



John J. O'Brien

June 23, 1921 - July 7, 2015

Hampton - John J. O'Brien, 94, of Hampton and formerly of Stratham, died Tuesday, July 7, 2015 at home with beloved family by his bedside.

He was born in Boston, MA, June 23, 1921 the son of the late John J. and Jennie (LaRue) O'Brien.

Raised in Dorchester, he was a 1939 graduate of Dorchester High School and a 1948 graduate of Boston University. John was a WWII veteran and served as a sergeant in the US Army Air Corps in Europe. He participated in the Normandy invasion, Battle of Rhineland, Ardennes and many other campaigns.

He worked as a sales manager for D.J. Cutter & Co., sheet metal designers for the electronics industry in Dorchester, MA; he retired in 1984. John was formally trained in real estate investing and landscaping, and pursued both with his entrepreneurial spirit. In his retirement, John enjoyed travel, golf, and family gatherings.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 48 years, Paula (Searle) O'Brien of Hampton; four sons, Dennis M. O'Brien and his wife Dorothy of Roslindale, MA, Terrance P. O'Brien and his wife Jude, of Melrose, MA, Daniel J. O'Brien of Long Beach, CA, and John J. O'Brien, Jr. of Kittery, ME; two stepchildren,

Kevin White and his wife Catherine of Merrimac, MA, and Linda Buck of No. Andover, MA; five grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

Relatives and friends may call on Sunday, July 12, 2015 from 2 to 6 pm in the Remick & Gendron Funeral Home-Crematory, 811 Lafayette Road, Hampton. A mass of Christian burial will be celebrated on Monday at 11 am at Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church, 289 Lafayette Road, Hampton. Burial will be in the Calvary Cemetery, Newmarket. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The American Heart Association, Founders Affiliate, PO Box 417005, Boston, MA 02241, online at <https://donate.americanheart.org> or to Honor Flight New England, PO Box 16287, Hooksett, NH 03106, online at <http://honorflightnewengland.org/>.

Cemetery Details

Calvary Cemetery

Rt. 108
Newmarket, NH 03857

Previous Events

Calling Hours

JUL 12. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Remick & Gendron Funeral Home - Crematory
811 Lafayette Road ·
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Funeral Mass

JUL 13. 11:00 AM (ET)

Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church
289 Lafayette Road
Hampton, NH

Tribute Wall



“ *John J. O'Brien*

September 18, 2022 at 12:49 AM



“ *John today is Labor Day just 2 months to the day you left us. My heart is broken and I miss you so very much. All my love, Paula*

Paula OBrien - September 07, 2015 at 01:42 PM



“ *DEAR PAULA, FRANK AND I VERY SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS. JOHN WAS SPECIAL, I HAVE SO MANY THINGS TO SAY ABOUT HIM IT HAS TAKEN ME TIME TO PUT IT ALL TOGETHER. JOHN ACHIEVED SUCCESS WHO HAS LIVED WELL, LAUGHED OFTEN (ESPECIALLY LISTERING TO FRANK'S STORIES AND LOVED MUCH: WHO ALSO EARNED THE RESPECT OF INTELLIGENT MEN AND THE LOVE OF LITTLE CHILDREN; WHO HAS FILLED HIS NICHE AND ACCOMPLISHED HIS TASK; WHO HAS LEFT THE WORLD A BETTER PLACE THAN HE FOUND IT; WHO ALWAYS LOOKED FOR THE BEST IN OTHERS AND MOST OF ALL HE GAVE THEM THE BEST HE HAD. TILL WE MEET AGAIN LOVE KAY & FRANK -*

KAY & FRANK SCANLON - August 03, 2015 at 04:21 PM

 Linda
Buck

“ *EULOGY TRANSCRIPT: It's impossible for any one person to praise all of John's 94 years. Here, I'll share my thoughts and strive to convey the genuine love and deep gratitude we all have for him.*

These two words come to mind when I think of John: industrious & strong. While John was a career sales manager, I observed more directly his entrepreneurial exertions. He was the quintessential do-it-yourselfer. He dedicated much energy to his real estate investments; occasionally hiring us to clean vacant apartments alongside him and teach us lessons about working and being productive. A role model, there was none better.

John was an impressive landscaper and gardener evidenced by the thoughtful plantings at both Wallace Rd & Doe Run. A few of us will recall the tomatoes he tended every August; he'd trek from Maine to Quincy to water and pick them, then returned with the bounty for summer salads by the pond at Goodwin Mills.

