

## Janet K. Beaty, ND

Janet K. Beaty, ND, a longtime resident of Harvard, passed away on July 18<sup>th</sup> at Elizabethtown Community Hospital (NY) in the Adirondacks while vacationing nearby with her family. Born in New York, NY on May 7, 1949 and raised in Greenwich, CT, she graduated high school from Rosemary Hall in 1967 before its merger with Choate School. Then, after a two-year stint at Bradford Junior College in Haverhill, MA, Janet graduated from Lake Forest College (IL) in 1971 before moving West to successfully pursue an M.A. in Special Education at San Francisco State University. Eventually, she moved to Seattle in pursuit of a license to practice what became her true calling: naturopathic medicine. Toward this end, she earned a doctorate's degree in the field (ND) from Bastyr College in 1988 and then successfully completed state board examinations qualifying her as a Naturopathic Physician in Washington State. Armed with this accreditation, Janet then garnered valuable field experience from a year's residency at Bastyr followed by another working at the Tyringham Clinic in Buckinghamshire, England.

Returning to this country, she made the pivotal decision to move back East and eventually settled in the Concord area of Massachusetts where she ran a private practice for over 25 years, offering hope to individuals (many with chronic conditions) who felt traditional medicine had failed them. Translating this compassion into political action through membership in both the Massachusetts Society of Naturopathic Doctors (MSND) and the American Association of Naturopathic Physicians (AANP), Janet became a protagonist in the effort to achieve licensure for naturopathic doctors in the state of Massachusetts which was achieved in January, 2017. Beyond her prowess as a medical practitioner and patient advocate, Janet was also an avid gardener whose home, landscaped with a profusion of flowering bushes and lush garden beds, became an expression of her abiding love of nature.

Janet is survived by three brothers, Terry, Jim and Jeffrey along with one nephew, James and her beloved dog Polly.