



Mr Richard Edward O'Brien

January 21, 1948 - April 19, 2016

Richard E. "Obie" O'Brien, 68, of Lenox, died Monday at Berkshire Medical Center following a courageous battle with cancer.

Born in Pittsfield he was the son of the late George F. O'Brien, Sr. and Mary Veronica Pruhenski O'Brien and graduated from Lee High School in 1965. He was honorably discharged from the Army in 1973.

Mr. O'Brien retired from Schweitzer-Mauduit, formerly Kimberly Clark Corporation in 2006 after 38 years of service, much of that time in the Quality Control Department. During his career he served on the Spinc Federal Credit Union at Schweitzer Mauduit for more than 20 years, as a member and past chairman of the loan committee, and as a member of its Board of Directors. When the credit union merged with MyCom Credit Union in Pittsfield, he served on the Board of Directors there for one year to help ensure a smooth transition. After retirement he also worked in the Loss Prevention Department of Sears Holdings Corporation.

He and his wife Joan M. (Ethier) Belair were married in 1977. He spent his life devoted to his loving wife and family and always respected his country and all those who served it.

Richard was a member of St. Ann's Church in Lenox and volunteered each month managing the 50/50 raffle. He treasured time spent with his nieces and nephews and enjoyed the annual clambake for family and friends that he and his wife Joan had hosted for the past thirty years. He was a fan of country music and the Indianapolis Colts his entire life.

Besides his wife of Lenox Richard leaves his three children; Ellen M. Eagan and husband Michael of Pittsfield, Daniel E. Belair and wife Kelly of Egremont, and Richard J. Belair of Nantucket, MA; five grandchildren, Monique Belair, Kristin Eagan, Michael Eagan, Nicole Belair, and Lindsay Belair. He also leaves three great grandsons; Connor Peltier and Griffin and Jaxson Granger. Richard also leaves a sister Mary P. Garrity of Lee and a brother Harold O'Brien and his wife Jennie of New York, and was predeceased by a brother, George F. O'Brien, Jr.

The funeral of Mr. Richard E. "Obie" O'Brien of Lenox who died April 19, 2016, will be Friday April 22nd at 9 am from the ROCHE FUNERAL HOME followed by a Liturgy of Christian Burial at 10 at St. Ann's Church in Lenox celebrated by the Rev. Monsignor John J. Bonzagni, Pastor. Burial will follow in St. Ann's Cemetery. Calling hours at the funeral home are Thursday from 4-7 pm. In lieu of flowers donations in his memory may be made to Moments House in care of the funeral home, 120 Main Street, Lenox, MA 01240. Richard would like to thank his family and friends for the full life he enjoyed with them, and will be waiting to be reunited with them all in Heaven, and until then "Please toast the memory of my life with a pint of Guinness!"

Cemetery Details

St. Ann's Cemetery

1 Ore Bed Road
Lenox, MA 01240

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 21. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Roche Funeral Home
120 Main Street
P.O. Box 152
Lenox, MA 01240
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Tribute Wall

CE

“ I was so sorry to hear about Richard passing. He had a very happy and full life and will be missed. I remember getting snow mobile rides from him when I was a kid. He brought Ma our dog Sach, that he found in the woods while snowmobiling. He rescued the mom and the whole litter. Richard had a kind heart.

Christine Abele engwer

christine abele engwer - June 20, 2016 at 08:09 PM

TB

“ Joan and family. Sorry for your loss dick was a great guy

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ted bombardier - April 21, 2016 at 07:34 PM

SA

“ Sending all our love, Haley and Maggie Adelson purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mr Richard Edward O'Brien.



Sending all our love, Haley and Maggie Adelson - April 21, 2016 at 12:30 PM

WB

“ My condolences to the O'Brien family. R.I.P. Richie. We sure had some great laughs in high school. You and Pug were my 2 best friends in H S. Sure gonna miss ya...Thank you for your service to your country. God Bless. William Basinait. Lee, Ma.

William Basinait - April 21, 2016 at 07:14 AM