



**THOMAS (TODD) FRANCIS MURPHY**

September 11, 1942- August 18, 2008

BURLINGTON, VERMONT – Todd Murphy, 65, died peacefully in his sleep at his longtime home on August 18, 2008.

The son of Rosella (Dolly) Juve and Edmund Joseph (EJ) Murphy, Todd was born in Burlington on Sept. 11, 1942. While his childhood home was on Spruce Street, Todd attended Cranwell Prep School in Lenox, Mass. He graduated from Champlain College (ABA, 1964) as well as Harvard Business School (OMP, 1983). Proudly, he graduated and served as an officer in the Vermont Military Academy as well as the Vermont National Guard.

Todd was the president and owner of Burlington News Agency, Daytona News Agency, Plattsburgh News Agency and Todd Realty. As a trusted member of the business community, he served as: a Trustee Emeritus of Champlain College; a member of the Bank of Vermont Council; a member of the Merchants Bank Board of Directors; Director of the Atlantic Coast Independent Distributors Association; and, as a member and chairman of the Burlington Street Commission.

Throughout his life, Todd approached every day with enthusiasm and tenacity. He loved skiing, sailing, shooting sporting clays, photography, reading, and sharing stories from his many adventures. He was a ski instructor in Stowe and took pleasure in making his “Murphy maple syrup moonshine.” Todd enjoyed longtime memberships at the Ethan Allen Club, Lake

Champlain Yacht Club and Mallets Bay Boat Club. As an avid sailor, Todd established the Lake Champlain Champagne Race and crewed on several Bermuda races as well as a Trans-Atlantic Discovery race. He earned his helicopter and airplane pilot licenses as well as achieved Master Shooter rank with the National Sporting Clays Association. Most of all he enjoyed sharing his favorite activities with friends and family, who will remember him for his generous nature, adventurous spirit, quick wit, sense of humor and big laugh.

Central in Todd’s life was his family and he felt lucky to have such great children. He is survived by his loving wife of 42 years, Jane Christie Murphy, and their three children: Kara Christie Murphy of Colchester; Glenn Edmund Murphy and his wife Lisa of Colchester; and, Brian Todd Murphy and his wife Margaret of Richmond. He is also survived by: his sister Maureen (Mimi) Tessier and her husband Louis of Shelburne; his sister Beverly (Bunny) Barry of Colchester; many nieces and nephews; and, extended family.

A celebration of Todd’s life will take place at his family home (5 Driftwood Lane, Burlington) on Friday, August 22, 2008 from 3:00-7:00 PM. Per Todd’s request, there will be a private burial at the convenience of the family. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the Hospice of Champlain Valley (1110 Prim Road, Colchester, VT 05446) or the charity of your choice.

**SUCCESS**

To laugh often and much;

To win the respect of intelligent people and the affection of children;

To earn the appreciation of honest critics and endure the betrayal of false friends;

To appreciate beauty, to find the best in others;

To leave the world a bit better, whether by a healthy child, a garden patch or a redeemed social condition;

To know even one life has breathed easier because you have lived.

This is to have succeeded.

– Ralph Waldo Emerson