



Mr. Dennis M. O'Brien

April 12, 1947 - November 8, 2020

Mr. Dennis M. O'Brien, 73, passed away unexpectedly on Sunday, November 8, 2020. Born in Pittsfield, MA on April 12, 1947, the son of the late Marshall and Isabelle Brewer O'Brien, Dennis grew up in Stockbridge, where he graduated Williams High School.

In 1965, following his high school graduation, Dennis enlisted in the United States Navy where he proudly served his country during the Vietnam War. As a leading seaman, he traveled to Vietnam, Korea, South Korea, China and the Philippines aboard the USS Washburn. He was honorably discharged in 1968. Following his tour, he returned to Pittsfield. He married Susan Schnopp in June of 1975, and they later divorced in 1995.

Throughout his professional life, Dennis worked for Adams Supermarket, Giftos Bros., Country Curtains, and, for the past 20 plus years, as a custodian in the Pittsfield School System. It was there that he would read to children, or pop into a classroom to sing "Happy Birthday" to whomever was celebrating. He retired in 2014.

Dennis was an avid fisherman and sports fan. When the opportunity allowed, he loved to be by the water, whether it be out on a boat fishing in Stockbridge Bowl with his best friend of 66 years, John Dolson, at Richmond Pond with Ethan, along the shores of Long Island South with Bill and Katie, or drowning a worm to catch trout in local brooks. He frequently vacationed at the beach with Kyle and her family. He enjoyed taking bus tours, especially to the casino, and writing poems, of few of which had been published. Dennis loved car

shopping, spending time with his family, reading, and listening to his beloved Yankees, Celtics, and Raiders.

Dennis is survived by his children, Katie O'Brien-Clayton (William) of Middletown, CT, Corey O'Brien and Kyle O'Brien-Asmah (Frederick), both of Pittsfield. He leaves behind his sister, Laura Bayne Olsen (Donny) of New Milford, CT, and his beloved grandchildren: Ethan, Lauren, Elizabeth, Jill, Dillon, Freida, and William.

Funeral Notice:

Funeral services for Mr. Dennis O'Brien will be private. Public calling hours will be Friday, November 13, 2020, from 4 p.m. until 6 p.m. at the Dwyer Funeral Home, 776 North Street, Pittsfield, MA 01201. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in his memory to Operation Reel Heroes, a non-profit organization dedicated to taking Wounded Warriors saltwater fishing, in care of the Dwyer Funeral Home. Donations CANNOT be made online, but may be made through the Dwyer Funeral Home.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 13. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Dwyer Family Funeral Home
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Tribute Wall

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“ So sorry to learn that Dennis is gone! I enjoyed our chats after school as he cleaned my classroom. He did a fine job at Morningside and was always upbeat, friendly, and funny. May he enjoy his new heavenly home.

Nancy (Glynn) McGill - November 16, 2020 at 09:53 PM

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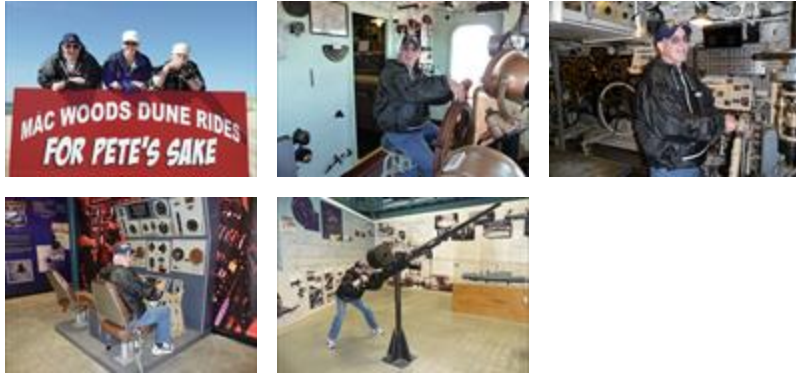
“ Dear Kyle, Katie, Corey, Laura, and Family,
I was so saddened and shocked to hear about Dennis' passing. He was such a character - quirky, funny, generous, willing to lend a hand, and a definite tease :). We have so many memories of his visits with us here in Michigan, and our visits in Massachusetts. I wish we could have come out for the funeral. To us, he will always be the "King of Massachusetts". His first visit to Michigan, my niece was young and asked him where he lived. He told her Massachusetts, and she promptly asked him "Are you the king there?", to which he roared with laughter, as did we! He replied, "Yes, I am the King of Massachusetts!", and the title stuck. I still have a funny voicemail he left on my phone from August, and I'm thankful that he kept in touch with my mom. We will miss him and his phone calls. Please know that you are all in our thoughts and prayers. I uploaded some photos from his visits to Michigan. I hope you enjoy them.

