

## Bay Area medical marijuana patient, caregiver, Jane Weirick passes on

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Jane Weirick, 46, died peacefully and unexpectedly on Oct. 25, 2005.

Jane was a tireless and dedicated worker for the cause of cannabis reform, known to many by her email moniker as budfairy at budland.com.

Jane was a leading advocate for responsible self-regulation of dispensaries and was known for her devotion to her friends, patients and customers.

She was a co-founder of the San Francisco Patients Resource Center at 350 Divisadero, which set a model for MMJ cooperatives in the city after closure of Dennis Peron's club on Market Street.

Jane went on to found the Hayward Patients' Resource Center, working successfully with local officials to establish one of the first city agreements to permit dispensaries to operate. She spoke sensibly and with conviction at numerous city and county hearings in the bay area and had an excellent reputation with local government officials.

Jane had been incapacitated by a mysterious nerve disorder for the past year. According to her doctor, she may have suffered an allergic reaction from exposure to a chemical, although the cause had never been pinpointed.

Deepest sympathies are offered to Jane's husband, writer and musician Ray Carlson, her daughter, Jessica, and her many friends and comrades. A memorial is being planned but at press time the details had not yet been announced.