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John C. O'Brien, 74, of Longview, retired meteorologist, died March 13, 2006. He was born December 11, 1931 in Concord, N.H., the son of Agnes Sylvia Fannie and John Henry O'Brien.

Funeral services will be 10 AM Friday, March 17, in the Chapel of Rader Funeral Home, Longview, with Father Xavier Pappu officiating. Interment will follow in Rosewood Park Cemetery. The family will greet friends Thursday 6 to 8 PM at the funeral home.

John graduated from Penacook, N.H. High School in 1949, whereby joining the US Air Force and beginning his career in meteorology, serving in Arabia, Tripoli and the States. Upon discharge in April 1954, he started work with the Joint Numerical Weather Office in Suitland, Maryland. In 1957, John worked as a civilian weather forecaster on Coast Guard ships in the North Atlantic for 5 years. He then transferred to Huntington, W.V. Airport for 4 years, Portland, Maine airport for 2 years and then to Kennedy Space Center, Cape Canaveral, Fl, where he forecasted weather for the Apollo Moon launches starting in 1967. When moon exploration ended, he transferred to Daytona Beach, Fl for 2 years and then came to Longview, TX as meteorologist in charge of Chalk Hill. John retired from this position in July of 1986. He then worked for Joyce Flanagan Realty for several years.

John is survived by his wife of 50 years, Winnie, children: Terry-Ann Gainer of Longview, TX and North Pole, Alaska, and Eric Wade O'Brien and wife Brandy of Hallsville, TX; grandsons: David Pogar, Jr of Florida, Ryan Nicholas Pogar of England and John Curtis O'Brien of Hallsville, TX; great grandchildren: Marissa Lanae Crown-Pogar, Alyssa Jade Pogar and Jack Ryan Pogar; sisters: Patricia Cullinan and husband Tim of California and Catherine Carrier and husband Henry of N. H. and several nephews and great nephews.

Donations may be made to Heartsway Hospice of Northeast Texas.



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Anonymous posted:

We cannot express how truly sorry we are. "Grampy" will be missed so very much. It was an honor to have been related to him. Alyssa will miss her best friend but will be reminded that he will always be looking over her. His kind and caring spirit will never be forgotten. Gramps, I wish I could of let you know how much you meant to me, you were my father, grandfather, and mentor all in one. To me you were the wisest man I ever knew and I love you very much. David##imported-begin##Aneatra & David Pogar##imported-end##

March 19 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Our deepest sympathy reaches out with love. John C. O'brien, a gentleman who was happy with life and conquered anything he put his mind to which led to his amazing accomplishments. . . "Although we lived at a distance from you, that hasn't stopped how much we care. For the love and memories we hold in our hearts, is what will be forever shared." Love, great-grandson Jack R. Pogar. Gramps, I know you are much better now smiling down and watching over us all, in our prayers you will be. Love you##imported-begin##Ryan & Rachel Pogar##imported-end##

March 18 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Winnie,I don't even know if you remember me or not. We worked together 20 years ago, when you were in transcription and I in medical records. I do remember you though and John too. I was sorry to hear about his passing and my prayers are with you and your family. You were a great couple and I was glad to know you both. Take care of yourself.##imported-begin##Nie B Linn##imported-end##

March 17 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

I am deeply sorry for the loss of your father. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.##imported-begin##Kara Martin Heatherly##imported-end##

March 16 at 7:00 PM



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Anonymous posted:

Eric, I am so sorry to hear about your dad. I know how hard times like this can be. I lost my father not too long ago to cancer. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Tracy Moore-Ragan##imported-end##

March 16 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

As John sisters, we will certainly miss our big brother. We loved him very much and send our deepest sympathy along with our husbands, Henry and Tim, to Winnie, Terry & Eric. We know he isn't in pain and that is so important. As time goes by, we know that wounds will be healed for everyone and let us just remember good times.##imported-begin##Cathy Carrier & Pat Cullinan##imported-end##

March 14 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

I remember John from growing up in Penacook and then we went separate ways. We met again on the internet and I have enjoyed the past few years keeping in touch with him.God Bless You John.##imported-begin##John Dragon##imported-end##

March 14 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

I would like to send my deepest regards to Aunt Winnie, cousin Terry, and cousin Eric. I will always remember the time when Uncle John came home to visit. Mark ,Christina, Austin, and Tyler Carrier send our love and sympathies##imported-begin##Mark Carrier##imported-end##

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Anonymous posted:

My deepest sympathy to the entire family. A family that has meant so much to me over the years. I remember many times John and Winnie helping Eric and I during our times of struggle as young parents and I will never forget them and the sacrifices that they each made for my family. It is truly an honor to have named my son after John C. O'Brien. May his legacy, love and sacrifice for everyone that he cared for live on through all that knew and loved him. I'll never forget you Big John.##imported-begin##Shauntell McGuire##imported-end##

March 13 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

I remember that uncle john and his wife Aunt winnie took me into there home while i was on pass from fort hood, this was a very nice thing, i remember this today and this happend in 1994. I will be thinking of aunt winnie, eric,and teri while they go through this difficult time..SSG SEAN H CARRIER##imported-begin##sean carrier##imported-end##

March 13 at 7:00 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring John by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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