



## Michael Anthony O'Brien

May 29, 1958 - April 11, 2026

In quiet remembrance, we mark the passing of Michael O'Brien, born May 29, 1958, and passed away April 11, 2026, at Ridgewood Specialty Care in Ottumwa, IA. Michael chose a different path, one of solitude, reflection, and quiet presence in a noisy world.

Though he left little trace in the usual ways, his life was not without impact. There is a quiet dignity in choosing one's own way, and a subtle courage in standing apart from the expectations of the world. In that sense, his life spoke volumes.

Those who may have crossed his path, a passerby, a neighbor, a stranger, might remember a fleeting moment: a nod, a glance, a presence that lingered just long enough to be felt. And perhaps that was enough.

May Michael rest in the same peace he sought in life, and may we, in remembering him, find a moment of stillness ourselves.

Those left to cherish his memory are his aunt and uncle, Mary and Gary Mitterer of Fremont, IA; his uncle John O'Brien of Albion, IA; and many cousins.

Michael is preceded in death by his parents, James and Doris O'Brien;

grandparents, Martin and Anna O'Brien and Walter "Casey" and Alma Garrett; aunts and uncles, Virgene and Richard Lenger, Agnes Conley O'Brien, and Betty and Lester Dodds; special great aunts, Margaret Bluebaugh, Veronica Guildersleeve, and Elizabeth Kearney; and several cousins.

Catholic Graveside Committal Service will be held at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, April 16, 2026, at St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Albia, with Father Isaac Essel officiating.

Memorials may be given for future masses in Michael's name and can be sent to St. Mary's Catholic Church, 730 Benton Ave. West, Albia, IA 52531.

## Cemetery Details

### St. Mary's Cemetery

Albia, IA

## Previous Events

### Catholic Graveside Committal Service

APR 16. 11:30 AM (CT)

St. Mary's Cemetery  
Albia, IA