

## **PAUL LOUGHRAN, 74, UNION OFFICIAL**

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Paul A. Loughran, a retired vice president of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, died of lung failure Friday at Massachusetts General Hospital. He was 74 and lived in Marshfield.

Mr. Loughran spent his childhood in Brighton. At 17 he joined the Navy and served for more than three years, mostly in the Pacific theater.

After leaving the Navy, he worked as a lineman on the Boston and Albany railroad, a division of New York Central. In 1952 he joined the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers. He remained a member for almost 50 years and served as the international vice president of the 2d District from 1990 to 1997.

As for outside interests, "His hobby was the IBEW, to make sure the other members had a good life," said his son John T., of Marshfield. "He spent his whole life negotiating contracts and fighting for the working man. He loved every minute of it."

Besides his son, Mr. Loughran leaves his companion, Patricia Cote; another son, Paul A.G. of Charlestown; two sisters, Doris McLaughlin of West Roxbury, and Carol McCormick of Arizona; and three grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. today at the MacDonald Funeral Home in Marshfield.