



## Dennis James O'Brien

August 7, 1940 - March 10, 2024

Coleman Funeral Home of Southaven

Dennis James O'Brien, aged 83, of Horn Lake, Mississippi passed away March 10th at his home surrounded by his loving family. A visitation will be held on Thursday, March 21, 2024 in his honor, from 10:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. at St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church (1425 E. Shelby Drive, Memphis, TN). A funeral mass will immediately follow his visitation, at 11:00 a.m., also at St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church. Graveside services will be held the following day, Friday, March 22, 2024 at 11:00 a.m. at West Tennessee Veteran's Cemetery (4000 Forest Hill Irene Road, Memphis, TN). Coleman Funeral Home of Southaven (626 Star Landing Road East, Southaven, MS) is in charge of arrangements.

Mr. O'Brien was born in Baltimore, Maryland on August 7, 1940, to George V. O'Brien and Caroline McCusker O'Brien. He was a graduate of Catholic High School, in Memphis, class of 1958. Dennis was a proud veteran of the United States Marine Corps Reserve and retired as a Master Gunnery Sergeant after serving our country for 33 years. He also retired as a manager from the Mississippi State Parks in 2005.

He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Barbara Guidry O'Brien; his son, David (Brenda) O'Brien of Ashland, MS; his two daughters, Anita (Richard) Parvin of

Southaven, MS and Karen (John) Costa of Memphis, TN; his sister, Carol Studard of Rural Hall, NC; nine grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, George V. and Caroline McCusker O'Brien; his brother, James O'Brien; and his two sisters, Claire Pike and Eleanor Staples.

The family requests memorial donations to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital (<https://www.stjude.org/>) or St. Paul Catholic Church (<http://stpaulmemphis.org/>) be made in Mr. O'Brien's honor, in lieu of flowers.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 21. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Saint Paul the Apostle Catholic Church  
1425 E Shelby Drive  
Memphis, TN 38116

## Funeral Mass

MAR 21. 11:00 AM (CT)

Saint Paul the Apostle Catholic Church  
1425 E Shelby Drive  
Memphis, TN 38116

## Graveside Service

MAR 22. 11:00 AM (CT)

West Tennessee State Veterans Cemetery  
4000 Forest Hill Irene Rd  
Memphis, TN 38125

# Tribute Wall



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dennis James O'Brien.*



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March 18, 2024 at 06:23 PM



“ *Betty Rome planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dennis James O'Brien.*

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**Betty Rome** - March 18, 2024 at 02:04 PM



“ *Betty Rome purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Dennis James O'Brien.*



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**Betty Rome** - March 18, 2024 at 02:04 PM



“ *Uncle Dennis has always been my hero. When Debbie and I were young ( 4 and 6), Dennis was babysitting for us and we lived in a small house on Maria St. Dennis lived on Chatwood just around the corner. Anyway, there was a small side porch that my Dad put our bikes and a lawnmower on. This particular Friday night, Dennis jumped up, ran out the door and chased down boy. He was gone about 20 minutes, Debbie and I were scared to death until Uncle Dennis strolled down the street with the lawnmower. I love my Uncle Dennis, he will be greatly missed.*

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**Elaine Sherman** - March 16, 2024 at 07:57 PM

JM

“ *Jeffery P. McAfee purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Dennis James O'Brien.*



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**Jeffery P. McAfee** - March 16, 2024 at 07:49 PM

JM

“ *Jeffery P. McAfee planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dennis James O'Brien.*

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**Jeffery P. McAfee** - March 16, 2024 at 07:49 PM

FT

“ *From david and melissa tusch planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dennis James O'Brien.*

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**From david and melissa tusch** - March 16, 2024 at 10:09 AM



“ *Sweet Sincerity was purchased for the family of Dennis James O'Brien.*



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March 16, 2024 at 10:09 AM



“ *As Park Manager, Dennis pushed us to excellence, sometimes sternly, but most often with wit and humor. We drew from his knowledge and experience and knew that we were performing meaningful work and reaching goals. We felt pride. Prayers for Barbara and family going forward. Dennis will always be with us.*

*Paul Cash, Leroy Percy State Park*

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**Paul Cash** - March 15, 2024 at 02:35 PM



“ *I have many fond fond memories of Dennis. He has always been kind to me. He had a great personality and always had a smile on his face. I know he will be missed greatly*

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**Pamela McElhaney** - March 14, 2024 at 04:01 PM



“ *I met Dennis with his daughter Anita in Memphis on the boat on the Mississippi, they instantly became friends, and treasure that day , condolences to all his family circle and friends*

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**Jaclyn Riseborough** - March 14, 2024 at 02:30 PM

JC

“ *What a great Father-in-Law, you will be sorely missed.*



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**John Costa** - March 12, 2024 at 03:24 PM

RP

*The wisdom and knowledge my father-law imparted in me will never be forgotten... FLY HIGH POP LOVE YA Rick*

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**Richard Parvin** - March 14, 2024 at 01:27 PM

DH

“ *Master Gunnery Sargent Dennis O'Brien, "OB" was a well respected Marine who spent many years with Marine Attack Squadron 124 [VMA-124]. His fellow Marines will miss him.*

*David Hallin, Colonel, USMCR, Retired*

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**David Hallin** - March 11, 2024 at 08:37 PM

KT

*Barbara and family, I am so sorry for your loss of Dennis. He was always so pleasant and ready to talk after mass at Good Shepherd. He was my smoking buddy as well. Prayers for you and your family.*

*Kay Thibaut*

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**Kay Thibaut** - March 13, 2024 at 12:20 PM

CS

*Barbara, you were truly blessed to spend 63 yrs. with Dennis. He was a wonderful husband and father. He was also a much loved brother to me. Peace and love to you and family. Carol Studard*

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**Carol Studard** - March 14, 2024 at 07:38 PM