



## Edward Joseph O'Brien

January 18, 2022

Edward Joseph O' Brien, was a loving husband, father, grandfather, uncle, brother and friend. He passed away on January 18, 2022, after a year-long battle with cancer. He was 75 years old.

He was born on July 26, 1946 to the late George and Helen O'Brien. He was a graduate from Pilgrim High School in Warwick, RI. Being a very ambitious and hard worker, he started working at Brown and Sharpe Manufacturing after graduating from high school. He worked there for 20 years until he retired to pursue his ambition of entrepreneurship ventures.

He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Joan O'Brien (Nicynski), and their children, Edward O'Brien, Jr. and wife Virginia Lee, Diane Simonelli and husband Brad, Donna Merzigian and husband Jake, and Deborah O'Brien and fiancé Scott Franco.

Growing up, he had a large close-knit family including his siblings George O'Brien, Jr. (deceased), Joe O'Brien and wife Pat, Kathy Priess and husband John (deceased), Helen Sears (deceased) and husband Ronnie (deceased), John O'Brien and wife Debbie, and Richard O'Brien (deceased) and wife Debbie (deceased).

In his spare time, he enjoyed playing cards with his family and friends, cutting wood and quahogging. He also loved watching his nine grandchildren growing

up, playing sports, swimming in the pool, and telling them the most creative original stories. He loved to tell jokes and keep everyone around him laughing.

He leaves behind a loving large extended family and many friends who cared about him very much who he also cared about deeply.

Per Ed's request the family had a private intimate memorial celebrating his life.

# Tribute Wall

JE

“ *Joan and Family, I am so sorry to hear of Ed passing. Many good Year's with Ed and the Girl's at the softball field we had so much fun. RIP My friend God BLESS*

*Jimmy Egan Daytona Beach Florida*

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**Jimmy Egan** - February 06, 2022 at 11:20 AM

MS

“ *Joan and family, although it has been many years, I remember growing up and visiting with Aunt Helen and Uncle George and the whole family. Eddy was always full of jokes and took some time to play with the kids. My prayers are with you all.*

*Michael Smith*

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**Michael Smith** - February 05, 2022 at 09:40 PM

DZ

“ *DEAR JOAN AND FAMILY,  
BOTH FOSTER AND I ARE SO SORRY ABOUT ED. WE  
REMEMBER WHAT A  
WONDERFUL AND FUN PERSONALITY HE HAD.  
MAY HE REST IN PEACE AND WE HOPE YOU AND YOUR  
FAMILY FIND  
STRENGTH IN GOD. OUR PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU.  
DEBBIE AND FOSTER ZUCCHI  
(DEB AND JOHNS FRIENDS.)*

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**Debbie Zucchi** - February 01, 2022 at 11:12 AM

JN

“ *Ed enjoyed life to the fullest, rest in peace.*



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**Jane Nicynski** - January 28, 2022 at 12:39 PM

RP

“ *The obit describes Ed as I remember him, hard worker and fun loving. Sorrow for us yet peace for Ed.*

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**Ruth M. Page** - January 28, 2022 at 11:26 AM

UR

“ *Ed always made the children's birthday parties special and fun for them, even the adults had fun as well. He definitely brought happiness to everyone who spent time with him.*

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**Uncle Skip & Aunt Rose** - January 28, 2022 at 11:21 AM

CM

“ *Connie Mero lit a candle in memory of Edward Joseph O'Brien*



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**Connie Mero** - January 27, 2022 at 04:10 PM

CM

*Uncle Ed I will always remember you for a good laugh. Rest in Peace.*

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**Connie Mero** - January 27, 2022 at 04:10 PM

MC

*Uncle Eddy, you were always full of smiles, Laughing, and always greeted us with big hugs, you will be greatly missed but always remembered! Rest in Peace*

*Love, Michelle Cataldo*

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**Michelle lyn cataldo** - February 02, 2022 at 02:44 PM

VG

“ *Rest in peace Uncle Eddy. My condolences to Auntie Joan, cousin Eddy and Virginia Lee, cousin Diane and Brad, cousin Donna and Jake, cousin Deborah and the extended family.*

*~ V.G.*

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**Veronica Gomez** - January 26, 2022 at 12:47 PM



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*had fun way back in the day riding in his 1958 chevy impala when they had the store in providence, rip bud, dave olney*

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**dave o** - February 07, 2022 at 12:50 PM