



Harry C. O'Brien Jr.

May 9, 1931 - September 29, 2025

Harry C. O'Brien, Jr., 94, of Tinton Falls, passed away peacefully on September 29, 2025. He was born in Medford, Massachusetts to the late Harry and Marie Desautel O'Brien.

Harry graduated from Tufts University in Medford, MA with a B.A in Economics and from Harvard School of Business with a Master of Business Administration degree. An Air Force Veteran during the Korean War, Harry began his career with a Washington D.C firm. He then returned to Medford to work in the family business started by his grandfather, Thomas O'Brien.

In Medford, he also served as President of the Rotary Club, President of the Chamber of Commerce, Chairman of the Medford Retail Group and advisor to several civic organizations. He lived in Melrose and raised his children Sharon, Harry III and John with his first wife, Marilyn.

In 1986, Harry and his wife Barbara served as Peace Corps Volunteer in Jamaica, West Indies where Harry was a Small Business Management Specialist for IICA, Inter-American Institute for Cooperation in Agriculture, a United Nations auxiliary organization. In this capacity, Harry developed and managed training seminars and advocacy outreach programs.

After returning from the Peace Corps, Harry and Barbara relocated to

Savannah, Georgia. In 1990, Harry became the director of the District Office of the Small Business development Center (SBDC), part of the University of Georgia with offices in Savannah. His responsibilities included planning, coordinating and implementing management training programs and outreach programs for the minority community. This included networking with civic organizations, local colleges, and local, state and federal agencies.

In addition to civic affiliations, Harry volunteered at St. James Parish, the Inner City Night Shelter and was director of a Parish Ministry Program aiding the rural population in Georgia.

Harry loved music, played the piano and enjoyed entertaining friends with his Irish tenor voice. After moving to Summerfield, Florida Harry sang with the Heart of Florida Barbershop Chorus and the Choir of St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic Church. When he settled in Seabrook Village, Harry sang with the Seabrook Performers and the Seabrook Chorale.

Harry is predeceased by his wife of 45 years. Barbara Casey O'Brien, his siblings, Jean O'Brien Grace and Richard O'Brien, his son John O'Brien and his grandson Jason Iagulli.

Surviving are his children, Sharon Iagulli and Harry O'Brien III and his wife Maureen, his grandchildren, Marie Lamon and Colleen Iagulli, four great grandchildren and his brother, Thomas O'Brien. Also surviving are several nieces and nephews.

All services will be held privately. If you are interested in more information, please contact the family or the funeral home at 732-918-6200.

In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be sent in Harry's memory to the Make a Wish Foundation, 1384 Perrineville Road, Monroe Township, NJ

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Previous Events

Burial Service

OCT **23** (ET)

Brigadier General William C. Doyle Veterans Memorial Cemetery
Provinceline Road
Wrightstown, NJ

Private service

OCT **23** (ET)

Church of Saint Anselm
1028 Wayside Rd
Tinton Falls, NJ 07712-3146
(732) 493-4411

Tribute Wall

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sharon - December 16, 2025 at 07:10 AM

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sharon - October 21, 2025 at 06:10 PM

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“ *Remembering Harry (or Mr. O'Brien to me) playing the piano, bringing us doughnuts, and generally enjoying life. Good memories! Very sorry for your loss, Sharon and Harry.*

Grace Palladino

Grace Palladino - October 13, 2025 at 10:03 AM

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“ I have so many fond memories of Harry at Camp Notre Dame. All the other adults were "the adults" but Harry could mix in with the counselors or the adults and be just as at home with both, although of course I only got to see the adult happy hours from afar. The boat house always awaited both Harry and the leftover Dunkin Donuts. I will always smile when I think of him.

Pat Sine

CND - 1965 - 1970

Patricia Sine - October 13, 2025 at 09:33 AM

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Sharon Iagulli - October 08, 2025 at 07:26 AM

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“ I remember so well joining you guys for holidays either in Melrose or at our house. In an extended family with multitudes of cousins, I always felt as though our Dads were exceptionally close, and we certainly benefitted from that. We send you love and comfort from the O'Leary's including Fran, Mark, Steve, Ellen, Paul and Chris.

Christopher O'Leary - October 07, 2025 at 06:20 PM

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“ *Bongarzone Funeral Home lit a candle in memory of Harry C. O'Brien Jr.*



Bongarzone Funeral Home - October 02, 2025 at 07:54 AM