



James "Pinky" Francis O'Brien

December 12, 1932 - November 6, 2022

James "Pinky" Francis O'Brien., age 89, of Albia, IA, passed away on Sunday, November 6, 2022, under hospice care in Ottumwa, IA.

Jim was born on December 12, 1932, in Melrose, IA, to Martin Joseph and Anna Catherine (Kearney) O'Brien. He grew up attending school in Weller and graduated from the Albia High School with the class of 1949. On July 6, 1957, he was united in marriage to Doris Geraldine Garrett at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Ottumwa. To this union, a son, Michael, was born. Jim and Doris shared 61 years of marriage prior to Doris's passing on October 15, 2018.

Jim was self-employed, working construction for many years. He was a member of the Flight Association and the Tractor Club. He had many hobbies of all kinds. He was a collector of antiques in general and loved going to auctions. He was an enthusiast of old cars and motorcycles.

Jim is survived by a son, Michael O'Brien of Ottumwa, IA; a brother, John O'Brien of Albion, IA; and a sister Mary Jo (Gary) Mitterer of Fremont, IA. Jim is also survived by several nieces, nephews, cousins, and good friends.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Doris; his parents, Martin and Anna; a sister, Virgene Lenger; a sister-in-law, Agnes Conley O'Brien; 3 aunts, Margaret Blubaugh, Veronica Gildersleeve, and Elizabeth Kearney; 3

nephews, Paul, Gary and John Walter Lenger; and a great nephew, Andrew Gvist.

Visitation will be held from 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. on Thursday, November 10, 2022, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Albia, with Jim's family present to greet family and friends. A Rosary will be held at 10:30 a.m. led by St. Mary's Altar and Rosary Society.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11:00 a.m., Thursday, November 10, 2022, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Albia, with Father Mark Yates, C.P.P.S. officiating. Burial will follow services at St. Mary's Cemetery in Albia.

A memorial has been established to St. Mary's Catholic Church or the Albia Museum.

Cemetery Details

St. Mary's Cemetery

Albia, IA

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 10. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Mary's Catholic Church
730 Benton Ave W
Albia, IA

Rosary

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Mass of Christian Burial

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Tribute Wall



“ James "Pinky" Francis O'Brien

January 30, 2023 at 05:06 AM



“ James "Pinky" Francis O'Brien

January 30, 2023 at 02:53 AM



“ Uncle Jimmy, you will be greatly missed by your entire family. Thank you for all your love, stories and laughter. There is now another hole in our family.

Connie Lenger - November 09, 2022 at 08:28 PM



“ Is with great sadness to learn of Pinky's death. He was a dear friend of my late husband Jack Deimerly. They both loved talking about airplanes & flying airplanes, & going to airshows, EAA yearly conventions, & fly in breakfasts. I got to know Pinky and his wife Doris over the years. They were wonderful people. Great memories!

Karen Deimerly - November 09, 2022 at 12:48 PM



“ Ed McGinn lit a candle in memory of James "Pinky" Francis O'Brien



Ed McGinn - November 08, 2022 at 08:22 PM

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“ *Pinky and I have always been good friends. We have had several good discussion's that we didn't always agree on but we respected each other's options. He always had a big smile on his face when I would call him Mr. O'Brien, Sir!!! Rest In Peace dear friend!! Denny Amoss*

Denny Amoss - November 08, 2022 at 03:42 PM