

**John Robert
Linehan, 77**

CAPE ELIZABETH — John Robert Linehan of Cape Elizabeth, passed away unexpectedly on Feb. 19, 2008 while on his annual winter visit to his daughter's home in Southern California.



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John was the devoted husband of Maryrose C. Linehan, who predeceased him in 2004, and the beloved father of James E., Patrick J. and Deborah C. Linehan.

John was born on April 15, 1930 in Brockton, Mass., the third of four children of James E. and Lydia (Burke) Linehan. He graduated from Brockton High School and served four years in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean Conflict, earning the rank of Staff Sergeant.

On April 1, 1951 he married his high school sweetheart Maryrose C. Nagle, also of Brockton, Mass. They initially raised their children in Abington and North Easton, Mass. and then relocated to New York, Arizona, Massachusetts and Nebraska as John built a long, successful career as an operations executive in mail order and retail merchandising. In 1996 he retired as Director of Operations for sporting goods giant Cabela's after managing the construction of the company's first new retail store in Sidney, Neb. John and Maryrose retired to Cape Elizabeth in 1996 and were active parishioners of St. Bartholomew Catholic Church.

John was an outgoing Irishman active in community and religious organizations including the Jaycees, Elks Club, Rotary International, Holy Name Society and Knights of Columbus. Outside of spending time with his family and gardening, his great love was singing and listening to live music, especially jazz and traditional Irish music. In Nebraska he enjoyed performing for many years with the Fort Sidney Colonels, a popular men's chorale group.

John is survived by his son Patrick of Washington, D.C. and Seoul, South Korea; daughter Deborah of Oxnard, Calif.; son James and daughter-in-law Karen of Bangor; grandchildren Flynn, Anna and Conor Linehan of Boston, Mass. and Bangor; sister-in-law Molly, brother Edmund and sister-in-law Sandra, all of Massachusetts; many nieces, nephews and cousins; and special family friends Mark and Mary Pat Sweeney, Chris Howard and Emerson Kanegusuke. He was predeceased by his older brother and sister, Joseph F. Linehan and Mary Gordy, both of Massachusetts.

Visiting hours will be held from 4-7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 26, 2008 at the Hobbs Funeral Home 230 Cottage Road South Portland. A Funeral Mass will be held 10 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 27 at St. Bartholomew Catholic Church in Cape Elizabeth. You can print the obituary or send condolences to the family at www.hobbsfuneralhome.com.

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