



Dr. Brendan J. O'Brien

December 4, 2022

Dr. Brendan O'Brien, 85, of Macungie, died on Sunday, December 4, 2022, at home surrounded by his loving wife and family. He was married to Kathy (O'Donnell) O'Brien, with whom he celebrated 62 years of marriage. Brendan was born in Eddystone, PA, the youngest son of Brendan and Elizabeth O'Brien. Brendan was a respected physician known for his love of family, passion for the outdoors, and ability to enjoy life to the fullest.

He graduated from Mount Saint Mary's College, Emmitsburg, Maryland, and Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine, Philadelphia, PA. In 1968 Brendan moved to Allentown to start his career as an orthopedic surgeon. He was actively involved in the osteopathic community, a Fellow of the American College of Osteopathic Surgeons, and served as Chairman of the Department of Surgery at Allentown Osteopathic Hospital from 1978 to 1990. He also led the Department of Orthopaedics for over 30 years. He concluded his medical career at OAA Orthopaedic Specialists in 2012.

Brendan had a full life and many friends. He was curious and loved discovering new places and mastering hobbies. While Brendan was an avid hunter, fisherman, baker, and needle pointer, above all else, he was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather. He believed there was no better way to spend time than with his family – it brought him great joy.

Brendan had a generous spirit and a positive approach to life. He lived his 85 years to the fullest and took every opportunity to learn, explore, and care for those around him.

Brendan is survived by his beloved wife, Kathy; his children, Kathy, Anne, Brendan, Marnie, Courtney, and Erin, along with his sons and daughter-in-law Michael Thompson, Geoff Geis, Beth O'Brien, Scott Yeaw, Chip Wadsworth, and Christian Treiber, his ten devoted grandchildren, Riley, Emmy, and Zoe Geis, Wescott and Kathrine Yeaw, Ben, Lucy, and Erin Wadsworth, Clare O'Brien and Max Treiber, and his sister Margaret Lombardo. He loved them all deeply.

A Memorial Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Monday, December 19, 2022 at 11 A.M. in St. Thomas More Catholic Church 1040 Flexer Ave. Allentown, PA 18103.

The family asks that in lieu of flowers donations in his memory be made to Orthopedic Residency Resource Fund -- PCOM.edu

Previous Events

Memorial Mass

DEC **19**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Thomas More Catholic Church
1040 Flexer Ave.
Allentown, PA 18103

Tribute Wall

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“ Extending my deepest sympathy to Mrs. O'Brien, Kathy, Anne, Brendan, Marnie, Courtney and Erin during this time of loss. Dr. O'Brien and Kathy were good friends of my parents over the years and I can still recall him handing out lollipops to all of us as we watched the Halloween parade from the front of the old Hamilton Street office he shared with my Father at the time. He was a warm, caring and skilled physician.

Wishing you all the comfort of many happy memories and precious family time together. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

Robyn Sherman Sullivan

Robyn Sullivan - December 15, 2022 at 01:17 PM

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“ Pegi Zelneronok purchased the Country Basket B looms for the family of Dr. Brendan J. O'Brien.



Pegi Zelneronok - December 13, 2022 at 10:19 PM

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“ May Dr. O'Brien rest in peace. I was finishing my internship at AOH, about to travel to Sullivan County, PA, at that time over 40 years ago a rural county without paramedics and no other 24 hour physician availability. Dr. O'Brien met me in the Emergency room and spent two hours with me, reviewing, teaching and practicing splints and casts. This enhanced knowledge was put to good use in my three years in Sullivan county with the Public Health Service National Health Service Corps. I always remembered that special extra effort, especially as i went on to practice and teach in the Lehigh Valley. Dr. O'Brien will be remembered.

Alex Rosenau - December 11, 2022 at 09:23 AM

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Dr. Rosenau, thank you so much for sharing your story. I learned so much from observing him over the years in both the OR and office. It made me smile to think of him teaching you as you embarked on your career. Those moments mean so much to a young physician.

Marnie O'Brien - December 11, 2022 at 04:19 PM



Deepest sympathy to Kathy and Family,
He was kind and caring Physician. It was a honor and privilege to work for him. It was the best job I ever had. The first time I interviewed for the position, I remember him coming into his office and taking his shoes off. He made me so comfortable the more we spoke.
In time, may the good memories overcome the pain you all have now.
Jane Sumerfield

Jonathan Sumerfield - December 13, 2022 at 02:20 PM