



John "Jack" Sherman O'Brien

March 5, 1933 - October 19, 2018

A Mass of Christian Burial for John Sherman (Jack) O'Brien will be celebrated at St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church in Queenstown, MD, on Wednesday, October 24, at 12:00 pm. Visitation for family & friends will be at 11:00 am, in the Memorial Room of the church. Mr. O'Brien will be buried in the church cemetery next to his son Conor Patrick O'Brien.

Mr. O'Brien, who was born March 5, 1933, in Baltimore, was a cancer patient and died at his home in Ruthsburg on October 19, 2018. He is survived by his wife of 57 years, R. Clare O'Brien; a daughter, Heather O'Brien Dhue of Goldsboro; a son, Brendan Patrick O'Brien of Easton; three grandsons, Liam Mc O'Brien of St. Michaels; Gordon S. Dhue and Andrew R. Dhue; and his son in-law Wayne C Dhue, all of Goldsboro Also surviving are his sister in-law, Barbara L. Cosden of Whiteford, and his brother in-law Edward G Keller of Halethorpe, in addition to numerous nieces and nephews.

Mr. O'Brien was the son of Marian S. and Brendan Michael O'Brien. Besides his son Conor, he was preceded in death by two sisters, Teresa Lawrence and Margaret Lawrence, and his grandparents, William and Leona Murdoch.

He attended public and private schools in Baltimore, MD, and military school in NJ. Following military school, he enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps and served for three years as a "combat correspondent." Mr. O'Brien, who was

honorably discharged with the rank of sergeant, was also a dedicated member of the Sgt. Jason D. Mileo Detachment, Marine Corps League Centreville, where he served as chaplain for many years.

Following military service and studies at the University of Maryland, Mr. O'Brien spent over 30 years as a Maryland newspaper man in Baltimore, Annapolis, and on the Eastern Shore. In Annapolis besides being the city editor, he was well known for his column "Writers Cramp." On the Shore, he was also the editor of the upper shore county newspapers, where he began writing his column "Beaten Biscuits." Mr. O'Brien received numerous awards from the Maryland /Delaware/ D.C Press Association, not only for his columns, but also for his news articles and photography.

Mr. O'Brien's wood carving hobby led to many years on the regional craft show circuit. Most of his work reflected his well-known sense of humor. Examples of his whimsical folk art can be found in some 27 states and 12 foreign countries, as well as gift shops of leading regional museums.

Mr. O'Brien requested that in lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the MCL Detachment, PO Box 847, Centreville, MD 21617; and/or Compass Regional Hospice 160 Coursevall Drive, Centreville, MD 21617; or a mass card may be obtained at Our Mother of Sorrows Church, Centreville, MD.

Cemetery Details

St. Peter's Catholic Cemetery

5319 Ocean Gateway
Queenstown, MD 21658

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **24**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church
5319 Ocean Gateway
Queenstown, MD

Mass

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Tribute Wall



“ *John "Jack" Sherman O'Brien*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *John "Jack" Sherman O'Brien*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *John "Jack" Sherman O'Brien*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *Sorry to learn of Jack's passing. He was my first editor when I began my community journalism career at the County Record in April 1976. He was a character and I liked his attitude toward the business and life in general. I've thought of him fondly and appreciatively often over the past 42+ years. Rest in peace, Jack.
Dick Amrhine*

Richard Amrhine - October 25, 2018 at 10:26 AM

PS

“ I had the pleasure of meeting Jack in the 80's as he did an article and pictures of a dance class I was teaching. We seem to be on the same page and he truly made me smile! Such a kind soul and gentleman. I haven't seen or heard from him since then. Although, today as I was sitting in a parking lot at my business, going through my phone and for some reason Jack entered my mind. I thought I should google his name and that's when I notified he just passed 2 days ago. I thought I should share this amazing story , as he also, was a great man of stories himself! You will always be remembered my friend. Thank you for the pleasure of meeting you
Pamela Showacre

pamela Showacre - October 24, 2018 at 02:03 PM

HD

Wow! Heather, his daughter

heather dhue - October 24, 2018 at 10:36 PM

HD

And that, Pamela, also happened to a very good friend of mine. Out of the blue, she called me..and...Great story! thank you! Heather O'Brien

heather dhue - October 24, 2018 at 10:42 PM

RA

Heather, I remember him talking about you as fondly as I now talk about my own daughter. Are you now related to my old friend Wayne Dhue, by any chance?

