



John H. Traverse

August 14, 1945 - January 9, 2026

John H. Traverse, 80, of Estero, Florida, died unexpectedly on January 9, 2026, after suffering a fatal heart attack.

John was born on August 14, 1945, in Boston, Massachusetts, a son of the late John W. Traverse and Rosetta T. (née Doherty) Traverse. He had been a resident of Estero since 1998, coming from Braintree, Massachusetts.

John was a graduate of Boston English High School and later attended Boston College, where he earned his bachelor's degree. He then worked for a year at Meetinghouse Bank before joining the family business, J.W. Traverse Insurance Agency. The company was founded by his parents in 1950 in Dorchester, Massachusetts, and later relocated to Quincy, Massachusetts in 1973, and to Milton, Massachusetts in 1985. John dedicated more than 40 years to the agency before retiring. The firm is still proudly operated today by his brother and nephew.

John was an avid golfer and a long-time member of Wollaston Golf Club in Milton, Massachusetts. He enjoyed boating and fishing, especially for stripers in Plymouth and Cape Cod Bay, and for snook in Estero Bay. He was also a grower of some of the finest tomatoes and vegetables in the Braintree area. In addition, John loved snow skiing in New Hampshire and that is where he met his future wife, Maureen.

John is survived by his loving wife of 49 years, Maureen P. Traverse of Estero, Florida; his daughter, Meaghan M. Traverse and her husband, Christopher T. Cox of Annandale, Virginia; two grandchildren, John Cox and Maggie Cox; his brother, Paul Traverse (Joan) of Milton, Massachusetts; his sister, Maureen Collins of Quincy, Massachusetts; and many nieces and nephews.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Wednesday, February 4, 2026, at 11:30 AM at St. Leo the Great Catholic Church, 28300 Beaumont Rd., Bonita Springs, FL. Additional services will be held in Milton, Massachusetts, with burial at Blue Hills Cemetery in Braintree, Massachusetts under the direction of the Dolan Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory may be made to the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105 or online at www.stjude.org.

To sign his guest register or to leave online condolences, please visit www.ShikanyFuneralHome.com.

Arrangements are under the directions of Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home Family Owned and Operated Since 1978.

Cemetery Details

Blue Hills Cemetery

Braintree, MA

Previous Events

Mass of Christian Burial

FEB 4. 11:30 AM (ET)

St. Leo the Great Catholic Church
28300 Beaumont Road
Bonita Springs, FL 34134

Tribute Wall

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“ Anne Garrity and Family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of John H. Traverse.



Anne Garrity and Family - January 24 at 11:51 AM

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“ Anne Garrity and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John H. Traverse.

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“ Tom and Jackie Korbas planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John H. Traverse.

Tom and Jackie Korbas - January 23 at 01:02 PM

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“ Tom and Jackie Korbas purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of John H. Traverse.



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