



Catherine D. O'Brien

May 26, 1923 - October 29, 2018

Massena: Catherine D. O'Brien, 95, passed away unexpectedly at home on October 29 after a brief illness. A Mass of Christian burial will be offered on Saturday November 3, 2018 at 12:00 pm at Sacred Heart Church with burial to follow in St. Lawrence Cemetery, Louisville. The family will receive family and friends at the Phillips Memorial Home, Massena from 11am until the time of the funeral.

Catherine is survived by her daughters: Mary (Jack Mulcahy) of Alexandria VA and Ann (Tim LaRose) of Brooklyn NY and her grandchildren: Catherine Mulcahy of Arlington VA, John Mulcahy of Alexandria VA, Monica Mulcahy of Somerville MA and Emma LaRose, a sophomore at UVM in Burlington VT. She is also survived by her brother Thomas L. (Siegrid) Doud and her nieces (Patricia White of Canton and Mary Ellen Thibault of Phoenix NY) and nephew (Tim Doud of Massena) and their families. She was predeceased by her husband of nearly 52 years in August 2009 and her daughter, Eileen J. O'Brien, in September 2012.

Catherine was born at the home of her paternal grandparents in Louisville NY on May 26, 1923, the daughter of Thomas P. and Olive (Foley) Doud. She attended Sacred Heart School and graduated from Massena High School (1940) and the Albany Business College (1943). She was most proud of her graduation as a non-traditional student from SUNY Canton (1985) and SUNY Potsdam with a bachelor's degree in history in 1991. She married Gerald M. O'Brien on October 5, 1957 at Sacred Heart Church.

Catherine held many jobs over her career which included telephone operator, secretary at Massena High School and several secretarial positions at Alcoa, retiring in 1986. She was active in the community, volunteering for Meals on Wheels, the Massena Museum and with the bereavement and liturgy teams at Sacred Heart parish. In addition she was an active member of Sacred Heart parish, the Ladies Christian Benevolent Association (LCBA), Massena Memorial Hospital Auxiliary, St. Lawrence County Historical Association, Massena College Club, Massena Women's Democratic Club and was one of the first women members of the BPOE. She was a charter member of the Massena Aluminum Historical Association.

Catherine's hobbies included playing bridge (she was a member of the same bridge club for over fifty years), traveling with her husband and family (especially to York Beach ME as well as some memorable trips with Elderhostel), researching her genealogy, and gardening. She thoroughly enjoyed baking cookies, having tea parties and playing board and card games with her grandchildren.

Memorial donations in Catherine's name may be made to the St. Vincent de Paul Society (128 Main St., Massena NY 13662) or Trinity Catholic School (188 Main St., Massena NY 13662). Arrangements are under the care of the Phillips Memorial Home, Massena.

Cemetery

St. Lawrence Cemetery

Willard Road
Louisville, NY,

Events

NOV 3 **Calling Hours** 11:00AM - 12:00PM

Phillips Memorial Home
64 Andrews St., Massena, NY, US

NOV 3 **Mass of Christian Burial** 12:00PM

Sacred Heart Church
212 Main Street, Massena, NY, US

Comments



“ I so wish I could have been with you all today to celebrate Catherine’s wonderful life. She was a remarkable woman, wife, mother and friend. She led an exemplary life and her physical presence will be missed. But, I know you will savor all your wonderful memories! Although, she is gone from this life, she will be in your hearts and minds forever. Much love to all! Barbara and Bill Dodds

Barbara J Dodds - November 03, 2018 at 05:57 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Catherine D. O’Brien.



November 01, 2018 at 03:18 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Catherine D. O’Brien.



November 01, 2018 at 06:41 AM



“ We are so very sorry for your loss.
George and Kathy(Calnon) Dodge

Kathy Dodge - October 31, 2018 at 08:29 PM



“ Our deepest sympathies to you all. May she Rest in Peace in God's arms.

Mike and Debbie (Rayome) Martell

Mike & Debbie Martell - October 31, 2018 at 05:11 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Catherine D. O'Brien.



October 31, 2018 at 08:58 AM



“ Dear Mary, Ann and Families,
Mrs. O'B was such a wonderful lady- many fond memories of playing "grocery store and dress-up" in your basement on Windsor (a hundred years ago), or of her smile and quiet encouragement. Your set of encyclopedias was waaaaay cooler than ours and she helped me to use them on more than one occasion!

I am so sorry not to be able to attend the services but please know that the entire Hinds family is sending our sympathies. May you find peace and comfort in the coming days.

With our condolences,
The Hinds Family: Lynn, Mary, Nancy and Lucille

Lynn McCoy - October 31, 2018 at 08:50 AM



“ The whole Doud family were our neighbors long ago on Parker Ave. your mother was a grand lady. Sympathy Gerry Kennedy Kinney

gerry kinney - October 31, 2018 at 08:17 AM



“ I am so sorry to hear of your mom's passing. I consider it a blessing to have known her. She was a grand lady. We so enjoyed our chats. Doris chenier

Doris chenier - October 31, 2018 at 07:21 AM



“ So sorry of the passing of your mother. She was such a sweet lady and a great neighbor. May she forever Rest In Peace. Sincere sympathy to your family, Greg & Nancy LaVack

Greg & Nancy LaVack - October 30, 2018 at 10:55 PM



“ So Sorry to hear about your mom. Our thoughts and prayers are with your family. She was such a nice lady. God Bless Terry and Peggy Mossow

Terry Mossow - October 30, 2018 at 09:00 PM



“ Ann Durant Treers lit a candle in memory of Catherine D. O'Brien



Ann Durant Treers - October 30, 2018 at 05:57 PM