



Patrick Michael O'Brien

February 28, 1947 - May 7, 2015

Patrick M. O'Brien, 68, of Bourbonnais, Illinois, died Thursday May 7, 2015. Pat was born February 28, 1947 in Davenport, Iowa, to Raymond and Wilma Slattery O'Brien. He is survived by his beloved wife Madelyn Smith O'Brien, whom he married on August 22, 1970 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Manteno and adored every day of their life together. He is also survived by his sons Dennis and Michael and daughter-in-law Nikki and grandchildren Patrick, Eamon and Emma. Pat constantly supported his sons and their personal and professional interests and was loved and appreciated. He was especially devoted to his grandchildren and loved spending time with them looking for adventure, watching their school performances, athletic events and dance recitals.

Also surviving Mr. O'Brien are his siblings Mary Denise (Denny) O'Brien and her husband Frank Seidman of North Palm Beach, Florida, Jerry O'Brien and his wife Janet of Jupiter, Florida, Rita Young and her husband Richard of Sun City West, Arizona and Brigid O'Brien of St. Louis, Missouri and two brothers and sisters-in-law, Francis and Jean Smith of Manteno and Jim and Christine Kranz Smith of Washington DC. Pat also had a devoted group of nieces and nephews, including Andrew (Lynne) Bryant, Diane (Sam) Carter, Grace O'Brien, Mimi Young, Hogan Young, Lisa Meers, Angel Gagnon, Joel Gagnon, Maggie Taylor, Bill (Laura) Smith, Pam Smith, Mike (Amy) Smith, Kelly (Andrew) Haley, Danny Smith and Molly (Matt) Molloy. Preceding him in death are his parents, father-in-law Francis W. Smith and mother-in-law Rita Keigher

Smith, sister Kathy Gagnon, brother-in-law Dennis Smith and sister-in-law Jill Smith.

Mr. O'Brien graduated from Assumption High School and St. Ambrose University in Davenport, Iowa. He began his professional career as a municipal administrator for communities in Michigan and Iowa. Mr. O'Brien joined HomeStar (formerly Manteno State Bank and Bradley Bank) in 1978 and has served the bank since.

Mr. O'Brien served as Chief Executive Officer of HomeStar Bank & Financial Services. He was devoted to his HomeStar family, working tirelessly to ensure everyone was on the right seat on the bus and was valued and appreciated. Under Mr. O'Brien's leadership, HomeStar has grown, expanded its service lines and created an education foundation to provide scholarships to local students. Mr. O'Brien was also devoted to the important role of community banks in building strong communities; he was recognized in the community banking industry for his vision, leadership and support. Mr. O'Brien also proudly led the HomeStar Harmonizers singing group. The Harmonizers spread holiday cheer to HomeStar customers by visiting their business and performing Christmas carols.

Pat served his community, as well, supporting many local schools and charitable and civic groups. He was especially devoted to Bishop McNamara High School as chair of the school's annual auction three consecutive years, the Bourbonnais Public Library District, the Bradley Bourbonnais Chamber of Commerce, the Manteno Chamber of Commerce, the Kankakee County Democratic Central Committee and St. Joseph Catholic Church. Pat was also known for launching numerous duck races on the Kankakee River between 2002 and 2012 and enjoying his Thursday night poker league.

Visitation for Mr. O'Brien will be Tuesday May 12, 2015 from 4pm to 8pm at Clancy Gernon Funeral Home in Bourbonnais. A funeral Mass will be said on Wednesday May 13 at 10am at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Bradley. Burial will be at St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery in Manteno. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Bishop McNamara High School or the Dennis J.

Smith Legacy Foundation, which provides scholarships to local students and supports research to find a cure for ALS. .

Bishop McNamara High School - www.bishopmac.com/

Dennis J. Smith Legacy Foundation - smithlegacyfoundation.org/

Cemetery Details

St. Joseph Cemetery

9000 E. Road
Manteno, IL 60950
(815) 263-6287

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 12. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Bourbonnais - Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes, Inc.
295 Main St., NW
Bourbonnais, IL 60914
(815) 932-1214
cgfuneral@gmail.com

Funeral Mass

MAY 13. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Joseph Catholic Church
211 N. Center Street
Bradley, IL 60915
(815) 939-3573
<http://www.stjosephbradley.org>

Tribute Wall

JM

“ Pat and I went to St. Ambrose, class of '69. I am so sorry to hear of his passing. Blessings!

