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Donald Ray O'Brien age 82, of Fruitport, MI died Monday, January 7, 2013 at home surrounded by his loving family.

Donald was born on August 25, 1930 in Muskegon, MI to the late Montie and Dorthea (Bruckner) O'Brien. He served in the United States Army from 1951 to 53. He married Catherine "Kate" (Simon) O'Brien on February 10, 1951 in Muskegon, MI she preceded him in death on May 22, 1999.

Donald is survived by: 3 Sons: Donald (Sheila) O'Brien, Steven (Sheri) O'Brien both of Muskegon and Mark O'Brien of Ravenna. 2 Daughters: Connie (Walter) Hitchcock of Lawton, MI and Cynthia (Robert) Manie of Muskegon. 14 Grandchildren, 16 Great Grandchildren and 1 Great Great Grandchild. 3 Brothers: Monte (Marilyn) O'Brien Jr. of Ravenna, Eugene (Velma) O'Brien of Oregon and Larry O'Brien of Muskegon. 1 Sister: Marilyn Shavalier of Muskegon. Several nieces and nephews also survive.

Donald was preceded in death by his parents, Wife: Kate, 1 Daughter: Donna Jean O'Brien and 1 Brother: Raymond O'Brien.

Funeral Services for Donald R. O'Brien will be conducted on Thursday, January 10, 2013 at 11:00am at the Throop Funeral Home in Ravenna. Burial will follow at St. Catherines Catholic Cemetery.

The family will be at the Throop Funeral Home of Ravenna on Wednesday, January 9, 2013 from 6:00 to 8:00pm to receive friends and again on Thursday 1 hour prior to the service.

Memorials may be directed to: Diabetes Association.

Go to: www.throopfravenna.com to sign the online guestbook.



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The Throop Funeral Home of Ravenna is in charge of funeral arrangements.
231-853-6511



Tribute Wall

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MP

Mike And Paula Port posted:

Sincere sympathy.

November 1 at 8:00 PM

DW

Dan And Hannah Winn posted:

Dear Connie and family, We are so sorry to hear about your loss. All of you are in our thoughts and prayers. Love, Dan and Hannah

November 1 at 8:00 PM

RD

Robert Linda Davidson posted:

Bob Cindy WE always enjoyed your Dad when we were around him. We liked it up at the lake when you guys went on vacation and invited us up for the day. We knew he was quite the fisherman and did teach me a few tricks. We know that he is in heaven catching the big ones now Thanks for letting us get to know him he was a joy to be around and we know he loved his Family.

November 1 at 8:00 PM

DE

Debbie posted:

Don was a great man and I had the privilege of having him in my life for many years. He will be missed and remembered with great fondness.

November 1 at 8:00 PM

CL

Carolyn (Smith) Lombardo posted:

I want to express my sincere sympathy to Don's family, he was one of the finest! I know you will have memories to last a lifetime of his moral and Christian values. You are all in my heart and prayers, he will be missed but the memories will always be with you. I was blessed to have him as a cousin. I remember him playing games with me as a child. He and Kate spent a lot of time at the Don Smith Farm. My grandfather (Charles B Smith) performed Don and Kate's marriage ceremony, I remember it well.

November 1 at 8:00 PM



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LO

Lenore Orozco posted:

Connie, Although we spoke briefly about losing your Dad, it is a difficult time and I want to express my heartfelt sympathy to you and your family. I realize it is something that we all try to prepare ourselves for, but it doesn't make it any easier when we lose a parent. My heart goes out to you. You've been such a caring daughter towards him and your dedication to the Lord is unsurpassed. I'm certain that your Dad was an exemplary individual as he raised a daughter who shows great restraint and looks to the good of others; practicing your faith on any given day. I hope it's comforting to you that you have a lot of friends here at church who admire you and are praying for you, your dad and your family. I won't be able to attend the wake or funeral but my thoughts and prayers remain with you. With deepest sympathy during this most trying time in your life, Lenore

November 1 at 8:00 PM

SC

Sarah Vanderlinde-Cale posted:

Keeping Amber & her family along with all of the O'Brien in my thoughts and prayers. Your grandpa was a wonderful nice guy and he will be sadly missed

November 1 at 8:00 PM

KL

Kathy Larsen posted:

I am so sorry to hear about Don's passing. It was such a pleasure knowing such a wonderful man!

November 1 at 8:00 PM

SP

Stacey Pallett posted:

We are so sorry for your loss. If there is anything that we can do, please let us know. Matt and Stacey Pallett

November 1 at 8:00 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Donald by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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