*In sympathy,
Your Michigan cousin,
Laura Purdy*

Laura Purdy - November 13, 2020 at 10:36 PM

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“ 21 files added to the album Michigan Visits



Laura Purdy - November 13, 2020 at 10:08 PM

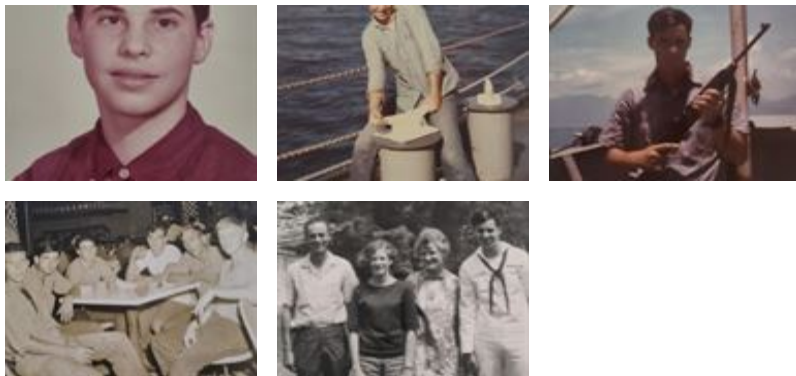
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“ Kyle and family I'm so very sorry for your loss sending you love and prayers Michel Drysgola ❤️

michele drysgola - November 13, 2020 at 06:27 PM



“ 36 files added to the album Life Tributes



Dwyer Funeral Home Inc. - November 13, 2020 at 07:56 AM

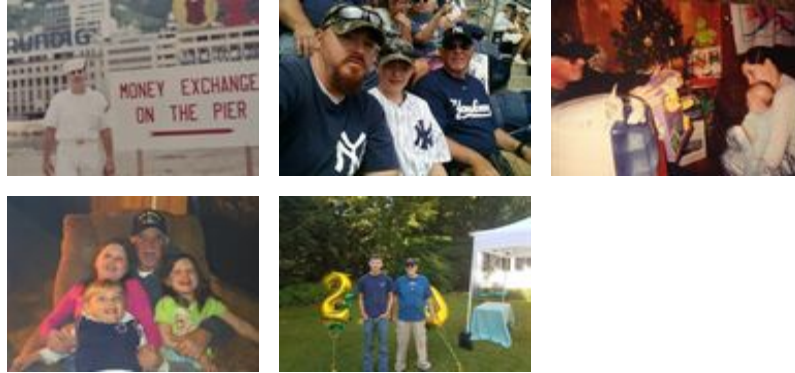
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Handsome man. Sleep in peace perfect peace with the highest angeles.

winifred frimpong - November 13, 2020 at 02:28 PM



“ 5 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Dwyer Funeral Home Inc. - November 12, 2020 at 11:28 AM

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“ *Carol Clayton purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Mr. Dennis M. O'Brien.*



Carol Clayton - November 12, 2020 at 08:22 AM

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“ To the O'Brien Family,
I don't know how to put this is words on how much of a wonderful father, grandpa, uncle, brother and friend Dennis was to all he came in contact with. He was the type of man that would give a hand to anyone in need. no matter how big or small of a job it was. he always made people feel welcomed no matter where he was or who he was with. we spent many years getting to know Dennis at Adams supermarket and the baseball field and him zooming down Lakeway drive tooting his horn to us, which after a while we knew it was Dennis & raised our hand , the toot was a very familiar one which we had a chuckle after a while. our hearts are saddened on his passing, but we hold many happy memories of Dennis in our hearts and will always remember him in our conversations. please know our thoughts & prayers are with all of you during this most difficult time. God Bless!

mr. & mrs joseph Maffuccio Sr.

tinalouise - November 12, 2020 at 08:18 AM

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Thank you so much Mr and Mrs Maffuccio.

Katie O'Brien-Clayton - November 12, 2020 at 10:19 PM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Mr. Dennis M. O'Brien.*



November 11, 2020 at 09:07 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Mr. Dennis M. O'Brien.



November 11, 2020 at 06:46 AM