



## John B. O'Brien

March 7, 1931 - December 24, 2012

John B. O'Brien, 81 year-old resident of Little Falls, MN passed away Monday, December 24, 2012. Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11:00 A.M. on Saturday, December 29, 2012 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Little Falls, MN with Father Nicholas Landsberger officiating. Burial will take place at 10:00 A.M. on Monday at the Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery in Little Falls, MN. Friends may call from 9:30-11 A.M. on Saturday at the Church. Funeral arrangements are with the Shelley Funeral Chapel in Little Falls, MN.

John was born March 7, 1931, in Brainerd, to George and Gretchen (Kleiner) O'Brien. He graduated from Brainerd High School, entered the Army and served in the Korean War. He attended college at St. John's University and St. Cloud State University. He married Helen Wielinski on August 22, 1959. They were married for 53 years. After marrying, he lived in St. Paul until he settled in Little Falls in 1977.

John worked in construction most of his life. His career started in sales for North Central Supply Co. Then he ran his own business for over a decade. He switched careers in the mid-80s and drove a semi in long-haul trucking. He retired from TCBX in Brainerd at age 79.

John was passionate about the outdoors--hunting, camping, and 4-wheeling. He served as a leader in the Boy Scouts for both of his sons. He was a member of the American Legion and VFW. John enjoyed playing cards and dice, square dancing, traveling to visit family and spending time with family--he was especially close with his cousins.

John is survived by wife Helen O'Brien of Little Falls, MN; sons, David O'Brien of Denver, CO, and Timothy O'Brien of Little Falls, MN; daughters, Maureen O'Brien of Denver, CO, and Kerry (Tony) Harkin of Las Vegas, NV; grandchildren, Tommy & Meghan Harkin of Las Vegas, NV; brother, Bill (Terry) O'Brien of Orlando, FL; sister, Gretchen (Bob) Naegeli of St. Paul, MN; sister-in-law, Marion O'Brien of Brainerd, MN; and many nieces and nephews. John was preceded in death by parents, George and Gretchen O'Brien; and brothers, Joe, George, & James O'Brien.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC **29**. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Mary's Catholic Church - Little Falls  
305 4th Street SE  
Little Falls, MN

## Service

DEC **29**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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305 4th Street SE  
Little Falls, MN

# Tribute Wall



“ *John B. O'Brien*

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“ *Prayers and condolences go out to the entire O'Brien family.##imported-begin##Claudette Moran##imported-end##*

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“ *Sending prayers and our heartfelt sympathy. We are never ready to say goodbye to those we love and Uncle John certainly was loved by all of us. We have wonderful memories of our times together and will treasure those always. We take comfort in knowing John is HOME. Wish we could be there to hug you and pray with you but please know our hearts and prayers will always be with you. God Bless, Willie and T##imported-begin##Bill and Teresa Durn##imported-end##*

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“ *Helen and family,*

*We all were so sorry to hear about John, our hearts and prayers go out to you. It will not be the same going to Mom and Dads and not seeing John sitting on his chair in the driveway. You guys have been great neighbors to have all these years. We will keep you in our prayers.##imported-begin##Carol Wallace##imported-end##*

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