

**SKELLY, John Stafford** John Stafford Skelly, 86 of Wethersfield, husband of Shirley Pierce McAuliffe Skelly, died Thursday (March 29, 2007). He was born in Norwich October 1, 1920, son of the late John and Helena (Daly) Skelly. John grew up in Hartford and attended St. Augustine School and graduated from Bulkeley High School class of 1939. John served in the United States Army in the European Theater February 1942 to October 1945. John retired from the State of Connecticut, Department of Transportation, Rights of Way. He was a former member of the Society of Civil Engineers, Knights of Columbus and Church of the Incarnation Men's Club. He loved bowling, tennis and golf. John was also active in the Wethersfield Historical Society, Meals on Wheels and volunteered at Newington Children's Hospital. Besides his wife Shirley he is survived by one son and three daughters. Daniel (Skip) McAuliffe and his wife Mary of Cambridge, MD; Mary Ellen (McAuliffe) Rund and her husband Thomas of Rocky Hill; Susan McAuliffe Curnias and her husband James of Wethersfield; Carol (McAuliffe) Moore and her husband Stephen of Wethersfield. He leaves seven grandchildren, Daniel McAuliffe III; Amy, Thomas and Kevin Rund; Katherine and Maureen Moore and Christina Curnias. John also leaves a sister Rita Hennessy of Wethersfield; his brother and sister-in-law Roger and Billie Skelly of Mansfield Center; and a sister-in-law Mary Anne Skelly of Wethersfield. He also leaves in-laws, Nancy Driscoll, Jane Dowling, Helen Pierce, John Zazzaro, Paul Zazzaro and many nieces and nephews. John was predeceased by his sister Anne Guinan and a brother Joseph Skelly. The family would like to extend their sincere gratitude to the staff at Ellis Manor for their care and kindness. Funeral services will be held Monday April 2, 2007 at 10:45 a.m. from the Farley-Sullivan Funeral Home, 34 Beaver Rd. Wethersfield, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 11:30 a.m. in The Church of The Incarnation, 544 Prospect St, Wethersfield. Burial will follow in Village Cemetery, Wethersfield. Relatives and friends may call at the funeral home on Sunday, April 1, from 4-8 p.m. Memorial donations may be made to Mikey's Place, c/o The Daversa Family, 92 Chamberlain Rd. Wethersfield, CT 06109 or The Church of The Incarnation, 544 Prospect St, Wethersfield, CT 06109.