



West Barnet, VT – James Hartley Choate, 66, died Thursday, December 31, 2015, at the St. Johnsbury Health & Rehabilitation Center after living heroically with brain cancer. He was born in St. Johnsbury, VT, April 7, 1949, a son of Charles A. and Mary Jane (Hartley) Choate, Sr. James was raised on the family farm in West Barnet and graduated from St. Johnsbury Academy, Class of 1967. He continued his education at Syracuse University and graduated in the Class of 1971 with a Bachelor of Science degree in History and was commissioned a Lieutenant in the United States Air Force through the ROTC program. Serving his country was important to James and he later acted as the commanding officer at the Army National Guard center in Lyndonville, VT. He also served in the Army Reserve, retiring with the rank of Major. James was a member of The Presbyterian Church of Barnet at West Barnet. Active in community service, he served on the Barnet School Board and Barnet Town Budget Committee, and was a lifelong donor to the American Red Cross. He was an avid history buff and enjoyed visiting museums and historical sites. James is survived by his wife Linda A. (Hale) Choate, of West Barnet, to whom he was married on September 4, 1992; two

children, Kelly Donaghy and companion Kenneth Thissell of St. Johnsbury, and Jeremy Noyes and wife Betsy of Essex Junction, VT; eight grandchildren, Andreck, Haley, Riley, Dakota, Madison, Devon, Lucy, and Alice; three great grandchildren, Alexander, London, and Lacey; a brother, Charles A. Choate, Jr., of Underhill, VT; two nephews, Matthew Choate and Alexander Choate and wife Marisa and daughters Kara and Alicia.

James was predeceased by his parents, Charles on Feb. 16, 1992 and Mary Jane on November 12, 2001; and a brother, Jonathan A. Choate on December 26, 2008.

There will be no calling hours.

A memorial service celebrating James's life is being planned for a later date.

Burial will be in the West Barnet Cemetery in the spring.

In lieu of flowers please consider donating blood to the American Red Cross.