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Marcia Buch, 48, of Canton, began a new life on Monday, (July 18, 2005), following a graceful journey with advanced lung cancer. Marcia was born in Lancaster, PA on November 1, 1956. Marcia was a dedicated and enthusiastic artist and teacher. She shared her passion for art and life with students at the Watkinson School in Hartford for twenty years in many capacities; Learning Lab, 6th grade Theme/English, Director of LEAP leadership program, COMPACT advisor, SAFE co-founder (gay/straight alliance), Dean of Students, and full-time Art Teacher. Marcia was dedicated to empowering students by offering Art as a vehicle for self-expression and confidence building. Marcia had worked with the American Youth Foundation, was a counselor for the International Leadership Conference, a Master Teaching Artist and HOT Schools Summer Institute, Instructor for the CT Commission on the Arts and taught at The Farmington Valley Arts Center in Avon. Marcia received her BFA in 1977 from the University of Tampa, Teaching Certification and a MED in Special Education from North Georgia College before moving to CT in 1983 to join family. Marcia studied painting and art history at the Parson School of Design Paris Program and studied with Wolf Kahn at the Vermont Studio School. In addition to painting and drawing, Marcia expressed her creative passion through Book Arts, which reflected her love of nature and zeal for self-growth. She studied at the Center for Book Arts in NYC, and with numerous national Book Artists. Marcia has exhibited her books nationally, receiving many awards. Marcia's recent accomplishment was writing and publishing her book, *I Bow To Everything*, a book about spiritual journey of survival through personal adversity. Marcia was and remains an irrepressible smiling spirit among us. She walked her journey with grace, truth, life and love. Marcia is survived by her life partner of 20 years, Janice E. Bennett, her father, D. Robert Buch of Fort Lauderdale, FL, two sisters, Constance Buch of NY and Lori Buch Woodhouse and her husband Frederick S. Woodhouse of Suffield. She is survived by niece Amy Rowan Kaplan of Ithaca, NY and Amy's father, Frederick J. Kaplan of West Hartford. She is survived by niece Abigail Helen Woodhouse and nephew Benjamin Paul Woodhouse of Suffield. Marcia was predeceased by her mother Shirley Zee Parker, formerly of Simsbury. Marcia is also survived by family members: Donald T. Bennett, Susan B. and William B. Aston and Melissa B. Aston of Farmington, DT and Ceil Bennett of FL, William B. and Elizabeth C. Aston Jr. of Bristol, Kerri and Denis Hyland of Avon. Marcia was predeceased by Jan's mother, Dorothy F. Bennett. Marcia also loved and cherished Samantha S. Hyland, Chase R. Aston and many other aunts, uncles, cousins, students and friends. Special thanks and love to the Watkinson Community, The Hope Clinic in Bristol, CT, The Cancer Treatment Centers of American in Zion IL and The Connecticut VNA.

Book Authored by Marcia Buch Available

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Former faculty member Marcia Buch who recently passed away after a more than two year battle with cancer penned a book entitled *I Bow To Everything*. Marcia's book is an unfolding account of deep, rich lessons of the soul.

Through receiving news that turned her comfortable world upside down, Marcia Buch, teacher and artist, shares her inspirational story of coping, with the potential to uplift all of us in our daily journey. She writes, "When I can turn lessons inward, and see that I can repair sadness within myself, this then ripples out to others. The world becomes better because I have taken the time to look inward, take action, and live with the intention to be truthful in my life even in those places of sadness and doubt. Living and loving strong are beautiful ways to surf the crest of the waves of life." *I Bow To Everything* chronicles a personal journey of acknowledging grief, embracing joy and improving quality of life. To purchase Marcia's book, do a title search [here](#).

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