

Lutovich

Diane Sher Lutovich, a poet, author and writing instructor, died in Oakland, California, on June 2. She was 67. The cause of death was pancreatic cancer.

Born in Hibbing on April 30, 1937, to Israel and Florence Sher, Diane graduated from Hibbing High School in 1955, attended the University of Wisconsin and graduated from the University of Minnesota with a degree in journalism.

Diane's work was featured in numerous poetry journals, and in 2003 she published a collection entitled 'What I Stole.' Much of her poetry focused on her life in northern Minnesota. 'Nobody's Child,' a non-fiction book that examined the impact that mothers' deaths had on their daughters, was published in 2000. Diane also served on the board of California Poets In The Schools (CPITS) and was a founding board member of Sixteen Rivers Press. Diane is survived by her partner, David Madway; her daughter, Natasha Terk, son-in-law, Greg Terk and grandson, Lucas; David's sons Jesse and Gabe Madway; and nieces, Jill Goldstein, Liz Levenson and Patti Silverstein. Her brother, Neil Sher, died in July of 2003.

A gathering in Diane's honor will be held on June 24, 2004 from 5-7 pm at the Marin Art & Garden Center in Ross, CA. Donations in Diane's name may be made to California Poets in the Schools (CPITS) at 1333 Balboa St. #3, San Francisco, CA, 94118.