

Michael Linquata, 96



With profound admiration for his life and legacy, we sadly mark the recent passing of Michael Linquata at the age of 96. A decorated veteran of World War II and the Battle of the Bulge, Mike Linquata co-founded the Gloucester House Restaurant with his father in 1957. Since then Mike Linquata's story was intertwined with the history of the Gloucester House, his lifelong hometown of Gloucester and the Chamber.

"In the fall of 1966 Michael took over active management of the restaurant. While this [was] a full-time job, he also found time for community involvement and betterment endeavors. For fifteen years he was the majority owner and president of the Seven Seas Whale Watch, which still docks on the Seven Seas Wharf today. Michael [served as] President of the Gloucester Rotary Club, President of the Cape Ann Chamber of Commerce (in 1982, the 60th anniversary year of the Chamber), and President of the North of Boston Tourist Council. He ... served the City of Gloucester on the Harbor Improvement Commission, the Boulevard Reconstruction Committee, the Traffic Commission, on a Bridge Feasibility study, and as the commander of the Gloucester VFW Post." (thegloucesterhouse.com)

Mike's son Lenny, quoted in the March 10 issue of the Gloucester Times, recalled his father's leadership in bringing a World War II memorial to Gloucester: "He got that up and operating, and that was his pride and joy."

The family is planning a celebration of the life of Mike Linquata at Gloucester's World War II memorial site in Kent Circle later this spring.

With heartfelt appreciation for his service to our nation and our community, the Greater Cape Ann Chamber of Commerce extends our sincere condolences to the family of Michael Linquata.