and Goldie Wang Schoichet.

Before retiring this past fall she had been the executive director of The Middle Way House for over 30 years, a national model program of the Department of Justice that provided transformative services and resources for the survivors of domestic violence and sexual abuse.

Toby's survivors include her loving husband of 29 years Bob Arrove of Bloomington, daughter Anna, son-in-law Jesse, and grandson Banner, the cutest baby in all the world! Also surviving is brother Gary Schoichet and step-son Anthony Arrove.

A more comprehensive obituary will follow at a later date.

On May 1, 2017 as per Toby's wishes, a ceremony will be held, in her words, "to celebrate and to activate". Details as to the venue and time will be

announced at a later date.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to The Toby Strout Voices Fund through the Middle Way House website at www.middlewayhouse.org.

Allen Funeral Home and Crematory 4155 South Old State Road 37 is handling the arrangements and online condolences, photos and memories may be shared with family and friends at www.allencares.com.

Tribute Wall

HT

“ *Sad to learn of Toby's passing. Her contributions to Bloomington -- especially to Middle Way -- are profound and will be lasting. My condolences to Bob and all the family. Herb Terry, Professor Emeritus (Telecommunications), IUB.*

Herb Terry - March 08, 2017 at 06:33 PM

AM

“ *What an amazing woman! One of Bloomington's greatest treasures. She will be missed by so many. I send my thoughts and sympathy to family members.*

Tonia Matthew

Antonia Matthew - March 03, 2017 at 03:24 PM

JR

“ *There are some people who are irreplaceable. Toby was one of them. She persevered, she created, and she acted. Not everyone has a vision, knows what needs to be done and how to do it -- most of us are missing a few essential pieces of the puzzle. Toby knew how to put the puzzle together and create something far greater than the sum of its parts.*

But beyond her talents and leadership, I most often will remember seeing her and her little car at the downtown post office everyday around 10:00; waving and saying Hi. I will remember running into her and her dog on the trails at Griffy.

Although we were just casual acquaintances with lots of common friends, her death still leaves me sad and bereft as we want those who do the work of angels to live on in our lives as long as possible -- and life ended too quickly for Toby.

My sympathies and condolences to the family and those who knew her well. We will all mourn and feel her loss.

May the memory of Toby be for a blessing. May her spirit always be with us.

judith rose - March 01, 2017 at 05:35 PM

WC

“ *Dear Bob*

I was so sorry to hear of Toby's passing. She was an inspirational person and role model for all of us especially for those devoted to protecting women and children from violence. My heart goes out to you and your family.

Bill Corsaro

William Corsaro - March 01, 2017 at 04:01 PM

PK

“ Dear Bob,
Gretchen and I were dismayed to find Toby's obituary in this morning's newspaper. You have our deepest sympathies at what must be a most trying time for you. We have lost a real pillar of the community and the warmth, kindness, and humor that she shared with us and, I suspect, with all whom she met. We will miss her. With best wishes for you and the rest of the family,
Paul Kuznets and Gretchen Kromer.

Paul Kuznets - March 01, 2017 at 12:01 PM

GM

“ Our condolences to Bob, Anna, and your family on the passing of Toby. Toby was a tireless advocate for Middle Way House. Even in her passing, she is still working for that cause. I am sending a donation today.
Your friend,
Gil Mordoh

Gilbert S. Mordoh - March 01, 2017 at 11:12 AM

KG

“ R.I.P. Toby, thank you for changing my life....cheers!!! Kay Goodman

Kay Goodman - March 01, 2017 at 11:04 AM