



William John "Buzz" O'Brien

August 15, 1934 - February 2, 2025

William John "Buzz" O'Brien, 90. Of Louisville passed away Sunday, February 2, 2025 at the U of L Mary & Elizabeth Hospital.

Buzz was born August 15, 1934 here in Louisville to his late parents Dorothy (Gorman) and William Patrick O'Brien. He served his country in the U. S Navy during the Korean War and later worked 33 years for the United States Postal Service.

He is preceded in death by his first wife, Joan A. (Brooks) O'Brien and his second wife Sharon M. (Smith) O'Brien; a brother, Tom O'Brien.

Survivors include four children, Matt O'Brien (Liz), Shana Davis (Neal), Jamie Leasor (Danny) and Kelly Martin (Cary); two step sons, Aaron Beamer and Travis Beamer; five sisters, Bonnie Schnarre, Dorothy "Dot" Ammeter (Tom), Carol Wittemauer (Joe) Gerry Michael and Patsy Hagan (Gary); two brothers, Jimmy O'Brien and Mick O'Brien (Patricia); 12 grandchildren and 1 great grandchild.

Visitation will be 2:00 – 8:00 P.M. Thursday at the Owen Funeral Home 5317 Dixie Hwy. and a funeral mass will be held 10:00 A.M. Friday at Saint Peter the Apostle Catholic Church, 5431 Johnsontown Road with burial in Louisville Memorial Gardens West.

Memorial gifts can be made to the Wounded Warroir Project, P.O. Box 758517 Topeka, Kansas 66675.

Cemetery Details

Louisville Memorial Gardens West

4400 Dixie Hwy
Louisville , KY 40216

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 6. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Owen Funeral Homes - Dixie Highway
5317 Dixie Highway
Louisville, KY 40216
(502) 447-2600
<https://owenfuneralhome.com>

Mass

FEB 7. 10:00 AM.

St Peter the Apostle Catholic Church

Tribute Wall

DA

“ I remember the time Buzz and Bobby Jackman locked Maryann Jackman and myself in the upstairs closet. They thought that was really funny to hear Maryann and I squeal. Miss you but not being locked in a closet never. 🙏

Dot Ammeter - February 14, 2025 at 06:59 PM

KN

“ KENNY NOONAN sent a virtual gift in memory of William John "Buzz" O'Brien



KENNY NOONAN - February 06, 2025 at 01:12 PM

SD

Thank you Kenny, we appreciate it 🙏

Shana Davis - February 06, 2025 at 09:54 PM

JD

“ To the Entire Family , I'm so sorry for your loss . Mr.O'Brien , was a very nice gentleman and a wonderful neighbor , he will be deeply missed . Thoughts and Prayers to the Family .
Judy Douglas



judy Douglas - February 05, 2025 at 11:22 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of William John "Buzz" O'Brien.



February 05, 2025 at 10:44 PM



“ With Love Erik O'Brien & Cecil Porter purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of William John "Buzz" O'Brien.



With Love Erik O'Brien & Cecil Porter - February 05, 2025 at 10:35 PM



“ Brenda Beaton purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of William John "Buzz" O'Brien.



Brenda Beaton - February 05, 2025 at 09:04 PM



“ Brenda Beaton planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William John "Buzz" O'Brien.

Brenda Beaton - February 05, 2025 at 09:04 PM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of William John "Buzz" O'Brien.*



February 05, 2025 at 03:59 PM



“ *“I know a song, it ain't very long, that's all.”
Uncle Buzz loved to laugh, have fun, AND break out in song. He would end that song with a wink or a giggle. So many wonderful memories, so much joy, so much love. I love you Uncle Buzz.*

Holly Schnarre Boeke - February 05, 2025 at 01:36 PM



“ *Your StoryPoint Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William John "Buzz" O'Brien.*

Your StoryPoint Family - February 05, 2025 at 01:04 PM



“ *Your StoryPoint Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of William John "Buzz" O'Brien.*



Your StoryPoint Family - February 05, 2025 at 01:04 PM

AH

“ Many of my best childhood memories were spent at Uncle Buzz and Aunt Joan’s house. He was one of a kind and will be missed.

Amy Hubbard - February 05, 2025 at 11:30 AM

BK

“ Brittney and Krystin planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William John "Buzz" O'Brien.

Brittney and Krystin - February 05, 2025 at 09:42 AM

BK

“ Brittney and Krystin purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of William John "Buzz" O'Brien.



Brittney and Krystin - February 05, 2025 at 09:42 AM