



Mr. Thomas Richard O'Brien

June 11, 1947 - February 28, 2020

Thomas (Tom) Richard O'Brien, age 72, formerly of Waseca, died February 28 at his home in St. Louis Park. He was born June 11, 1947 to James Edward and Maybelle O'Brien of Waseca. His unsuspecting mother learned in the delivery room she was actually having twins and Tom entered the world alongside his twin brother and best friend, Danny. From then on, it was a rare occasion when one of the O'Brien twins could be in a room without everyone knowing it.

Tom graduated from Waseca High School in 1966. He was a Veteran of the United States Army where he proudly served his country from 1966 – 1969. He was awarded the Bronze Star, Army Commendation Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal with six Bronze Service Stars, Combat Infantryman Badge, and Good Conduct Medal.

When he returned home, he attended Mankato Commercial College before becoming a real estate appraiser. He established O'Brien Appraisals which he owned and operated for 35+ years.

In 1972, he married Sharon Mueller in Waldorf, Minnesota, and together shared 47 years of marriage. They went on to have four children and spent their years finding joy in their time spent with family and friends. Tom was never one to turn down a game of cribbage or a trip to Las Vegas to try his luck, was known for his warm demeanor and infectious laugh, and was a friend to all who knew him.

He is survived by his wife Sharon, sons Timothy (Maura), Patrick (Mary),

Michael, and “favorite daughter” Katie (Nathan) Burkhart, five adored grandchildren Avery, Owen, Claire, Declan and Rori, brother John (Rose), sister Margi (Larry), sister-in-law Jane Neuenfeldt (Doug), niece Amy Fuhry (Nick), nephew Scott Neuenfeldt (Melinda) and their families, and several cousins and close family friends.

He is preceded in death by his parents, father-in-law and mother-in-law Armin and Irene Mueller, and “favorite twin brother” Daniel O’Brien. There is no doubt a very spirited game of cribbage happening in heaven right now.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Wednesday, March 4 at 10:30am at St. Mary of the Lake (105 Forestview Lane N, Plymouth, MN). Visitation will be at the church one hour prior and a lunch will follow the service. A private family burial will follow at Fort Snelling.

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Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 4. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Mary of the Lake Catholic Church
105 Forestview Lane North
Plymouth, MN 55441

Church Service

MAR 4. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

JD

“ *Jim Donna lit a candle in memory of Mr.
Thomas Richard O'Brien*



Jim Donna - March 03, 2020 at 10:41 PM

JD

“ I first met Tom when he and I worked together at the Eden Prairie City Assessor's Office in the mid 1980's. We were the senior staff appraisers. Tom and I shared an office for two years, and became good friends. He somehow managed to maintain a good sense of humor in a high stress environment.

The days when we were in the office, Tom would close the door at lunch time, and start typing up an appraisal report (yes, on a typewriter; it was still the analog age!) He was doing FHA appraisals on the side. I decided that's what I wanted to do.

Tom helped me get on the FHA appraisal panel, I then resigned my assessor job, and started my own appraisal business. A week later, Tom resigned his position, and started O'Brien Appraisals. I am grateful to Tom for his help in starting my new career.

The years that followed, we would talk often on the phone, giving advice to each other on a difficult appraisal assignment. To be more accurate, I was usually the one asking for the advice! But Tom would almost always talk about his family, and ask me about mine. He was a good family man, good friend, and will be missed.

*Love and Prayers,
Jim and Jane Donna*

Jim Donna - March 03, 2020 at 10:34 PM



“ *With Distinction was purchased for the family of Mr. Thomas Richard O'Brien.*



March 03, 2020 at 11:30 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Mr. Thomas Richard O'Brien.



March 03, 2020 at 08:47 AM



“ *Love's Journey* was purchased for the family of Mr. Thomas Richard O'Brien.



March 03, 2020 at 07:50 AM



“ *Gary and Cindy Demro Paul and Stephanie Demro* purchased the *Emerald Garden Basket* for the family of Mr. Thomas Richard O'Brien.



Gary and Cindy Demro Paul and Stephanie Demro - March 02, 2020 at 03:09 PM



“ *Natalie Bryn* purchased the *Strength & Solace Sp* ray for the family of Mr. Thomas Richard O'Brien.



Natalie Bryn - March 02, 2020 at 12:51 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Thomas Richard O'Brien.*



March 02, 2020 at 12:48 PM



“ *My dear Mike; my sincerest condolences go out to you and your family. May the many wonderful memories that you have of your father give you peace.*

Love,

Judy Molden

Judy Molden - March 02, 2020 at 10:57 AM



“ *Heart's Companion Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Thomas Richard O'Brien.*



March 02, 2020 at 08:31 AM



“ *John and Jackie Gillespie purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mr. Thomas Richard O'Brien.*



John and Jackie Gillespie - March 01, 2020 at 10:24 PM

JD

“Katie, So sorry to hear about your Dad. Keep his memories close to your heart.
Love to your family.



Jenny Day - March 01, 2020 at 08:12 PM

MM

“Mary Mattson purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Mr. Thomas Richard O'Brien.



Mary Mattson - March 01, 2020 at 06:30 PM



“Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Thomas Richard O'Brien.



March 01, 2020 at 06:07 PM

MM

“I Remember growing up with Tommy, playing baseball in the O'Brien backyard, playing up and down 3rd Street, and being a friend and classmate from grade 1 through high school. I remember how much fun we had, and how close Tommy and Danny were growing up and through adulthood. Tommy was always friendly and kind, and turned into a great father, grandfather, husband, and hero.....RIP my friend.....Mully

Mike Mullen - March 01, 2020 at 05:55 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Thomas Richard O'Brien.*



March 01, 2020 at 05:04 PM



“ *Michael V Wright purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Mr. Thomas Richard O'Brien.*



Michael V Wright - March 01, 2020 at 03:56 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Thomas Richard O'Brien.*



March 01, 2020 at 03:17 PM