



Thomas J. Hughes

August 10, 1930 - November 22, 2006

Mr. Thomas J. Hughes, 76, of Canaan, Vermont, passed away Wednesday morning, November 22, 2006, at the Upper Connecticut Valley Hospital. Mr. Hughes was born August 10, 1930, in Columbia, NH, son of the late Wendell and Mae (Moriatty) Hughes. Mr. Hughes graduated from Colebrook Academy and later joined the United States Air Force, serving honorably for four years in Washington, D.C. during the Korean War. He returned home and continued serving his country in the Army Reserves for ten years. During this time, he began working for Beecher Falls Division of Ethan Allen and he continued working for Ethan Allen for 42 years, finishing his career as a Quality Control Manager. He also served as a Selectman for the Town of Canaan for 13 years. His greatest passion was his tree farm and spending countless hours outdoors. He loved spending time with his family and friends, while also enjoying dancing and socializing. He will be remembered as a man with a big heart who was very proud of his children and grandchildren. Mr. Hughes is survived by his loving wife of 31 years, Betty (Wheeler) Hughes; seven children, Catha Bubas of Boston, MA, Constance Morze of Canaan, VT, Daniel Hughes of Canaan, VT, Karen Irvine of Oceanport, NJ, Michael Hughes of Canaan, VT, Wendell Hughes of Montgomery Center, VT, and Tina Riley of Canaan, VT; fourteen grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. Mr. Hughes is preceded in death by his parents; his former wife, Maxine (Bunnell) Hughes; and three sisters, Ruth Ramsdell, Marion Paquette and Roberta James. Calling hours will be held on

Friday, November 24, 2006, from 2-4 & 7-9 p.m. at the Jenkins & Newman Funeral Home. A funeral service will be conducted on Saturday, November 25th at 1:00 p.m. at the funeral home with The Reverend Albert Bellefeuille officiating. An interment service will immediately follow at the Colebrook Village Cemetery. Expressions of sympathy in Mr. Hughes' memory may be made to the Upper Connecticut Valley Hospital Hospice, c/o Laurie Cotnoir, Corliss Lane, Colebrook, NH 03576.