



John A. Diefenbach

March 13, 1940 - April 22, 2025

John A. Diefenbach, 85, of Lancaster, MA and Mason, NH, passed away peacefully on April 22, 2025, surrounded by family at Ayer Valley Nursing and Rehab Center.

Born on March 13, 1940 in Hackensack and raised in Tenafly, NJ, John graduated from Don Bosco Prep High School and served proudly in the U.S. Air Force, specializing in mobile communications—a field that defined his career.

In 1970, he moved his family to Vermont and founded Green Mountain Mobile Radio, a two-way radio business that served the community for over a decade. He later returned to New Jersey, continuing in telecommunications with Metro One, Warner Communications, Ericsson, and Arch Paging.

After retiring to Mason, NH, John rekindled his love for amateur radio, known to fellow operators as K1TLV. He found joy, friendship, and purpose in the ham radio community.

John is survived by his children, John, James, and Donna; four grandchildren, Brooke, Kirsten, Jack and Morgan; his sister, Betsy; and his longtime partner, Elaine. He is preceded in death by his parents, Henry & Betty and his brother, Richard.

Visitation will be Monday, April 28 from 4–7 PM in the Anderson Funeral Home, 250 Main St., Townsend. A funeral Mass will follow Tuesday, April 29 at 10 AM in St. John the Evangelist, 1 School St., Townsend.

Memorial contributions may be made to a veterans' or amateur radio organization in his honor.

Previous Events

Calling Hours

APR **28.** 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Anderson Funeral Home - Townsend
250 Main Street ~ Route 119
Townsend, MA 01469
(978) 597-2692

Funeral Mass

APR **29.** 10:00 AM (ET)

St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church
3 School St
Townsend, MA 01469
(978) 597-2291

Tribute Wall

AH

“ 1 file added to the album *John A. Diefenbach*



Anderson funeral Home - May 20, 2025 at 11:08 AM

JL

“ *Jim. I am so sorry for you loss. May your father's memory be eternal. Joe Lines*

Joe Lines - May 02, 2025 at 03:12 PM

PH

“ Jim, Terry, Brooke, Morgan and family we are so sorry to hear about the loss of your Dad, Father-in law and Grandfather. Although we never got to meet John it certainly seems like he lived an extraordinary life, from his service in the Air Force to his work in communications and his love for amateur radio.

From what we have read and heard he definitely poured his heart into everything he did. We are sure he will be remembered for his warmth, humor, and kindness that he brought into every room and every conversation, whether over the airwaves or in person. It sure sounds like he had a way of making everyone feel welcome and heard.

Our hearts go out to the entire family and all those who loved him so deeply. We hope you find comfort in the wonderful memories you have and the great legacy he leaves behind.

With deepest sympathy and love,

Pete & Kim Harbin

Pete & Kim Harbin - April 28, 2025 at 02:06 PM

CT

“ John (or Johnny D) as my grandmother called him, was one in a million. I'll never forget the time my brother and I were back in the US in the early 1980s for a summer visit with my grandparents, and all we wanted was a McDonald's hamburger. Darned if John didn't find the closest McDonald's and then schlep burgers and fries to TLV. My grandmother was mortified, my brother and I were delighted. And thankful. My beloved grandfather adored John, and one of my favorite pictures of them is sitting on the porch at my grandparent's home in Teaneck, just shooting the breeze. God speed, John.

Christine Traugott - April 27, 2025 at 05:45 PM

CT

“ Chris Traugott planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John A. Diefenbach.

Chris Traugott - April 27, 2025 at 05:36 PM

CT

“ Chris Traugott purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of John A. Diefenbach.



Chris Traugott - April 27, 2025 at 05:36 PM

MV

“ John was so passionate about his beliefs in so many things!!!! I loved John and Elaine and enjoyed visiting with them, especially at church!!! My condolences to Elaine and his family.

Martha Verville - April 26, 2025 at 02:30 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of John A. Diefenbach.

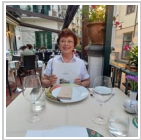
April 25, 2025 at 10:35 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John A. Diefenbach.



April 25, 2025 at 10:35 PM



“ John and I met in our home town of Tenafly, NJ in the '60's when we were both in High School, he at Don Bosco, and I at Tenafly High. We dated a couple of times, and he would talk on the phone for extended periods, mostly about politics. (Some things never change!) Then I went away to college and he went into the military. A few years ago, we reconnected through social media, and exchanged emails. We reminisced about our youth, such as radio shows like "Bob and Ray", our love for the Catholic church, and even giving me recipes! Eventually, my husband and I met him and Elaine for lunch here in Florida when they were exploring moving to the state. He was the same person I remembered from so long ago: witty, talkative, and passionate about life as well as his beliefs. May he rest in peace, and may his memory be a blessing.
Pamela Kane DiMarino

Pamela DiMarino - April 25, 2025 at 04:49 PM

DF

“ Duggins families purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of John A. Diefenbach.



