



Robert William Albert O'Brien

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Robert O'Brien passed away peacefully on Saturday, April 10, 2021 at Scarborough General Hospital Birchmount Campus after a long struggle with Parkinson/Alzheimer disease. He was 83 years old. Robert leaves behind his loving wife of 60 years, Marion; his adoring children Jeffrey O'Brien (Tracey) and Janine Prentice (Scott); and three wonderful granddaughters, Mikaela, Hana and Hailee. Robert is predeceased by his brothers Steven and Tom (Cheryl), and is also survived by his sisters Shelley (Ron) and Pat (Blaine). He will be dearly missed by family and friends.

Bob was a lifetime resident of Toronto, attending Western Tech graduating in 1955 as a Mechanical Draftsman. He started his career with the Metropolitan Conservation Area and shortly moved on to become a staff appraiser and then prominent partner in Davis, Hicks and O'Brien Limited. He retired in the mid-nineties and turned his talents towards home improvements and building his dream cottage in Kirkfield, Ontario. While at the cottage, he enjoyed his love for fishing, hunting and snowmobiling. His passion for creating and building carried over to any organization with which he became involved.

Bob was a very active member of Freemasonry, who provided Antiquity Lodge No. 571 with strong leadership and guidance for over 40 years. He was truly a

trailblazer achieving Master Mason status in 53 days and continued to participate over the years in Antiquity Lodge, Scottish Rite, and Rameses Shrine in Toronto. Bob had a passion for travel and enjoyed the fellowship that he had in Ontario within the United States through his active participation at the North American Hillbilly Shrine Conventions. Closer to home, Bob was a member of Fallingbrook Presbyterian Church where he was frequently called upon to show leadership, and he did so in a manner of excellence. His gentle smile, calm words of wisdom, leadership, and friendship will live on in our hearts.

If desired donations may be made to the Shriner Hospital for Children, 124 Queens Plate Drive, Toronto, Ontario, M9W 0B4 or Fallingbrook Presbyterian Church, 35 Wood Glen Road, Toronto, Ontario. M1N 2V8.

Etransfer: fallingbrookpc@gmail.com, security word - church. Attention: Memorial Fund.

A Virtual Funeral Service will be held on Saturday, April 24, 2021. A slideshow presentation will commence at 1:30 p.m. with the Funeral Service at 2:00 p.m. (Eastern Standard Time) Please join us by the link. Join Zoom Meeting:
Meeting ID: 880 8722 0350 Passcode: 527892 Phone Numbers: 647-374-4685 or 647-558-0588
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88087220350?pwd=UmVVRzhQQUI6OUxEZ3RsemS4cnVhUT09>

A family Interment Service will take place at a later date at Lakeview Cemetery in Kirkfield, ON.

Tribute Wall

KB

“ *Sending our deepest condolences to Jeff, Tracey, Mikaela and the rest of your family.
Treasure all the memories you have of your Dad. You are all in our thoughts during this very sad time. Mike & Karen Burke*

Karen Burke - April 26, 2021 at 06:36 PM

SG

“ *Our deepest sympathy goes out to the O'Brien family. We will remember Uncle Bob for his laughter, growing up at the cottage, videotaping Christmas on VHS, watching movies in the basement, lobster roasts and so many more fun times. He lived life to the fullest, and will always be remembered fondly. Stephanie Grylls and Dennis Ramsarran*

S Grylls - April 25, 2021 at 12:50 PM

ED

“ *Our sincerest condolences to the whole O'Brien family. Uncle Bob was such a wonderful man and we will miss his quick smile and sharp mind at future family events. Please know that our hearts and prayers are with you as you recover from this great loss and know that he is now at peace and free from the pain and frustrations of long term illness.*

Love Gord, Erika, Ashley and David Dean

Erika Dean - April 24, 2021 at 08:09 AM

SG

“ *Sherri Gidney lit a candle in memory of Robert William Albert O'Brien*



Sherri Gidney - April 22, 2021 at 04:37 PM

SG

“ *I had the pleasure of meeting Bob only once or twice, but I do know his son Jeff, daughter in law Tracey and grand daughter Mikaela. I have no doubt that Jeff takes after his father and became the man, husband and father he is today from Bob. He raised a wonderful, caring, loving, kind hearted man in Jeff. Knowing how much he will be missed by them and his family I would like to send my condolences, prayers, lots of love and hugs to Marion, Jeff, Tracey, Mikaela and Bob's entire family. Always remember the great times and share your memories with each other often. He will always have a big place in your hearts. Lots of Love Sherri Gidney and family xoxo*

Sherri Gidney - April 22, 2021 at 04:37 PM

GM

“ *Have shared so many special times with Bob and the entire O'Brien family over the years since both families united with Jeff and Tracey's marriage. Spending time at the cottage, and many joint celebrations: Father's Day, Mother's Day, Christmas and birthday's. Always enjoyed our conversations about the kids/grandchildren, so many happy memories. You will be missed.*

Gayle and Grant McCullough - April 22, 2021 at 03:51 PM

FC

“ Bob was a long time and devoted member of the Fallingbrook church family. He served on the Board of Managers for many years and the gift of his talents are a lasting memory within our building. We hold Marion and her family in our hearts at this sad time. xxx - Fallingbrook Presbyterian Church

Fallingbrook Church - April 22, 2021 at 12:44 PM

AB

“ Audrey Baker lit a candle in memory of Robert William Albert O'Brien



Audrey Baker - April 21, 2021 at 02:00 AM

AB

“ My sincere condolences to Marion and the O'Brien family. Bob was a man of many talents in his ability to build his beautiful cottage on the Talbot River. He will be sadly missed but he leaves a lot of good memories and fun times at the cottage. May he rest in peace. Love Audrey and family.

Audrey Baker - April 20, 2021 at 10:21 PM

JP

“ We met Bob and Marion when our youngest son started going with their daughter. We spent many wonderful times at both their home in Toronto and also at the cottage in Kirkfield. My prayers are with the family at this time, and prayers for comfort. Giving the family virtual hugs from me.

Johanne Prentice

Johanne Prentice - April 20, 2021 at 09:26 PM

NA

“ Remembering Uncle Bob for his quick wit, wealth of knowledge, and the kindness he always showed. Wishing you all strength as you navigate through such a difficult time. Though there are no words that can heal your sadness, may all your wonderful memories keep him close to you always. That is a wonderful picture of him. Thinking of you,
Love Natalie, Kerry, Cassidy and Briana.

Natalie - April 20, 2021 at 07:29 PM

JD

“ Our sincere sympathy to all of the O'Brien family. They are all part of our family. Bob was an amazing influence in our lives , a strong support for anything and always willing to make things better for us. We miss him so much but he did his job and did it well. Take care of each other . Love Janet and Peter

janet dean - April 20, 2021 at 09:15 AM