James Conroyd Martin

James Conroyd Martin - August 19, 2015 at 04:49 PM

KH

“ The O'Brien Family,
May you find strength in the Lord during this time of reflection. Pat was a wonderful man.

Kim H.

Kim H - May 14, 2015 at 09:19 AM

RW

“ Mike and Dennis. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to come into your HomeStar family. My family and I appreciate everything your father has done for us. I will remember him always. God Bless you, and your family. Rob Walker

Rob Walker - May 14, 2015 at 09:08 AM

CA

“ *Madelyn and Family;*

You're in my thoughts and prayers at this sad time. When I learned of Pat's passing, I shared that sadness with you all. As a former employee of HomeStar, I had the honor of working for Pat and although we didn't spend a lot of time working directly with each other, when our paths crossed in the hall or elsewhere, he always had a smile and a cheerful hello to give. One of my fondest memories is when you and Pat shared your home and yard with about 100 of us HomeStar employees for your Luau. It was a genuinely happy time and you both were so gracious and fun loving to do so.

Pat will be missed not only by his family, but by so many more.

God Bless,

Cheryl Alessandri

Cheryl Alessandri - May 13, 2015 at 03:44 PM

GA

“ *Madelyn, Mike & Dennis:*

We were so sorry to hear of Pat's passing. I have great memories of Pat over the years. I don't think I ever saw him without a big smile on his face (unless he had some bad cards). He was a great guy and will be sorely missed.

Greg & Susan Andrews

Greg Andrews - May 12, 2015 at 04:47 PM

BS

“ Mike and family,

So sorry to hear about the passing of your father. He was a great guy!!!

You're all in our thoughts and prayers at this difficult time.

Brian and Denise Simeur



Brian Simeur - May 12, 2015 at 12:16 PM

HS

“ Dear Madelyn, Mike, Dennis, and all of the family and friends -- we are so sorry for your loss. Pat was such a generous and kind man. We'll miss his wonderful smiling face. We'll be keeping you in our thoughts and prayers. Love, Ho and Angela

Ho Shin - May 12, 2015 at 09:22 AM

AS

“ Dear Madayln, Michael & Dennis,
We were all so sad to hear the sad news of the passing of Pat. You are all in our thoughts and prayers during this sad time. What a wonderful man he was. He had a wonderful spark for life and he will be missed for sure!

Sending love and prayers,

Roman and Dorothy Klodnycky & all the Klodnycky Girls

Christine Olivero

Kathy Mastny

Connie Klett

Tammy White

Annie Smith

annie smith - May 12, 2015 at 09:19 AM

JG

“ Dear Madelyn, Michael, Dennis,

Though distance may separate us please be assured that our thoughts and prayers are with you all in this time of loss. I never had the opportunity to get to know my "American godfather" as much as I would have liked, but I do remember him as a very caring and generous person.

May the light of God continually shine upon him.

Joel Patrick Gagnon & family

*Campbellton, New Brunswick
Canada*

Joel Gagnon - May 12, 2015 at 06:01 AM

 Lisa Meers

*Dear Madelyn, Micheal and Dennis
Our thoughts are with you on this day. As it is very hard to lose someone who is very special in our lives. With lots of hugs and pray.*

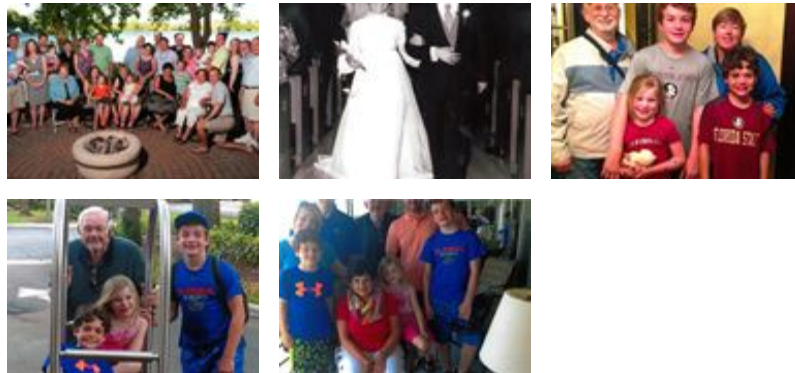
Lisa Gagnon Meers and Family

Barrie, Ontario Canada

Lisa Meers - May 12, 2015 at 01:10 PM



“ 128 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes - May 11, 2015 at 02:41 PM