In another side business (yes, he was a busy man), he taught himself financial investing, I dare say that each of us has already & countless times been the beneficiary of his savvy efforts in this domain. He has provided for many. To me John seemed unflappable, self-assured more than most. No problem was too big to solve; his or mine. I could talk through any dilemma with him; his wisdom offered a calming influence. He was truly one of the great listener. Many have remarked over the years about that special attentive quality of his that made one feel truly heard and understood in his presence.

Lest he seem all work & seriousness, I'll change my focus to the fun stuff. John's big warm smile is remembered by all. He was teased perpetually about his charming, flirty ways; ask any waitress from NH to FL! He loved John Wayne. If you had the pleasure of viewing an action movie with him, you know, that for him, it was a full body experience.

John was a proud grandpa, never missing an opportunity to hold each of the newborns. Our photo collage shows how engaged he

was with all five grandkids, rough-housing with them as well as honoring their academic achievements. He and mom had a rock solid relationship; and through retirement enjoyed golfing, theater, and vacation travels. I know we all treasure the souvenirs we gained from their many trips. Nearly all of us have visited the Polar Caves and been guests at Cold Springs or have taken the trip to Cinnamon Cove in Fort Myers to get a peek at their Florida get away spot.

I think of all the generosity that was bestowed upon us over the many family holidays. What rich memories; how lucky we are! The past few years with ambulatory challenges, Thanksgiving became a moveable feast between Hampton & North Andover. On those days, we all learned a little bit more about cooking and hosting and being a family. In 2015, after a tough winter we hoped to keep our Easter outing to The SeaGlass Restaurant. We harbored concerns over our ability to get dad out of the house. We were thrilled to manage the transport and had a wonderful time that is bound to become a special memory.

I have helped mom care for dad this past year, more so in recent months, weeks, days. During that time, we have reminisced, laughed, held hands, hugged, and cried. Over dinners & day visits, he shared many remembrances that tightened our bond (for instance:he hated brussel sprouts & he was his mother's favorite). He admired my mom for the self-sufficient woman she is; a master of figuring things out! Indeed she was his ingenious caregiver & hero. Mom's selfless efforts made it possible for him to pass peacefully in his own home; should we all be so fortunate. And when I say peacefully, please know there was sunshine, summer breezes, and music. Together they enjoyed the songs of Frank Sinatra, till the very end. So polish your memories by retelling his stories with a smile as BIG as his. And cherish the time you shared with this very precious person who we called John,Dad,Papa.

Linda Buck - July 16, 2015 at 08:28 AM

MM

“ dear Paula & Family, we are sorry to hear of John's passing. God bless his soul.
God bless you Paula; you were a wonderful caring wife.
love, Madeline & Bob McInerney

madeline McInerney - July 14, 2015 at 05:02 PM

NA

“ Uncle John- you will surely be missed! With caring, you always asked how one was. You listened to every response word. I'll never let go of long ago Hyannis memories. Rest in Peace- you gave this world your all! - Nancy Ann



Nancy Ann - July 11, 2015 at 07:33 PM

 Linda Buck

Nancy, your mention of Hyannis jogged my memories too. That was a lot of fun!

Linda Buck - July 16, 2015 at 08:18 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John J. O'Brien.



July 10, 2015 at 06:52 PM

 Ashley
White

“ *Gramp always had a way of slowing me down since I was just always going so fast. I remember sitting in his lap and playing with his arm hair and falling asleep. I will miss him so much. ?*

Ashley White - July 09, 2015 at 05:26 PM

CI

“ *John, we will miss your sense of humor and great smile. Rest in Peace.*

Your Medical Home

Cindy - July 09, 2015 at 02:13 PM

CI

“ *Cindy lit a candle in memory of John J. O'Brien*



Cindy - July 09, 2015 at 12:45 PM

NS

“ *Always smiling and always happy, he made any room he entered feel warm and inviting. I will miss seeing him in person but will help his spirit live on with my memories.*

Nicole Snurkowski - July 09, 2015 at 11:59 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of John J. O'Brien.*



July 09, 2015 at 09:36 AM



“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



Remick & Gendron Funeral Home - July 09, 2015 at 07:26 AM



“ *Greatness is not always measured by what you say but how you make other people feel. John was one of the greatest listeners I've known. Thanks John for helping teach us all the importance of being a better listeners!*

Geoff Buck - July 08, 2015 at 11:19 PM



So true!

Linda Buck - July 16, 2015 at 08:20 AM

 Linda
Buck

“ 1 file added to the album *New Album Name*



Linda Buck - July 08, 2015 at 06:20 PM