



Mr. David L. O'Brien Sr.

August 6, 1944 - February 10, 2017

Mr. David L. O'Brien, Sr., passed away on Friday evening, February 10, 2017, surrounded by his loving family, in the home that he built. Born in Pittsfield on August 6, 1944 the son of William J. and Kathrine Londergan O'Brien, he was a 1962 graduate of Pittsfield High School.

After High School, Mr. O'Brien completed a 5-year Carpenter Apprentice program. A cabinet maker by trade, he became a member of the Carpenters Union Local #108 and started working at C. M. Goodrich & Son. During his 54-year career, he worked for Joseph Francese, David Tierney Construction and other Union Contractors. Dave also owned O'Brien's Custom Woodworking and the former O'Bie's Package and Variety on Dawes Ave. He was a model train enthusiast since a young age and built a model train layout at his home for his children and grandchildren. He enjoyed classic cars and traveling, especially his trips to Cape Cod and to Florida, where he would visit family and friends and attend Red Sox spring training games. He was an avid fan of both the Boston Red Sox and the Green Bay Packers.

Dave was a communicant of Sacred Heart Church and a former communicant of the former St. Mary the Morning Star Church. He was a 30-year member of the B.P.O. Elks Lodge 272 and past trustee, a member of the Irish American Organization of Berkshire County and of the Polish Falcons of America Nest 580.

Mr. O'Brien is survived by his wife, Diane M. O'Brien (Gaudette), whom he married on July 4, 1973. He also leaves his three children, David L. O'Brien,

Jr. of Pittsfield, Theresa M. Trietiak and her husband, Craig, of Halfmoon, NY and Sara E. O'Brien of St. Petersburg, FL; a sister, Lynne O'Neill-Sebby of Ft. Myers, FL and two grandchildren, Allie and Drew Trietiak as well as many loving nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins and friends. He was predeceased by his brother, William J. O'Brien.

Funeral Notice:

Funeral services for Mr. David L. O'Brien, Sr. will be Friday, February 17, 2017, at 9 a.m. from the Dwyer Funeral Home, 776 North St., Pittsfield MA with a Liturgy of Christian Burial at 10 am at Sacred Heart Church celebrated by Rev. Michael Bernier, pastor. Burial will follow in St. Joseph Cemetery. Calling hours at the funeral home will be Thursday, February 16, 2017 from 4 to 7 p.m. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to The Jimmy Fund, care of the Dwyer Funeral Home, in his memory. **DONATIONS CANNOT BE MADE ONLINE**, but may be made through the Dwyer Funeral Home.

Cemetery Details

St. Joseph Cemetery

222 Peck's Rd.
Pittsfield, MA 01201

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 16. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Dwyer Family Funeral Home
776 North Street
Pittsfield, MA 01201
(413) 442-5094
info@dwyerfuneral.com
<https://www.dwyerfuneral.com/>

Service

FEB 17. 10:00 AM (ET)

Sacred Heart Church
191 Elm St.
Pittsfield, MA 01201

Tribute Wall



“ 5 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Dwyer Funeral Home Inc. - February 16, 2017 at 02:50 PM



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Dwyer Funeral Home Inc. - February 16, 2017 at 09:28 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. David L. O'Brien Sr..*



February 16, 2017 at 09:10 AM



“ *Despite living in far away Maryland while growing up, we got to spend time together during our family visits to Pittsfield. Dave was the nicest cousin, friend anyone could have. We always enjoyed our time together. He had that great Irish sense of humor and a wonderful laugh to go with. I will never forget time spent with him and his amazing trains, both in his parents's basement in our younger days and in the special room he built into the loving house he and Diane shared all those years. I will miss you and always remember you, Dave.*

*John Lovaas
Reston, Virginia*

John Lovaas - February 15, 2017 at 12:04 PM



“ *Your sly remarks, and funny one-liners will forever have a place in my heart. It's tough saying goodbye to a cousin so soon, but we will see each other again someday. I love you, and the rest of your family* ❤️❤️



Emily Miller - February 15, 2017 at 09:47 AM

BM

“ *Diane & Family. Our thoughts & prayers are with you at this time of sadness.*

Bob & Cathi Magi - February 15, 2017 at 07:58 AM

JC

“ *My prayers are with you in this time of great sorrow. You most likely don't remember me, but I was married to Dave's very good friend , Rick Neilson. and have stayed friends with him through all of these years.I made your wedding cake. So many happy memories. I remarried a wonderful man and we had thirty two precious years together. I lost him six years ago. I know the pain and loss you are feeling. The saddness never goes away, butthe pain lessens with time. Cherish your memories and know that he may not be here, but you will forever carry him and his live in your heart. Know that I am thinking of you and your family and praying that you find some comfort from my message. Always, Joyce (Neilson) Coburn.*

Joyce Neilson Coburn - February 14, 2017 at 10:25 PM

MJ

“ Aunt Diane, OB, Theresa, and Sara

In hearing of the passing of Uncle Dave, I've been remembering and reflecting on so many wonderful memories that I will cherish forever. Whether it be the yearly picnic on the "4th" or just the simple Sunday "pizza nights" there were always many fun & funny moments. I'll always remember his infectious laugh and his warm, welcoming nature.

God be with you all during this sad and difficult time, but know that he left us all with so many great memories to look back on never to be forgotten.

Michael O'Brien Jr - February 14, 2017 at 03:30 PM

BE

“ *I remember Mr O'Brien grilling on the porch while on a visit to Florida..that grill was only about 10 inches across, but the flame was 4 feet high...only for a few moments..but we all got a belly laugh...his reaction was priceless! Lots of laughs form a wonderful man and a fantastic family!*

Becca - February 14, 2017 at 09:08 AM

TB

“ *I will always remember Uncle Dave's kindness and sweet heart! I remember when he took my son Josh into his train room and showed him his trains, Josh loved that!*

Terry O'Neill Biehl - February 14, 2017 at 08:24 AM

DR

“ So sorry to see, in the Berkshire Eagle of Dave's passing. We always enjoyed great conversations with him on karaoke nights at the Elks. Our thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family.
Tim and Donna Ruel

Donna Ruel - February 14, 2017 at 07:56 AM

SB

“ Dear Aunt Diane, OB, Theresa, Craig, Allie, Drew and Sara. Our hearts are all so heavy with grief with Daves passing. He was our family anchor, always there for everyone, loved his family, his extended family, friends. He loved life, had fun, always welcoming you at every family occasion. I was proud to tell people, yes that's my Uncle Dave. Will miss him terribly, already do💕Love you Uncle Dave💕Rest In Peace🍀



Scott and Cathy Behrent - February 13, 2017 at 05:48 PM

DS

My deepest sympathy to the o'brien family. Dave will surely be missed.

Dianna Schnopp - February 15, 2017 at 08:21 AM