



Maureen T. O'Brien

September 16, 1936 - January 7, 2020

AYER: Maureen T. O'Brien, 83, of Ayer, formerly of Reading, Hingham and Centerville, died Tuesday, January 7, 2020 at her home.

Mrs. O'Brien was born in Boston one of eleven children born to Patrick and Charlotta F. (O'Neil) McClearn.

Mrs. O'Brien leaves two sons and their wives, Mark J. and Bridget O'Brien of Bradford, Robert A. and Regan O'Brien of Groton; her daughter and son in law, Linda M. and Lee Thompson of Greenville, SC; she was the sister of William McClearn, Thomas McClearn, James McClearn, Lillian D'Entremont, Eileen Pucillo, Frances Clifford, Rosemary Lombard, Kathleen Mathews.

Maureen was a very devoted grandmother to 13 grandchildren Shawn, Kevin, Katelyn, Britney, Matthew, Sophie, Gabriel, Willow, Elise, Jonah, Kyle, Benjamin and Colin who all referred to her as "Lovey".

She was the mother of the late Matthew J. O'Brien of Hartford who died in 1998. She was also the sister of the late Joseph McClearn and John McClearn.

Mrs. O'Brien graduated from St. Elizabeth's School of Nursing in 1957 and retired from Winchester Hospital in 1982.

Maureen went on to earn a Bachelors Degree in 1978 from UMASS Boston in public and community service. She worked 22 years at Central Transportation Planning Staff which did traffic and roadway studies in preparation for such projects as the redesign of Route 128/95 on the north shore and the Big Dig. She eventually was promoted to Deputy Director of Administration and retired

in 2000 after 22 years.

While a resident of Reading, Mrs. O'Brien served on the Board of Selectman for two terms. Maureen has been a very active member of St. Mary's Parish in Ayer, volunteering in Eucharistic Ministry with the Nashoba Valley Catholic Collaborative.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated 11 AM Friday, January 10, 2020 at St. Anthony's Church, 14 Phoenix Street, Shirley. Burial will be held privately. Mrs. O'Brien's family will receive family and friends at calling hours from 4-7PM Thursday, January 9, 2020 at the Anderson Funeral Home, 25 Fitchburg Rd., (Rte 2A) Ayer.

For additional information or to leave an on line condolence please visit their website at www.andersonfuneral.com.

Previous Events

Calling Hours

JAN 9. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Anderson Funeral Home - Ayer
25 Fitchburg Road ~ Route 2A
Ayer, MA 01432
(978) 772-2355

Funeral Mass

JAN 10. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Anthony's Church
14 Phoenix Street
Shirley, MA 01464

Celebration of Life

JAN 10. 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Anthony's Church
14 Phoenix Street
Shirley, MA

Tribute Wall

ME

“ My husband and I are very sorry that we have been away and we were not able to attend Maureen’s wake and funeral. We got to know Maureen well when she was in our “Why Catholic” weekly prayer group for 4 years. We have also been in the weekly adoration group together for many years. She always spoke fondly of her family. She had great faith and we always enjoyed her faith sharing, her stories and her joy. We will miss her smile and her presence dearly. We will continue to keep Maureen and her entire family in our prayers.

Michelle and Arthur Eddy

Michelle Eddy - January 16, 2020 at 03:13 PM

KS

“ Bob, Mark and Linda so sorry to hear about your Mom. She always made me feel special when I visited her. She was beautiful inside and out. And those beautiful Irish -eyes and that infectious laugh. I don't think there was anything she couldn't do but then I think you know that already. My parents thought very highly of your Mom and her accomplishments. Your Mom sent me a Christmas card a few weeks ago.. You could feel the love and pride she had for all of you and the grandchildren. I will treasure that card. I remember seeing her in her white uniform and thinking I want to be like her.. I know she leaves a wonderful legacy and wonderful memories in all of you. I will hold all of you in my heart and in my prayers in the days to come. Love
Kathleen(O'Brien)Steven



kathleen stevens - January 10, 2020 at 01:00 PM

JC

“ *Mark, Bridget, and family,*

Your mom was such a wonderful person. We wish you peace to bring you comfort, courage to face the days ahead and loving memories to forever hold in your heart. Please know that we are keeping you close in our thoughts and hoping you are doing OK.