Duggins families - April 25, 2025 at 02:24 PM

DF

“ Duggins families planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John A. Diefenbach.

Duggins families - April 25, 2025 at 02:24 PM

YB

“ Your sister, Betsy purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of John A. Diefenbach.



Your sister, Betsy - April 25, 2025 at 02:04 PM

YB

“ Your sister, Betsy planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John A. Diefenbach.

Your sister, Betsy - April 25, 2025 at 02:04 PM

RS

“ I just got home from Ga funeral/ My heart goes out to you and your family.. I first met John (briefly) at exit 14 In Va I77. He was headed for Fla and we were headed home to Wv from Ga.. We kept in touch for awhile. I noticed the antenna on his truck and knew he was a Ham.. Sorry for your loss. The picture on the site is just as I remember him... Rest in Peace OM... KC8KL

Roger Sponaugle - April 25, 2025 at 12:44 PM

NA

“ I feel very blessed to have had John as my friend. I will always cherish the fun times we had at his and Elaine's backyard parties or our meetings in the "meeting room". And it was a pleasure visiting he and Elaine at their home in Florida. I am very thankful for his friendship and I will miss him.

Nancy Dulac

Nancy - April 24, 2025 at 11:37 PM

TF

John was a friend to our whole family, we met him in Lincoln Nebraska we were in the military together. He and his friend Ron McBride would come to our home every Friday nite for Pizza and liquid refreshments, they would babysit once in a while so we could have a nite out. John loved photography and we were not able to take our kids for pictures on military pay, he came over and took pictures and had them developed for us. We all grew up together and every where we lived he visited when he could. Loved him , loved his kids and got to be in Vermont and New Hampshire with him and his beautiful family. He and Elaine came to our home in Tennessee on their way North and on their way back last August, we will always be thankful for being able to be together again. He will be missed by our families.

Terry and Marianne Duggins and family - April 25, 2025 at 02:04 PM

NA

“ 1 file added to the album *Birthday 2024*



Nancy - April 24, 2025 at 11:17 PM

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“ 1 file added to the album *Life of the party*



Nancy - April 24, 2025 at 11:15 PM



“ *Serenity Wreath* was purchased for the family of *John A. Diefenbach.*



April 24, 2025 at 03:22 PM

BH

“ John, known as Dief to most of us, was a 1959 Don Bosco Prep classmate of mine and certainly was always a "fun" guy. He loved to talk about the "burning bush" at Bosco - where some students would go behind to smoke cigarettes. I'm so glad my wife and I were able to visit him about a year ago.
May God bless you Dief - I'll miss you.
Bob Hannon
DBP 1959

Bob Hannon - April 24, 2025 at 11:49 AM

MM

“ Mario & Magdalena purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of John A. Diefenbach.



Mario & Magdalena - April 24, 2025 at 10:14 AM

SK

“ 1 file added to the album John & Elaine 8/21/21



Susan Kater - April 23, 2025 at 08:47 PM

JN

“ John was my friend and I am saddened at his passing. Years back, he helped me get my ham radio license. I remember calling him when I passed my first level exam and asking him to be my first QSO, which he gladly obliged. He sent me a QSL card - one of only three I've retained - and I have it on my office wall to this day. That was on Oct 20, 2019. We tried a couple times to get our signals from MA to FL but propagation wasn't helping at the time. I will always recall being at John and Elaine's for meetings and such and the treats Elaine would have on the table. Such nice folks, just wonderful. Prayers were said during his illness and more will be as well.

Jim, N1SAK - April 23, 2025 at 07:55 PM

SK

“ John was truly one of a kind. I have so many fantastic memories of him while I was living in NH. My deepest condolences to his family in this difficult loss. Susan Kater

Susan Kater - April 23, 2025 at 07:50 PM

MI

“ What a lovely man, John. I met him almost 15 years ago when he joined a NJ group for a 'field trip'. He came with his NJ friends and they were all such gentlemen of good conversation and kindness. For years, we traded emails....he will be missed by me and I daresay he will be greatly missed by family and close friends. Keep a gentle eye on your family from heaven.

Michele - April 23, 2025 at 07:17 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of John A. Diefenbach.

April 23, 2025 at 03:45 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of John A. Diefenbach.*



April 23, 2025 at 03:45 PM