



John O'Brien

March 31, 2013

Obituary of John O'Brien

John Lawrence O'Brien, 91, of Leesburg, FL, passed away peacefully at home on March 31, 2013, after a short illness.

Born in New York, the son of John L. O'Brien, Sr. and Mary Elizabeth (Green) O'Brien, he was reared in New York state. In 1941 he enlisted in the Army Air Corp and served as an American Spitfire pilot in the African and Italian theaters during WWII. He was involved in a head-on collision over Italy and became a German POW for 13 months. He returned to the States in 1945 and met and married his wife of 52 years Jeanne Dery O'Brien in 1946.

He and Jeanne moved to Salisbury, MD, around 1949 where he attended Salisbury Teacher's College. After graduation he was hired by Wayne Pump / Dresser Industries where he worked for 33 years before retiring in 1986.

He was an avid reader, a serious Bridge player, and a champion of individual rights. He enjoyed lively discussions and defended differences of opinion as long as it was supported by facts.

He and Jeanne moved to Leesburg, FL from Salisbury, MD in 1997. John had been a member of the Catholic Community of St. Paul in Leesburg for the

past 16 years He is survived by daughter Karen O'Brien and son-in-law Joe Dykes of Leesburg, FL, and son John L. O'Brien III of Rochester, NH

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at St. Paul's Catholic Church at 8:30 on April 9. Burial will be in June at the Florida National Cemetery, Bushnell, FL.

In lieu of flowers the children request donations to Cornerstone Hospice, Tavares, FL , The Leesburg Public Library, Leesburg, FL; or your local library or hospice.

Tribute Wall



“ *John O'Brien*

October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *Hearfelt sympathy to Karen and Joe and John. Your Dad was my favorite uncle and my lifelong hero. His story is one of courage and faith. He will be missed. Love, Georgi and Jay*

Georgianna and Jay Kleiman - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM