



Paul B O'Brien

January 20, 1927 - January 31, 2026

Paul B. O'Brien, age 99 of Reddick, passed away on Saturday, January 31, 2026 at the Villas of Herscher.

Cremation rites have been accorded.

Visitation will be at 10 a.m. on Friday, February 6, 2026, followed by a memorial Mass of Christian Burial at 11 a.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Reddick, IL. Father Stan will officiate the Mass. Inurnment will be at St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery in Cabery. There will be a Celebration of Life immediately following at the Dwight Country Club.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Family Wishes.

Paul was born on January 20, 1927, the son of William and Loretta (Clodi) O'Brien. He married Lois R. Elliot on December 8, 1956, in Cabery.

Paul was a lifelong farmer. He served his country in the United States Army from 1954-1956. He worked at ASCS "USDA" measuring ground and checking the old government grain bin sites for years. Later he served on multiple boards representing the farmer's interests: PCA, Central PCA, St. Louis Farm Credit Bank, and finally Agribank. Farming was in his blood and even as recently as October of last year, when he was 98, was still going to the field to watch the planting and harvesting. He loved being a part of it all and bragging to everyone who would listen about the yield.

Paul is survived by his four children, Patricia and Walter Askew of Reddick, Judy and Rick Balthazor of Bourbonnais, Susan O'Brien and Kelli Snodell of Gladstone, MO, Tom and Chris O'Brien of Reddick; eight grandchildren, Kevin

(Mallory), Kim (Kevin), Sarah (Andy), Anthony (Alison), Katie (Mark), Kelly (Josh), Dan (Missy), Tim (Tori); and nineteen great grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his wife, Lois; two grandchildren, Shawn, and Angela Balthazor; siblings, Marie (Tommy Wood) Berns, Francis (Aldine) O'Brien, Gerald O'Brien, Phyllis (Glen) Buza, and Donald (Norma) O'Brien. Please sign his guestbook at www.clancygernon.com.

Cemetery Details

St. Joseph Cemetery

Cabery, IL

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

FEB 6. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Mary's Catholic Church
116 East Lincoln Street
Reddick, IL 60961

Memorial Mass

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Tribute Wall

JZ

“ I served with Paul on the Central Production Credit Association Board and the St. Louis Farm Credit Bank Board. We have many fond memories of Paul and Lois in the many meetings and functions over the years. Jim and Alyce Zerr

Jim Zerr - February 08 at 10:57 AM

MI

“ Condolences to all. Fond memory's of a Great Man

MIKE - February 05 at 07:05 AM

CW

“ Corinn Wheeler lit a candle in memory of Paul B O'Brien



Corinn Wheeler - February 03 at 12:36 PM

DW

“ Cares and Prayers to all families, Did play cards with him years ago at Paula E. Grob and Deans, Got to see him a few times at the villa.

Dana Warhurst - February 02 at 07:11 PM



“ *Moments of Comfort Charcuterie Gift was purchased for the family of Paul B O'Brien.*



February 02 at 06:03 PM



“ *Pam Gall lit a candle in memory of Paul B O'Brien*



Pam Gall - February 02 at 05:17 PM



“ *Lit a candle in memory of Paul B. O'Brien.*



Gary & Rose Mitchell - February 02 at 04:01 PM



“ *I served on the AgriBank board of directors with Paul. He was a joy to be with after many long meetings. He worked hard but knew how to have fun after the work was done. Our deepest condolences to his family.*

Melvin & Doris Ott

Melvin Ott - February 02 at 03:47 PM

TM

“ Tom Mallaney lit a candle in memory of Paul B O'Brien



Tom Mallaney - February 02 at 03:43 PM

KS

“ Paul was a wonderful friend to my parents, Ron and Marge Hack. He personified what being “Irish” was. He was like a Happy leprechaun!🍀 He’s now at peace with Lois. Maybe there will be a foursome playing euchre! My deepest sympathy to his family.

Kathy Shanahan - February 02 at 03:07 PM

RS

“ Paul was one of the kindest people that I ever have known. He truly believed in the goodness of everyone and believed that if you were nice to people, they would be nice to you. He was a great family man and had 4 great children that are truly a reflection of Lois and him. I have great memories of him from the past 50 years and am proud to call him my friend.

Ron Shank

Ron Shank - February 02 at 01:34 PM

DK

“ Our sympathy to you and your Family! A Life so well lived, will never be forgotten. Hold on tight to the wonderful memories you shared, especially your "Daddy Date Nights". Hugs & Prayers

Donna & Jay Karr - February 02 at 12:33 PM