



Richard E O'Brien

December 2, 1937 - November 6, 2016

Richard E. (Dick) O'Brien, 78, of Lambertville, Michigan and originally from Toledo, Ohio passed away peacefully Sunday, November 6th surrounded by his loving family.

Dick grew up in Old Orchard and was a lifelong member of Gesu Parish. He was a proud graduate and supporter of Gesu School and Central Catholic High School. He received his B.S. in Accounting from the University of Toledo, and his J.D. from University of Toledo's College of Law.

Mr. O'Brien retired 24 years ago from his position as Commissioner of Taxation for the City of Toledo where he'd worked for 23 years. Prior to his employment at the City, Dick had worked as a trust officer at Toledo Trust Company and as counsel at the Sealtest Dairy Company. He continued to run his private law practice after retiring from the City until shortly before his death, focusing on tax law as well as property law and estates and trusts.

The son of a veteran himself, Dick served in the Air Force for four years where he achieved the rank of Lieutenant. He spent a significant portion of his time in the service stationed in Libya as a payroll officer.

Dick's service to the Greater Toledo community included his work as President and Board Member of Toledo Metro Federal Credit Union; President of Gesu-

Rosary Cathedral Credit Union; counsel for the American Legion and as a volunteer in a variety of capacities at Gesu Parish and School including the annual parish festival, the Boy Scout Troop and the School Board, as well as legal and other volunteer work with a number of local veteran's organisations. He was diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease in 2013 and became involved with and a proud advocate for Knock Out Parkinson's Disease.

Mr. O'Brien was pre-deceased by his father Joseph Lewis O'Brien, his mother Mary E. O'Brien, and by each of his siblings the Reverend Joseph L. O'Brien, Jr., Mary Pat (O'Brien) Elam, and Sharon (O'Brien) Reyes. He is survived by his devoted wife of 51 years Carol (Reiter) O'Brien, his daughter Kelly (O'Brien) Manuelidis of Fenton, Michigan - wife of his son-in-law Emanuel E. Manuelidis - and by his son Kevin P. O'Brien of Chicago, Illinois, as well as his three granddaughters Lyndsey Goodwin, Heather Goodwin, and Thalia Manuelidis.

Visitation will be Wednesday, November 9 from 4:00- 8:00 p.m. at Ansberg-West Funeral Home, 3000 Sylvania Avenue. Funeral services will be held Thursday, November 10 at 1:00 p.m. at Gesu Church, 2049 Parkside Blvd.

Per Dick's request, tributes in the form of donations should be directed to The International Boxing Club at <http://www.ibctoledo.org/donate.html> which, in conjunction with UT-MUO, coordinates and operates the Knock Out Parkinson's program he was so deeply committed to and benefited so greatly from.

Condolences for Dick's family may be expressed online at www.ansberg-west.com

Tribute Wall

MB

“ We are so sorry to hear about the loss of your husband and father. He was very gracious and helpful to us when we needed professional help. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you.

Mike and Kathy Bowes - November 10, 2016 at 06:37 PM

GW

“ I always enjoyed Dick's sense of humor on the golf course. Will miss him.

R.I.P. Dick

Gary Warren - November 10, 2016 at 09:47 AM

TK

“ Condolences to the family. I worked downtown in the 1970's 80's 90's. Knew him well. Polite Courteous and a class act. Rest in Peace. God Speed.

Tom Knight - November 10, 2016 at 07:39 AM

CB

“ It was a pleasure knowing Mr. O'Brien. We worked together in the City of Toledo Income Tax Office. He was a man of great knowledge of the tax law.

I send my deepest sympathy to his family. He will be greatly missed.

Rest in peace my friend,

Correan Baker
Las Vegas, NV

Correan Baker - November 10, 2016 at 02:44 AM

TC

“ Dick and I worked for the City of Toledo. He was the Commissioner of Taxation I was the City Auditor. Dick was a pleasure to work with and to golf with at Ottawa Park. I remember he had a secret weapon he carried in his bag. Some sort of sawed off club to get him out of difficult situations. What a treat for me to meet such a humble person.

TMR

Thomas M Roth CPA - November 09, 2016 at 03:47 PM

JW

“ I always enjoyed working with Dick. As an accountant in the practice of public accounting, with offices in downtown Toledo, since 1970, we had many occasions to interact. Both regarding City Taxes as well as casual conversations on the street of Toledo as we passed each other going about our business. After his retirement we had a few mutual clients that we jointly worked on. It was always a pleasure as he had great professional knowledge and it was easy to get the job done for the mutual benefit of the clients.

Jack White, CPA

Jack White - November 09, 2016 at 03:19 PM

LF

“ Our deepest sympathy to everyone. It was so great to have known Dick for as long as we did. He was a wonderful man with a huge heart who loved his family more than anything. May each of you find peace in a memory you each had with him and keep it in your heart. Your guardian angel will be with you forever ðÿ¼.

Bob, Cheryl and Chelsey
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Labadie Family - November 09, 2016 at 10:20 AM

DH

“ hi carol. I was very sorry to read about Dick's passing. he was such a nice person. I am sorry we will not be able to attend but wanted to tell how sorry we are and we are praying for you. The obituary sure brought back a lot of pleasant memories!

Dick and Carol Hayden(Feldhaus) - November 08, 2016 at 02:28 PM