



John Gregory O'Brien

March 6, 1949 - January 12, 2022

Age 72, of Little Canada passed away on January 12, 2022.

John was preceded in death by his wife Christine, brother Terrance, sister Kathleen and parents Joseph and Violet.

Survived by his children Jeffrey (Barbara), Jennifer (Josh), and Patrick (Rheanna); grandchildren Rhys and Sean; sister Mary Jane and brother Kevin, nieces and nephews and many dear friends.

John enjoyed traveling and spent his life devoted to construction projects. He was a consummate teacher and loved to use power tools to build, create and instruct. He was active in his church community, enjoyed adventures, a wide variety of music and hosting his annual St. Patrick's Day feast for friends and family.

Mass of Christian Burial 11:00 am Friday, January 21, 2022 at Saint John the Evangelist Catholic Church, 380 Little Canada Road, Little Canada, MN 55117. Visitation one hour before Mass. Interment at Fort Snelling National Cemetery.

Special appreciation extended to the Minneapolis VA Medical Center and their amazing staff.

Tribute Wall

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“Hello, Ricky?! This is John; wanna go to lunch?”
*It is with a heavy heart, my dear friend, and a lump in my throat, that I bid you a sad, but fond, farewell. Yours was a friendship that Cindy and I cherished for many years and it is regrettable that the pandemic prevented us from spending more time with you over the last two years. Your Irish eyes were always smiling whether you were making like Geppetto in your woodworking shop, or whether you were overseeing one or another of the Mother of all St. Pat's Day feasts you so generously, joyously, and lovingly hosted annually at your house. I learned a lot from you over our working years at DOT and especially in helping you out on the many home-building projects you undertook back in the day; you were truly the master of your domain and one of the best teachers. I will sorely miss the pleasure of your company and good humor as both the fine friend and confidante you were to me and will keep close the great memories of our long friendship. To that end, John, we wish you the Blessings of St. Patrick:
"May the Irish hills caress you.
May her lakes and rivers bless you.
May the luck of the Irish enfold you.
May the blessings of St. Patrick behold you."
All Our Love,
Rick and Cindy*

Rick Opatrny - January 22, 2022 at 12:00 AM

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“Use the posted link to view the family slideshow.”

O'Brien Family - January 17, 2022 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ Thinking of all of you. I feel so blessed to have known your dad.

*Peace and love,
Jess*

Jessica Van Berkum - January 16, 2022 at 12:00 AM

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“ Sorry for your losses...memories will remain



John - January 15, 2022 at 12:00 AM