



## Joseph F. O'Brien Sr.

February 26, 1935 - April 15, 2024

Joseph F. O'Brien Sr., age 89, husband of Helen C. (Tate) O'Brien, of South Coventry Township, formerly of Charlestown Township, passed away on Monday, April 15, 2024 at home. Born on February 26, 1935 in Philadelphia, PA, he was the son of the late Robert W. and Agnes M. (Naylor) O'Brien.

Mr. O'Brien honorably served in the United States Navy from 1952-1956, having been stationed aboard the USS Des Moines, the first of her class and the flagship for the 6th Task Fleet. The Navy afforded him the opportunity to travel the world from Norfolk to the Mediterranean to the Arctic Circle while serving his country.

As a self-taught builder, he owned O'Brien Building Enterprises, completing construction projects primarily in the Mid-Atlantic and Northeast Regions including three of his own homes. He truly loved his job and sharing his workmanship with his family, including passing on his skills and knowledge to his children.

Mr. O'Brien loved his wife, children, and grandchildren, and he cherished the time he spent with them. The family went on annual camping trips and loved spending time at their vacation home in Vermont. An avid outdoorsman, he enjoyed hunting, fishing, and cross-country skiing. He was a fan of the Phillies and the Eagles and looked forward to the Army/Navy game each year.

Mr. O'Brien served as a Supervisor for Charlestown Township for 8 years. He was instrumental as a member of the Planning Commission, Sewer Authority, and as Road Master. He also served his community as a Scoutmaster for the local Boy Scout Troop.

In addition to his wife of 67 years, Mr. O'Brien is survived by two children, Sharon O'Brien and Joseph (Julie) O'Brien, Jr; three grandchildren, Kevin (Amanda) Fleming, Ryan Fleming, and Rebekah (Hamza Rachdi) Fleming; brother-in-law, George (Marcia) Tate; and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his daughter and her husband, Kim (Robert) DiNicola and three siblings, Robert O'Brien, Agnes Shanahan, and Terese Seifert.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend his memorial prayer service at the Campbell-Ennis-Klotzbach Funeral Home, Inc., 610 South Main Street, Phoenixville, PA 19460 on Thursday, April 25, 2024 at 11:00 am. Officiating will be Rev. Paul Brandt. Burial will be held privately. Friends will be received from 10:00 am - 11:00 am on Thursday at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in his name to the Wounded Warrior Project by visiting [www.woundedwarriorproject.org/donate](http://www.woundedwarriorproject.org/donate). Arrangements are being handled by the Campbell - Ennis - Klotzbach Funeral Home, Inc., Phoenixville, PA. Condolences may be offered online at [www.PhoenixvilleFuneralHome.com](http://www.PhoenixvilleFuneralHome.com).

# Cemetery Details

**Private**

## Previous Events

### Visitation

APR **25**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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### Memorial Service

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# Tribute Wall

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“ i would see Joe come out of the elevator, or walking with his wife, tending to the flowers, sitting on the porch of our clubhouse with Helen and conversations and stories galore were never at lost We talked about Maine, my home state, their trips to Fla. and on and on so many memories. Visiting them in their home was like family and sometimes when I did I learned more and more of his faith and about Joe. Heaven has a Saint who showed me what he was holding in his pocket at Kim's funeral. It was his crucifix on his rosary. I will miss him. Bldg 3 will miss him. Condolences to the family.

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**Sandi Hostetler** - April 24, 2024 at 11:48 AM

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“ Davies Family purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Joseph F. O'Brien Sr..



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**Davies Family** - April 20, 2024 at 07:39 AM

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“ I went to high school with Kim, and Sharon was my bus driver. Thoughts, prayers, and condolences go out to Mr. O'Brien's family at this most difficult time! Jeff Harvey

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**Jeff Harvey** - April 17, 2024 at 02:21 PM