

Gabriel "Gib" Joseph Handy, of St. Johnsbury, died Monday, Feb. 27, 2006, in Burlington, Vt., at Fletcher Allen Health Care at the age of 63. He was born in St. Johnsbury on Oct. 12, 1942, the son of Richard and Mary B. Handy. Gib spent his life working for St. Johnsbury. As a dispatcher for the Vermont State Police for nearly 30 years, he was able to blend in a high civic commitment. From 1973-1984, he served on the Town Planning Commission. In 1984, he started a 20-year commitment to the St. Johnsbury Board of Selectmen where he spent many years as chairman. Additionally, he was a strong member of the Jay Cees, the Industrial Park Board, St. Johnsbury Development Fund, the Jay-Lyn Revolving Loan Fund and the St. Johnsbury Elks. He was a member of St. John the Evangelist Church. In 2003, the St. Johnsbury Town Report was dedicated to Gib where it noted, "Gib Handy's honesty, great sense of humor, integrity and in-depth knowledge of St. Johnsbury has made him an exceptional community representative. Gib Handy made a difference in St. Johnsbury. The positive impacts of Gib's many years of dedicated community service will be appreciated by the people of St. Johnsbury for generations to come." Survivors include three sisters, Annie M. and her husband Gene Boivin of Morrisville, Marion T. Handy and Isabel Rae Handy, both of St. Johnsbury; a nephew, James R. Boivin of Johnson; a niece, Sharon Moran of Morrisville; and several aunts, uncles, cousins, great-nephews and -nieces, and many friends. A funeral Mass will be celebrated at St. John the Evangelist Church Friday, March 3, 2006, at 11 a.m., with Fr. Patrick Forman. Spring burial will be at Mt. Calvary Cemetery. Friends are invited to meet the family at Sayles Funeral Home Thursday from 5-8 p.m. Contributions in his memory may be made to the Good Shepherd Foundation, 121 Maple St., St. Johnsbury,

VT 05819; or to Caledonia Home Health Care Agency, P.O. Box 383, St. Johnsbury, VT 05819.