

MELAINE GERSHMAN-TEWKSBURY, M.D.

PRESQUE ISLE and BANGOR - Melaine Gershman-Tewksbury, M.D., 35, died May 25, 1992, at a Presque Isle hospital. A light went out at our home yesterday when a courageous young woman passed away. Melaine was the wife of John Gershman-Tewksbury, M.D., the mother of Havah, the sister of Karen Gershman, M.D. and the daughter of Professors Mel and Elaine Gershman. She was a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of the University of Maine, where she majored in physics. After graduating with honors she studied medicine at Tufts University Medical School, choosing to specialize in pediatrics. There she received multiple teaching awards in the Tufts Pediatric Residency Program. She was awarded a fellowship at Harvard University's Childrens Hospital in the division of adolescent medicine, and went on to practice pediatrics and young adult medicine in Salem, Mass. and Presque Isle. She will be remembered for her tenacity. her absolute commitment to the people she loved and her deeply rooted sense of family. Through her healing nature and gentle appreciation for life she comforted the large and small, the abled and disabled, the ill and the well. Those who survive her will seek to keep in life the magic she created, to honor her deep respect for humanity, and to adopt her brand of acceptance-never letting go of hope while there is still air to breathe. Funeral services will be held 1 p.m. Tuescay at the Jewish Funeral Chapel, Center Street, Bangor, with Rabbi Joseph Schonberger officiating. Interment will be in Beth Israel Cemetery. Arrangements by Brookings-Smith, Bangor.