



David F. O'Brien

July 26, 1944 - September 19, 2020

David F. "O'B" O'Brien, age 76, of Port Huron, passed away at home on September 19, 2020 with his family by his side.

He was born on July 26, 1944 in Port Huron, to the late Dorothy M. (Schwitzke) O'Brien and Clyde C. O'Brien.

David attended Yale High School and was a graduate of Port Huron High School in 1962. He attended Port Huron Junior College, St. Clair County Community College, South Macomb Community College and Wayne State University. David worked for Chrysler M.I. Division. He was a Tool and Die Maker and Die Sinker. He was the Plant Manager for Mueller Impacts, Marysville for 15 years.

David and his wife, Diane were married for 57 years. Together they had 4 children: MarySue (Matthew) Boyd, David S. (Florence) O'Brien, Michelle "Flip" (Joe) Sharpe and Jennifer L. (Gary) Sanders. He is also survived by 5 grandchildren, Noah and Brandon Torres, Patrick O'Brien and Brenna and Riley Besko, brother, Paul J. O'Brien, sister, Renee D. Goodall, brother-in-law, John R. (Ruth) Dolinar, and a special friend, Pam Dagg (Kaercher Family). During his 22-year retirement, David and Diane traveled to many places around the world including Europe, China, South America, Poland, Alaska, Hawaii, Panama Canal, Costa Rica and Aruba. They wintered in Florida in Marathon and Ft. Meyers. David's hobbies included scroll sawing wood puzzles and spending time fishing on his boat "Hooked." He truly had a passion for reading and a thirst for knowledge. David was apart of many

groups including the Port Huron Motorcycle Club, BSA #43 Side Car Ice Racing Team, board member of the Dockside Condo Association as Secretary Treasurer for 7 years, member of the Blue Water Sport Fishing Association and the Moose Lodge #158. He also built 2 houses in Kenockee township, was an avid hunter and taught his grandsons. He enjoyed hunting trips with his cousin Gary Miller to Wyoming. Family trips consisted of camping in the Upper Peninsula and the Labor Day walk across the Mackinac Bridge. Dave's most fervent wish was to have no service. Cremation arrangements are in care of, Jowett Funeral Home, 1634 Lapeer Avenue, Port Huron. There will be an inurnment scheduled at a later date at the Mt. Hope Cemetery Columbarium, Port Huron.

Memorial tributes may be made to the Kidney Cancer Foundation or the St. Martin Lutheran Soup Kitchen.

"It is not the length of life, but the depth of life." – Ralph Waldo Emerson
Jowett Funeral Home is privileged to assist the family with arrangements. To view the obituary and share memories, please visit www.jowettfuneraldirectors.com

Tribute Wall

FW

“ *Diane, Sorry for your loss. Thoughts and prayers sent for you and your family.*

Fran Wightman

Fran Wightman - September 27, 2020 at 04:32 PM

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“ *Diane and family, I will never forget when OB and my Bob took some of you kids for a boat ride and Diana had to come and get me from the bowling alley. I was so mad at both of them. Know I can laugh about it but not at the time. Prayers for all of you.*

Nancy A Cooney - September 27, 2020 at 01:43 PM

BC

“ Years ago, when Dave's lovely daughter, Flip, was my hairstylist, we discovered in the course of casual conversation that her dad, Dave, and my husband, Bill, had been childhood pals who had lost contact for 50 years or so. At a later date in life, my beloved Bill got an urge to learn how to fish (and not to just "go fishing," rather to "catch fish" -- there is a difference!). Bill asked around town to see who was considered the best fisherman in the Blue Water area -- and repeatedly the name of Dave O'Brien came up as the go-to fisherguy. Flip and I got the two old freinds reunited, and the rest became history. Not only did Bill learn the art of "catching fish" from his mentor Dave, but a strong bond developed between the two men. They became as close as any two brothers could be; in fact, when Bill was ill with the cancer that took his life, he told me that he loved Dave as much as he did his own real-life brothers. To have such a friendship in one's life is a treasure, and it was one that neither of these two fishermen took for granted for a moment. Just as Dave grieved the passing of his brother-friend, Bill, I grieve the loss of Dave, who meant not only so much to his late-in-life student of fishing, but to my three sons and me.

My deep condolence to Dave's wife and my friend, Diane, and to her family,

Barb Cogley

Barbara Cogley - September 27, 2020 at 12:04 PM

DS

“ Debbie Semple purchased the Peace, Prayer Blessing Sympathy Basket for the family of David F. O'Brien.



Debbie Semple - September 26, 2020 at 12:02 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of David F. O'Brien.*



September 26, 2020 at 11:50 AM



“ *Love to this beautiful family...loved living next door to Clyde and Dorothy, and watching the kids play together ... he was a very "special" man. May he rest in peace and may his memories be a blessing! XOXOX*

Sherry Betts - September 25, 2020 at 09:58 AM



“ *I will miss him out on the water. We only met once at the fish cleaning station but we would always tell each other where we were catching fish were out in the lake.*
John Zielke

John L Zielke - September 24, 2020 at 08:37 PM



“ *Garden Accent Stone - "Wherever a Beautiful Soul..." was purchased for the family of David F. O'Brien.*



September 24, 2020 at 06:29 PM

LJ

“ Mr. O'Brien was one of a kind and I say that from the bottom of my heart. He was a huge part of my life while growing up alongside his children. Although his firm and authoritative tone made me nervous more times that I would like to count, I never doubted that he cared about my well-being and wanted the best for me. Now, looking back, I think he picked up on my nervousness while around him and would tease me which was his way.

He would hate to be remembered as a kind and gentle soul, but he was. I remember him reading books all of the time on all types of subjects and if it was something that he wanted to learn how to build, he would teach himself and then go make it. He never lost his love of living, learning, sharing, and exploring what life had to offer.

You will be missed, Mr. O'Brien. RIP. Love, hugs, and prayers to the O'Brien family during this difficult time.

Lisa St. John

Lisa St. John - September 24, 2020 at 01:39 PM

JM

“ He was a great person to me. He taught me so much about machining and more, took me fishing, tilled up my garden, and instilled in me my lust for knowledge. Thanks Dave. Jim M.

Jim Mieksztyn - September 24, 2020 at 09:16 AM

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“ He will always be my father-in-law. So Saddened by this, he was always the best with his grandkids. Teaching them things, giving them fun things to do out on the farm, taking them on adventures. There will be a hole in the family that will never be filled. He was and is loved. Rest in peace Grandpa Dave. Love to all the O'Briens.

Lisa O'Brien - September 23, 2020 at 06:52 PM

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“ *MUCH LOVE to the family Big hugs and kisses*

Sheila corby - September 23, 2020 at 06:04 PM

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Dave will be missed very much he was best friends with my dad he died almost 50 yrs ago but Dave and Diane were always there for my mom Kitti my brother Chip and me Kathi we will miss you Dave

Kathi Olvera - September 28, 2020 at 04:36 PM