



## John Durkin

April 4, 1924 - April 22, 2009

John Joseph Durkin 85, of North Branford died peacefully with his family by his side, April 22, 2009. He was the son of the late John J. and Mary (King) Durkin. He is survived by his wife Eileen (Callahan) Durkin his children Dr. Marybeth Durkin of Lyme, NH and John J. Durkin of Madison his son-in-law Dr. Kevin Kerin and his daughter-in-law Kathleen M. Durkin. He is also survived by 7 grandchildren Bill, Kate and Brenna Kerin, Johnny, Meaghan, Jennifer and Tommy Durkin and his sister Margaret (Sis) D. MacNeil of Branford. He was predeceased by a brother Michael (Mickey) J. Durkin. Mr. Durkin was born in New Haven on April 4, 1924. He was an Army veteran of WWII and served in the South Pacific. He worked for nearly 40 years in the custom gun shop at Winchester Co. and his hand checkered gun stocks received international attention. John was a member of St. Augustine's Church. He was a life long New York Giant Football fan and a passionate Boston Red Sox fan who saw his life long dream come true in the fall of 2004 His funeral will leave Sisk BROTHERS FUNERAL HOME 3105 WHITNEY AVE. HAMDEN Saturday at 9:30am Mass of Christian Burial at IOam in St. Augustine Church, North Branford. Burial will follow in St. Lawrence Cemetery. Friends may call Friday (Today) from 4 - 8 pm. In lieu of flowers contributions to St. Francis School Development Fund 423 Ferry St. New Haven, 06513.

# Tribute Wall

SM

“ *It's going to take time. I can still see you at the dinner table and that look you used to give.*

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**Someone who should have listened to you more.** - June 18, 2009 at 01:42 PM

TD

“ *We wish you could be near us-Mom, Dad, Brother Mickey, Uncle Tommy and Aunt Mary*

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**The Durkins** - June 16, 2009 at 11:33 AM

JG

“ *John/Marybeth*  
*I was sorry to hear of your dad's passing. Unfortunately I was travelling and unable to get back in time to get to CT.*  
*My enduring memory of your Dad, the whole family really, is all of you at mass at St Augustine every week, almost the exact row as well.*  
*He was great man we bore great kids.*  
*I dont think you ever get over the loss of a parent but you do learn to cope with it.*  
*My prayers and best wishes are with you at this time.*  
*Joe*

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**Joe Graham** - April 25, 2009 at 01:10 PM

DS

“ *John, Kathleen, Johnny, Meaghan, Jennifer and Tommy, We are so sorry for your loss and our thoughts and prayers will be with all of you. Remember all of the found memories you have with your father (grandfather) and treasure them all.*  
*Love, The Soongs*

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**Don & Lynda Soong** - April 24, 2009 at 07:53 PM

NC

“ We are thinking of all of you, particularly today and tomorrow. I have nothing but fond memories when I think of Turk. All of our thoughts and prayers are with you.

*With deepest sympathy, Nancy & tom*

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**Nancy C.Woodley** - April 24, 2009 at 12:50 PM

MF

“ *Shalom my friend shalom. Your sense of humour will last long past when your body had become decayed and skeletonalized.*

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**Maury Fitzwitz** - April 23, 2009 at 09:50 PM

DW

“ *I always enjoyed spending time with Turk in the summers when we visited my grandmother (Anne Callahan). He was always so good to T.J, Kevin and I.*

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**Dan Woodley** - April 23, 2009 at 04:56 PM