



Lillian M. O'Brien

November 26, 1921 - January 27, 2013

Visitation for Lillian M. O'Brien, 91, of St. Anne, will be from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the Clancy-Gernon-Houk Funeral Home, St. Anne. A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Thursday at St. Anne Catholic Church, where she was a member. Father James Fanale will officiate.

Burial will be in St. Anne Catholic Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the family wishes. She died Sunday (Jan. 27, 2013) at Provena St. Mary's Hospital, Kankakee.

Mrs. O'Brien was a homemaker. She worked a few years at General Foods Corp. as a quality control inspector. She was born Nov. 26, 1921, in Pontiac, the daughter of Joseph P. and Zoa G. Personett Reis. She grew up in Fairbury. Her husband, John J. "Jack" O'Brien, whom she married Feb. 7, 1946, at Holy Family Church, Flushing, N.Y., preceded her in death Jan. 10, 1996. She attended St. Joseph Hospital School of Nursing during World War II. She was a member of the St. Anne Chapter of the American Legion Auxiliary, an active member of St. Anne Academy Mother's Club, a member of St. Anne Council of Catholic Women and the Kankakee-Grundy Deanery. She was involved briefly in assisting and promoting Birthright of Kankakee. She was an avid reader, an amateur artist and a published poet.

Surviving are eight children, Chuck O'Brien and Janice Hoffner, of St. Anne,

Jerry and Jean O'Brien, of Blissfield, Mich., Kathy O'Brien, of Sheldon, Kevin and Laurie O'Brien, of Clinton, Mich., Tom and Julie O'Brien, of Gaylord, Mich., Molly O'Brien, of Plainfield, Dan O'Brien, of Evansville, Ind., and Lori and Steve Dattilo, of Westville, Ind.; 17 grandchildren and 26 great-grandchildren; and one brother and sister-in-law, John B. and Rosie Reis, of Fairbury.

She was preceded in death by her parents; one son, Brother Joseph "Jack Jr." O'Brien, BGS; and two brothers, Joe Reis Jr. and George Reis.

Cemetery Details

St. Anne Catholic Cemetery

Chinquy Street
St. Anne, IL 60964
(815) 427-8346

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **30**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

St. Anne - Clancy-Gernon-Houk Funeral Home
214 W. Sheffield
St. Anne, IL 60964
(815) 932-1214
cgfuneral@gmail.com

Funeral Mass

JAN **31**. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Anne Catholic Church
236 N. 6th Street
St. Anne, IL 60964
(815) 427-8265

Tribute Wall

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“ Lillian was a dear friend to me. I loved it when she and Jack lived across the street from us and we could just run over and share stories and laughs. She always said that she felt I was like a daughter to her (even though I know she had her own wonderful daughters). I especially admired her strength and convictions. Lillian liked to talk about God and spiritual matters and that was a deep interest to me that only comes through certain blest people. She often mentioned how she loved her family. She spoke of her children and grandchildren with pride. I will hold her memory close and she will remain in my heart forever. I am happy for her that she has met the Lord and all of her questions are now answered. I picture her re-united with Jack, Br John, and some of her favorite priests to converse with and of course, carrying a cup of water in her hand. Lillian, you were special to me and I'll never forget you. We will meet dear heart and until then, God's peace forever. Love you lots.

Reisha Raymond - January 31, 2013 at 02:46 PM

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“ I prayed for Lillian and you ,her family this morning at Maternity Blessed Virgin Mary Church. Our Mass for saturday has been cancelled as soon as we will be able to have Mass at Our Lady of Victory the Mass will be for Lillian. Our Love and prayers ,your family at Our Lady of Victory. Sister Martha Harrington. Spiritual Care Director

Sr. Martha Harrington - January 31, 2013 at 09:03 AM

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“ Chuck and Brothers and sisters, Your mom was a great lady. I remember her coming into our store. She always had a story and a smile to share. She was one of my favorite customers. Like the days gone by she will be missed. Old friends are still the best. I will send a prayer your way. From A n old friend Linda Friedman Kerness and Bob Kerness.

Linda Kerness - January 31, 2013 at 07:43 AM

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“ We're sorry to learn of Lillian's passing. Our sympathy and prayers go to the family. Former friends and St. Anne residents, the family of Sandra & Bob Bovie.

Robert & Sandra Bovie - January 30, 2013 at 08:39 AM