*With love and sympathy,
Glenn, Jeannie, and family*

Jeanne Cronin - January 09, 2020 at 09:54 AM



“ *Love's Embrace Roses – Purple was purchased for the family of Maureen T. O'Brien.*



January 09, 2020 at 09:32 AM

CL

“ *Clare lit a candle in memory of Maureen T. O'Brien*



Clare - January 08, 2020 at 07:13 PM

CL

“ Bob, Linda, Mark and your families,
My deepest sympathies to all of you and my prayers for your mom
and all of you. She was an amazing woman and I think I will always
remember my Aunt Maureen for he smile and penetrating eyes.
When conversing with her it was like she stared right into one's soul
with such love and attention and caring. She gave her undivided
attention and love in every conversation.
I remember you all coming over in Wrentham. He smile and laugh
would light anyplace. We went downstairs as our parents visited
upstairs. Now, all our parents are gone and we can well imagine the
reunions that await at the pearly gates. Love to you all.
Clare (O'Brien) Keat

Clare - January 08, 2020 at 07:12 PM

JM

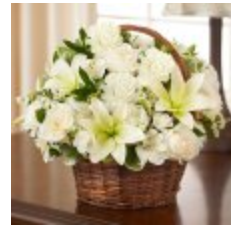
“ Joann Marion lit a candle in memory of
Maureen T. O'Brien



Joann Marion - January 08, 2020 at 04:59 PM

AP

“ Ann & Don Byrne, Dede/Arturo/Ann-Marie
Poveda purchased the Peace, Prayers, & Blessin
gs- All White for the family of Maureen T. O'Brien.



Ann & Don Byrne, Dede/Arturo/Ann-Marie Poveda - January
08, 2020 at 04:26 PM

JM

“ *Mark, Linda and Bob,*

my deepest condolences on the passing of your mother. I know she was the rock you would lean on for support and wisdom. May her strength and love remain in your heart's and memories of her last through out eternity.

John T McKenna and family.

john T McKenna - January 08, 2020 at 01:54 PM

NT

“ *Nancy Tarbell lit a candle in memory of Maureen T. O'Brien*



Nancy Tarbell - January 08, 2020 at 09:14 AM

SP

“ *To the O'Brien Family: Maureen was a neighbor of ours in Hingham. . .she was a lovely person, always had a smile and a kind word whenever we'd meet. I subsequently learned she was at CTPS after I had started working across the hall at Mass. DPW, which gave us even more in common. Even though all that was a long time ago, I still fondly remember her. Condolences to all.*

Scott Pickard

Scott Pickard - January 08, 2020 at 08:13 AM



“ *Cherished Memories - All White was purchased for the family of Maureen T. O'Brien.*



January 07, 2020 at 10:42 PM



“ *Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White was purchased for the family of Maureen T. O'Brien.*



January 07, 2020 at 05:12 PM



“ *Pink & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Maureen T. O'Brien.*



January 07, 2020 at 02:44 PM



Patricia Walker

“ *Our deepest sympathies and prayers for healing. Hold her memories in your heart so she will always be with you.*

Love,

Randy & Patty Walker

Patricia Walker - January 07, 2020 at 02:14 PM



“ *Dear Mark, Linda and Bob
Thank you for taking such great care of my sister. She loved you and our beautiful families. She brag about each of you and of your special accomplishments.
She was the leader of our family growing up, my mother’s right hand girl. When we wanted something from my mother we went to Maureen to pave the way. Smart, beautiful, kind, and always joyful. Then there was me, the next girl, I didn’t even try to compete with all that beauty and brains and perfection. Somehow we clicked! She was my hero! I*

Lillian d'Entremont - January 07, 2020 at 12:10 PM



“ *Blue & White Sympathy Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Maureen T. O'Brien.*



January 07, 2020 at 11:50 AM