



Paul Allen O'Brien

December 27, 2012

PPaul Allen O'Brien, 79, of Gainesville, passed away December 27, 2012 at his home. Paul was born in Nashville, TN and moved to Gainesville in 1969. He was a U.S. Veteran serving in the Navy. He was an Electrical Engineer and a member of Trinity United Methodist Church where he was very active. Paul also enjoyed volunteering at North Florida Regional Medical Center.

He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Virginia Coles O'Brien, sons David A. O'Brien of Arlington, VA and John Andrew "Andy" O'Brien (Julia) of Orlando, and sister Linda Rushing (Larry) of Charlotte, NC.

Funeral Services will be held on December 29, 2012 at 11:30 AM at the Chapel at Trinity United Methodist Church, 4000 NW 53rd Ave., Gainesville, FL with Dr. Dan Johnson Officiating. Visitation will be held one hour prior from 10:30-11:30 AM. Burial will be held at Mt. Hope Cemetery, Franklin, TN at a later date.

Tribute Wall

JW

“Greetings and heartfelt condolences to to the O'Brien family and friends.
I don't remember ever seeing Paul without a smile on his face. May you all find Wisdom and Strength as well as great Comfort in the days ahead.
Blessings to each of you.

Jennifer Wright Webb - January 02, 2013 at 09:26 AM

RW

“Virginia, Andy and David, I was visiting my daughter Jennifer and family in the Asheville, NC, area when I learned of Paul's sudden passing, and I do regret not being able to attend his funeral service. Paul and Virginia were "good neighbors" in my (our, late wife, Marthann) years on 58th Terrace (Jan 1971 through November 1987), and I rarely missed the opportunity to greet them at Trinity after my choir had rehearsed before the 8:15 A.M. service. And I was on Church Council while Virginia served as treasurer. There will be a vacuum in first service, but I know that Paul is at peace and rest. My deepest sympathy on your loss.

Robert G. Wright - January 02, 2013 at 08:54 AM

JD

“I would like to give my regards to the O'Brien family for their loss. During such times, the scriptures can give us comfort. Please note the words of John 5:28- "Do not marvel at this because the hour is coming in which all those in the memorial tombs will hear HIS voice and come out..."

Jay D. - December 31, 2012 at 09:17 AM

TB

“ Virginia, Andy, and David, I am sorry for your loss. Paul was always so kind and good spirited. Virginia, you both have been such good neighbors to my folks. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this time.

Tracy, Chris, Sean, Will, and Maryn Ballard
Springfield, VA

Tracy McAvoy Ballard - December 30, 2012 at 11:11 AM

VR

“ We couldn't have asked for more wonderful people to share our small corner of Gainesville for the past 30 years. You have "earned your wings" many times over, Paul--rest in peace.

Vernon and Paula Roan - December 29, 2012 at 01:55 PM

JD

“ May your light continue to shine on the lives of people you have touched. Prayers for your loves ones on this earth.

Jim and Helen Davis - December 29, 2012 at 07:08 AM