

## Joseph A. Whelan



EASTHAM — Joseph A. Whelan passed away peacefully at home on Wednesday, Nov. 4, 2009.

Born in North Quincy in 1937, he was one of Joseph and Ethel Whelan's four children.

A talented artist, Joseph served in the Navy while attending the Massachusetts College of Art. He earned a graduate degree from Columbia University and taught overseas at the American School in London. He taught art in the public schools of Massachusetts and Connecticut for more than 40 years, inspiring many young artists.

In 1996, he retired from teaching and moved to Eastham to be closer to the natural beauty he fell in love with as a child on summer trips to Cape Cod. An active volunteer, he devoted much of his time to helping senior citizens. He was an avid gardener, a lover of books, and admirer of beautiful things. More than anything, he loved his children and grandchildren, and felt blessed by their love and affection.

Joseph is survived by his longtime close friend, Father Thomas Wyndham; son Christopher and his wife, Julia; a daughter, Erin; son Daniel and his wife, Jessica; grandchildren Alicia, Reese, Brody and Gabriel Whelan; a sister, Ethel Ann Farr; late brother George's wife, Alice Whelan; a sister, Mary Jane Butler and her husband, John; and numerous loving nieces, nephews, cousins, neighbors and friends.

A wake will be held from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 6, at Nickerson Funeral Home, 77 Eldredge Park Way, Orleans. A Mass of the Resurrection will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 7, at Corpus Christi Church, 324 Quaker Meetinghouse Road, East Sandwich (Exit 3).

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