



John Roderer O'Brien

September 20, 1920 - August 18, 2018

John R. O'Brien, born September 20, 1920, in Philadelphia, PA, passed away on August 18, 2018, in Garland, TX. John served in the U.S. Army during World War II and the Korean Emergency, after which he was a certified public accountant with Ziegler, Weiner, and Gill for over 20 years. He was Catholic all of his life and for 62 years a worshipping member of St. Pius X Catholic Church where he served as usher, president of the CCD, and as volunteer for many other duties. He was married on May 12, 1956, in Worthington, MN, to Catherine Clark and they shared 61 wonderful years before her death in February of this year.

John is survived by daughters: Barbara McGann of Rowlett, TX, and Diane Wolfe and husband Don of Dallas, TX; and 4 grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents Lester J. and Mary (Roderer) O'Brien, his wife Catherine E. O'Brien and 4 siblings.

A memorial mass will be held 11:00am Monday, August 27, 2018, at St. Pius X Catholic Church with Father Patrick Olaley officiating. Inurnment will follow in Sacred Heart Cemetery Mausoleum. There will be a gathering of family and friends Sunday, August 26, 2018, at Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rowlett Location from 4:00 to 6:00 pm with a rosary at 5pm.

Cemetery

Events

Sacred Heart Mausoleum
3900 Rowlett Road
Rowlett, TX, 75088

AUG 26 Gathering 04:00PM - 06:00PM

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

AUG 26 Rosary 05:00PM

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

AUG 27 Memorial Mass 11:00AM

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

Comments



“ An external video has been added.



Rest Haven Funeral Homes and Memorial Park - August 24, 2018 at 05:08 PM



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November 14, 2020 at 03:52 AM



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November 14, 2020 at 02:57 AM

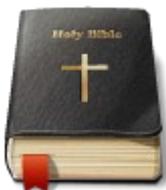


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November 14, 2020 at 02:52 AM



“ Don & Teresa Vinson sent a virtual gift in memory of John Roderer O'Brien



Don & Teresa Vinson - August 25, 2018 at 05:17 PM



“ Barbara McGann lit a candle in memory of John Roderer O'Brien



Barbara McGann - August 25, 2018 at 04:55 PM



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



Diane Webster - August 25, 2018 at 04:00 PM



“ I wasn't around your parents much, but when I did have the opportunity, they were always kind and good-natured. I remember the time your Dad was in his office and showed Diane and I how the stocks were doing, on his computer. I was really impressed how much he was so knowledgeable about financial matters. I will never forget that visit. May he forever be with our Lord in Heaven.. My deepest heartfelt sympathies to you Diane my best friend, to Barbara her wonderful sister and your dear families.

Diane Webster - August 25, 2018 at 03:59 PM



“ Thank you Diane, that is so sweet of you!

Diane Wolfe - August 28, 2018 at 01:03 PM



“ Kay McGann lit a candle in memory of John Roderer O'Brien



Kay McGann - August 25, 2018 at 02:54 PM



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



Diane Wolfe - August 25, 2018 at 01:57 PM



“ My dad worked very hard all of his life at whatever he did. He loved our family and worked hard to provide for us and protect us. He was always there if we needed help of any kind, babysitting, putting up a fence, moving, tax return advice, financial and much more. If he could help in any way, he wanted to and would help. I remember when I was in my early 20's and I worked third shift. My car broke down on Christmas Eve on the way to work. It was very cold and gas was freezing up in the lines. I called my dad from a pay phone (no cellphones back then!) and he came out. He fixed the problem, but still insisted on following me all the way to work to be sure I was safe. That's just one of many examples of his care for us. Whatever he did he was usually very enthusiastic and all in. He and my mom had a beautiful vegetable garden for years and they would bring us vegetables. He jogged, ran marathons and race walked for many years. He trained diligently and worked hard at maximizing his health. He worked on our family history and compiled a thorough beautiful book about it containing lots of information. He was a skilled carpenter, mechanic and accountant. He served our country during World War II and the Korean emergency. One of the most loving things my dad did was to take care of my mom at home during several years of extended illness. He was meticulous in keeping track of her medical details, appointments and needs. This was very important to my mom as she wanted to be at home. The word I think of when I think of my dad is integrity. He pursued doing the right thing in everything no matter the cost. He would not cut corners or compromise on anything. He taught us to do the same thing and I often think of this when I am making decisions. We love and miss him dearly.
Diane Wolfe

Diane Wolfe - August 25, 2018 at 01:57 PM



“ What a lovely tribute to your father, Diane. May your memories of him and knowing one day you will see him again, Bring you comfort during this chapter of your life..

Diane Webster - August 26, 2018 at 02:14 AM