ST. LOUIS: Beverly Freyman Retired teacher, activist against cancer

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Beverly Freyman, an advocate for ovarian cancer sufferers and retired preschool teacher, died Saturday (Nov. 4, 2006) of ovarian cancer at her home in Chesterfield. She was 57.

Mrs. Freyman was born in Joplin, Mo. She moved to St. Louis with her husband, David Freyman, and began a teaching career in 1970.

She put her career on hold when her children were born, but once they went to school, she returned to the classroom.

Mrs. Freyman taught at Lucky Lane Nursery School and in B'nai Amoona and Shaare Emeth kindergarten enrichment. She later worked with special-needs children at Woerther Elementary in the Rockwood School District.

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She was diagnosed with ovarian cancer in 1997, and it reappeared in 2003. Mrs. Freyman joined the executive board of St. Louis Ovarian Cancer Awareness. She was the director of public relations and appeared on numerous television reports to raise awareness about the disease.

A graveside service will be held at 3 p.m. today at Chesed Shel Emeth Cemetery, 650 White Road, Chesterfield.

In addition to her husband, among the survivors are two daughters, Debra Klevens of Chesterfield and Julie Lazaroff of University City; a son, Daniel Freyman of Los Angeles; a brother, Harry Baum of Fort Lauderdale, Fla.; and three grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to: SLOCA -Project PMA, P.O. Box 270067, St. Louis, MO 63127.