Richard Amrhine - October 25, 2018 at 10:29 AM

HD

Lol, Dick. You were with Wayne the night I met him at yesteryear's. I was with another group of "newspaper people." We got married in '88.

heather dhue - October 25, 2018 at 02:53 PM

BK

“ *The Delmarva Farmer - Beaten Biscuits by Jack O'Brien December 20, 1983 titled "George" was framed and has been hanging in our house since 1983.*

A quiet man with many talents.

Our thoughts and prayers are with all of the O'Brien family.

Love, Bonnie & Family

Bonnie Keller - October 23, 2018 at 11:07 PM

CO

Thank you Bonnie ,

Clare O'Brien - November 28, 2018 at 09:11 AM

VP

“ *We thought the world of Mr. O'Brien We will greatly miss him at the craft shows we attend.*

Steve and Valerie Parsons



Valerie Parsons - October 23, 2018 at 03:36 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of John "Jack" Sherman O'Brien.*



October 23, 2018 at 02:33 PM

JG

“ Clair, It is with deep sorrow that I learned of the passing Jack. He and his leathered pipe smoking face will be missed. I will still look for him at crafts shows where we would talk of the old day at the evening capital, where I was his photographer and he was the city desk. I started smoking a pipe then because it was the only I could stand the smell of his tobacco.

Jack would always tell me that he had to stop wood art soon because he was running out of thumbs.

Very few people who cross your life that even after 60 years you still think of and simile . Jack was such a person.

joe gruver photographer, crafter and Friend

joseph gruver - October 23, 2018 at 02:23 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of John "Jack" Sherman O'Brien.



October 23, 2018 at 01:54 PM

DM

“ I would like to extend my deepest condolences to the O'Brien family. We are very sorry for your loss.



Dr. Manssuri - October 23, 2018 at 12:48 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of John "Jack" Sherman O'Brien.*



October 23, 2018 at 12:25 PM



“ *Lisa Plummer lit a candle in memory of John "Jack" Sherman O'Brien*



Lisa Plummer - October 23, 2018 at 11:00 AM



Sergeant John "Jack" Sherman was a faithful Marine who gave service to his country, and followed up with service to his community through the Marine Corps League, Centreville Maryland, Sgt. Jason David Mileo Detachment # 1134. He was best known to us as Chaplin, a man of honor with a sense of humor. We will miss Jack with his delightful quips, and unending support for others and the causes undertaken by the detachment in order to give back to he community.

Our prayers and support are extended to his wife Clair and his family and friends. Jack exemplified what it is to be a U.S. Marine!

Thomas Taylor, Commandant

Sgt. Jason David Mileo Detachment

Marine Corps League

Thomas Taylor - October 23, 2018 at 04:42 PM



Thank you for your kind and thought words, and for the service yesterday at Jack's funeral honoring him.

Clare O'Brien - October 25, 2018 at 02:55 PM

LS

“ I remember the fun my family and the O'BRIEN family have had over the years . Jack's wit and dry sense of humor was appreciated by everyone. He will be missed.

Linda schmidt - October 23, 2018 at 10:34 AM

JD

“ I always enjoyed his sense of humor. Fun and witty. Jack came in to the library where I work. He often asked for assistance with the copier to make his drawings larger for a potential project. I personally have several of his fun art pieces and happily display them in my home. Condolences to the family..

Judy Dillon - October 23, 2018 at 09:49 AM

BC

“ Never heard Jack O'Brien say a bad word about anyone..in the 58 years that I knew him.. Jack was a kind, caring soul. He will be missed.. He loved his family.

sister-in-law Barbara

Barbara Cosden - October 22, 2018 at 09:12 PM

GP

“ Gene And Lynda Palmatary lit a candle in memory of John "Jack" Sherman O'Brien



Gene and Lynda Palmatary - October 22, 2018 at 05:49 PM