



Catherine O'Brien

November 7, 1930 - February 9, 2018

Catherine O'Brien, age 87, of Mesquite, TX, passed away February 9, 2018. She was born November 7, 1930, in Primghar, Iowa to Otto and Ethel (Mathern) Clark. Catherine worked as a Registered Nurse for 34 years at St. Paul and Doctor's Hospitals until her retirement in 1992.

She is survived by her loving husband of 61 years: John R. O'Brien of Mesquite, TX; daughters: Barbara McGann of Rowlett, TX and Diane Wolfe and husband Don of Dallas, TX; 4 sisters: and 4 grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, 2 brothers and a sister. Catherine had been a member of St. Pius X Catholic Church since 1956, and a rosary maker for over 30 years.

Memorial mass will be held 10:00am Friday, February 16, 2018, at St. Pius X Catholic Church, 3030 Gus Thomasson Rd., Dallas, TX, 75228 with Father Patrick Olaleye officiating. Inurnment will follow at Sacred Heart Mausoleum in Rowlett, TX. A Visitation will be held Thursday, February 15, 2018, at Rest Haven Funeral Home- Rowlett Chapel from 6:00 to 7:00pm with a Rosary at 7:00pm.

Services are under the direction of Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rowlett Chapel.

Cemetery

Events

Sacred Heart Cemetery

3900 Rowlett Road
Rowlett, TX, 75088

FEB **Visitation** 06:00PM - 07:00PM

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Rest Haven - Rowlett Location
3701 Rowlett Road, Rowlett, TX, US, 75088

FEB **Rosary** 07:00PM

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Rest Haven - Rowlett Location
3701 Rowlett Road, Rowlett, TX, US, 75088

FEB **Memorial Mass** 10:00AM

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St. Pius X Catholic Church
3030 Gus Thomasson Road, Dallas, TX, US, 75228

Comments



“ A tribute video has been added.



Rest Haven Funeral Homes and Memorial Park - February 14, 2018 at 03:05 PM



“ What a loving tribute to your wife, mom and grandmother. My thoughts and prayers are with you all Friday morning. I pray that you all feel our Lord's presence and comfort during this time and the days ahead.

Diane Webster - February 16, 2018 at 01:17 AM



“ Lovely video remembering a very special lady. I'm sure she is looking down and smiling.

Sheree Gremban-Hobson - February 16, 2018 at 10:10 PM



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“ Mom grew up on a farm during the Depression. This shaped a lot of who she was - practical, unpretentious, hardworking and thrifty.

She was a skilled nurse. I got to see her in action when Joe's dad - who I would never get to call Father-in-Law, was in ICU. Mom was quick on her feet, concise and sensitive. Her dedication was illustrated to me that day.

She was a great wife. There was a home cooked meal on the table every night. I believe she became a football fan because Dad enjoyed it so much - to the point where she would sometimes cheer the loudest. I think they voted for different people - maybe twice - and it was really fun to hear their opinionated views.

She was also a dedicated mother. I have a lot of memories of her nursing us through illnesses, and she kept up with everything - mostly holistic methods, like saltwater, not medicine from the store. A common phrase she used when we were teenagers was "That's not what life's about."

She made rosaries, lots and lots of them, mainly for the missions. I remember getting to pick out everything for one she made me - the color and the centerpiece. True to form, the case is made of felt and hand stitched - my most treasured rosary case.

Mom loved Don Williams, Glen Campbell, Johnny Cash and polka. When we traveled to Minnesota to see her parents, we knew we were close when we could mainly get polka music on the radio.

We know she is out of pain now, but I will miss her so much - her laugh, her saying "Oh, John" when my dad joked, and her "Wow" when we walked in with a meal.

Rest in peace, Mom. We love you.

Barbara McGann

Barbara McGann - February 17, 2018 at 08:40 AM



“ Diane Webster lit a candle in memory of Catherine O'Brien



Diane Webster - February 16, 2018 at 01:24 AM



“ 38 files added to the album LifeTributes



Rest Haven Funeral Homes and Memorial Park - February 14, 2018 at 12:33 PM



“ Diane Wolfe lit a candle in memory of Catherine O'Brien



Diane Wolfe - February 13, 2018 at 01:16 PM



“ My mom was a very sweet and loving person. She was the oldest of eight children and grew up during the depression. She learned from an early age how to stretch a dollar. She went into nursing and was a compassionate and skilled nurse. She was also an amazing seamstress, making beautiful outfits over the years. She was an excellent cook, especially her baking brings back many happy memories of family celebrations. She was a very giving person, using her craft skills to make clothing and rosaries for others. The last several years she has battled chronic illness and all of the challenges that brings. She endured a lot but was always sweet and uncomplaining. The medical staff that cared for her recently would often remark on how sweet she was. No matter what she was going through I always received a happy greeting from her when I saw her. She had a quiet strength and faith that helped her through all she faced. She was a wonderful mother and grandmother. She was a loving wife to my dad for over 61 years. In a recent conversation I had with her she told me he was not only her husband but he was her best friend.
We love and miss you, Mom!
Your loving daughter, Diane

Diane Wolfe - February 13, 2018 at 01:08 PM



“ What a beautiful heartfelt tribute to your Mom, Diane. She would be very proud of you while having a smile on her face.

Diane Webster - February 16, 2018 at 12:53 AM