“ *A great man,
is greatly missed.*

Shannon Moore - May 11, 2015 at 12:39 PM



“ *To the O'Brien Family and extended family,*

*So sorry to hear about the passing of Pat. Please know that you are
in our thoughts and prayers.*

Brian, Amy, Michael, Matthew and Patrick McPartlin

Brian McPartlin - May 11, 2015 at 11:30 AM

DH

“ *Madelyn, Michael, and Dennis,*

Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your entire family during this time of sadness and loss. OB has gone where will all hope to be in eternal life and happiness. Our memories will be full of laughter and cheer for his humor and friendship stays with us forever.

Dan & Robin Havens

Dan Havens - May 11, 2015 at 11:28 AM

AP

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Truly one of the nicest guys you could ever meet. May God bring you strength and comfort and may your memories bring you smiles and laughter.*

May the road rise to meet you Pat and may God hold you in the palm of his hand.

Andy and Meredith Purcell and family

Andy Purcell - May 11, 2015 at 10:42 AM

JW

“ *Madelyn, It has been years since I have seen you, but I have always felt connected with the O'Brien family. I send you my sincere sympathy at this time of loss and sorrow. Pat's sense of humor was excellent and I will always remember him for that trait.*

I will keep you in my thoughts and prayers.

Jeff Winter

Jeff Winter - May 10, 2015 at 07:22 AM

CH

“ *Madelyn and family:
You have my prayers and sympathies. I know what an important role Pat played in each one of your lives. Madelyn, I know he was your soul-mate and I will be in constant prayers for you in the coming days. Even though I haven't been in contact with you in the recent years, I have never lost my respect for Pat and the rest of your family. "This is the promise that He has promised us - eternal life". 1 John 2:25.*

With much love,

Cheryl J. Hess

Cheryl J. Hess - May 09, 2015 at 11:49 PM

JA

“ *Prayers and condolences to your family. From Jeff and Joy Armstrong, friends of Denny and Frank in Florida.*

Joy Tootle Armstrong - May 09, 2015 at 08:02 PM

DW

“ *Here's hoping you find comfort in many warm memories.*

Dave Wilson and David Smith

Dave Wilson - May 09, 2015 at 07:32 PM

MW

“ *Your sadness is shared by all of us who knew Pat. May you find comfort in the stories and laughter he so willingly shared.*

Michael, Marjorie, Noah, Kieran, Ethan, and Brock

Michael Wilson - May 09, 2015 at 02:11 PM

TS

“ Our thoughts and prays will be with the O'Brien family and friends during these difficult times. He was a wonderful person who loved his family and who was loved by everyone.

Sincerely
Tony & Carol

Tony and Carol Sarowitz - May 09, 2015 at 01:17 PM

PH

Dear Madelyn, My heart aches for you and your family. You and Pat always treated me like a part of your family. My prayers are with you and St. Teresa's Church Runnemede, NJ will have a Mass in Pat's honor.

Peggy Harrington (Lynne Marie's Mom)

Peggy Harrington - May 10, 2015 at 02:19 PM

SF

“ Sending our thoughts and prayers to the O'Brien family. Love the Stiles family.

Stiles Family - May 09, 2015 at 12:12 PM

KM

“ Kurt and I are keeping you all in our thoughts and prayers. May the angels guide him to paradise where he will see the face of God.



Katy Mulcahy-Line - May 09, 2015 at 11:45 AM

CG

“ It seems like just yesterday we were sitting down having lunch together at the Denny golf outing. He was a true family man who was very proud of his sons and grandchildren. He will be missed by many.

Chad Gessner - May 09, 2015 at 09:49 AM

MG

“ Maggie Gagnon lit a candle in memory of Patrick Michael O'Brien



Maggie Gagnon - May 09, 2015 at 09:25 AM

SI

“ Sister Inga lit a candle in memory of Patrick Michael O'Brien



Sister Inga - May 08, 2015 at 05:57 PM