

Barry Passut - Obituary

Barry R. Passut, 53, of South Burlington, died Monday, Jan. 14, 2013 at the VT Respite House in Williston, following a brief and courageous battle with cancer.

He was born Aug. 8, 1959 in St. Johnsbury the son of Robert F. and Thelma (Royce) Passut. He graduated from St. Johnsbury Academy in 1977.

Barry retired from the 158th Fighter Wing VT Air National Guard of South Burlington following 24 years of service. He began his career in the US Air Force before joining the VT Air National Guard. He was extremely proud of military service to his flag and country.

He had also been a member of the South Burlington Fire Dept. After his military retirement he owned and operated Passut's Roofing and Remodeling in South Burlington.

He was an avid NASCAR race fan and was a former dirt track race car driver. He loved his canine buddies, Bear and Sgt. Pepper and his numerous cats. Barry was always willing to help friends and family in need.

Survivors include his father, Robert F. Passut of St. Johnsbury; his special and devoted companion, Mary Boushey of South Burlington; two children, Tiffany Danner of Las Vegas, Nev. and Timothy "TJ" Passut of Roanoke, Va.; two grandchildren, Kyla and Willow Danner; a brother, Brent Passut and wife Patricia of St. Johnsbury; a sister in-law, Pamela Passut of St. Johnsbury; his former wife and mother to his children, Dawn Beliveau of St. Johnsbury; his former wife, Kathi Dastalto of South Burlington; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was predeceased by his mother, Thelma Passut; his stepmother, Benita Boardman Passut; and his brother, Blaine Passut.

Spring graveside services in Mount Pleasant Cemetery in St. Johnsbury with Military honors are being planned. There will be no visiting hours.

Donations made in Barry's memory may be directed to either the VT Respite House, 99 Allen Brook Lane, Williston, VT 05495, or to the Humane Society of Chittenden County, 142 Kindness Court, South Burlington, VT 05403.

Private on-line condolences may be shared with the family at www.saylesfh.com. Arrangements are by Sayles Funeral Home of St. Johnsbury.