



## Michael Joseph "OB" O'Brien

February 17, 1954 - March 5, 2017

Michael "OB" Joseph O'Brien passed away at the age of 63 on Sunday morning, March 5, 2017, in Palm Beach County, surrounded by the people he loved.

God saw him getting tired,  
and a cure was not to be.  
He wrapped him in his loving arms  
and whispered, "Come with me."

Michael was born in Montclair, NJ on February 17, 1954 to Edward and Roberta O'Brien. He served as a Marine in Vietnam and retired after 30 years as a Sergeant with the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office. Michael's kindness and gentle soul enriched all that knew him. He is survived by his children, daughter Autumn, son Casey, whom he loved; granddaughters, Shaelyn and Irelyn; his beloved mother, Roberta (predeceased by his father, Edward); siblings, Robert, Colleen and Brian; nieces, Kristen, Cassie, Brenna; nephews, Michael, Matthew, Boomer, Brian; great-niece, Kaylan.

In lieu of flowers, we ask that you make a sizeable purchase at your local watering hole and tell the stories he no longer can. Don't drink and drive, get a ride. The family suggests contributions to Disabled American Veterans at [DAV.org](http://DAV.org) or PO Box 14301, Cincinnati, OH 45250-0301.



# Tribute Wall



“ *Michael Joseph "OB" O'Brien*

October 22, 2023 at 10:17 AM



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**Jan Baird - Kenvi, NJ** - March 20, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ *Michael you were my big cousin, really big! I remember when we lived in aunt Bert & uncle Eds house in Florida, I was 5. I was always so impressed by you. I looked up to you. You were big, strong and genuinely sweet. I remember when my mom, my brother, and myself came to visit for Christmas. I was 14 and you still looked really big to me. Anyway, we were in the kitchen at your parents house and you were smoking a cigarette and blowing smoke rings. I thought that was the coolest thing. I kept making you show me again and again. No one knew I smoked, but you figured it out. You said you're very impressionable, I wonder why, hmm? I knew I was caught! But you kept my secret. You were 14 years older than me, but never treated me like a child. We didn't see each other much, but the times we did spend together, I will always treasure. Give my favorite big uncle Ed a big hug and kiss from me. Love those Irish smiling eyes. Keep smiling down on us with them. Love always, your little cuz JanJan Esposito Baird*

**A friend** - March 18, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ *It was a pleasure to work with Michael. A lot of fond funny memories. Rest in peace*

**Donnie Meyers - Townville, SC** - March 15, 2017 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ Brother Mike I have never met anyone that didn't like you and I have never heard you say a bad word about anyone.

You were a great brother and a cops cop you will be missed my friend .....

May the road rise up to meet you.

May the wind always be at your back.

May the sun shine warm upon your face,

And rains fall soft upon your fields.

And until we meet again,

Love you bro

Brian OBrien

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**Brian Obrien - North Palm Beach, FL - brother** - March 14, 2017 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ Michael, you will always be so very special and live on within my heart which is filled with so many wonderful memories. We met at a time when our lives were each at a crossroad, your friendship and love much needed and so sweet. No matter how difficult life seemed, a twinkle from your beautiful eyes and that devilish smile immediately calmed any woes. You have helped and touched the lives of so many through your Marine service to your country, your community service as Sgt. O'Brien and your genuine Irish friendship to many. My heartfelt condolences to your family and especially your Mom as you have left this world far too early. I have no doubt that the glorious sound of Irish Bagpipes, fit for Brian Boru himself, played joyously upon your heavenly arrival and your Dad awaited you with a cold beer alongside your Harley. You will be sorely missed along with your amazing stories. You mastered the art of storytelling, capable only by the old soul of a true Irishman. Please keep a watchful eye on those still here and keep us safe, especially from large rabbits running across our path, until we meet again. Love and eternal peace.

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**Carol Smith - Jupiter, FL** - March 14, 2017 at 12:00 AM

KF

“ Mike, my uncle, you were one of a kind with a heart of gold and a wonderful soul. You always stood up for me, reminded me why I should feel good about myself and made me laugh, just to state a few things. You were my favorite uncle, I looked forward to you coming to Mema and Pop pops and was sad when you couldn't make it. I can still hear your laugh, unique just like people like you. You served your Country and your community. You were a good friend, well loved by the ladies (though a gentleman) and an all around good man. I'm thankful I was blessed to have nothing but great memories with you.

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**Kristen Makholm - Palm Beach Gardens, FL - family** - March 13, 2017 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ Mike was an awesome wonderful person! I loved him dearly!! And will remember him fondly!

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**Jennifer Hayes - palm beach shores, FL - Friend** - March 13, 2017 at 12:00 AM

EF

“ Mike I have great memories of the good old days in OCB. You were a cop's cop a true warrior to the end. I feel blessed to have known you. God bless you and your family.

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**Ed Bajuelo - Hillsboro Beach, FL** - March 13, 2017 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ Remembering

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**Michael Stuckert - SYCAMORE, IL - Coworker** - March 13, 2017 at 12:00 AM

VK

“ *All that had the pleasure of knowing him and working with him will always miss him. A person is never gone until the last person that knew him speaks his name for the last time. In OB's case....he will probably live on forever. He was a great guy to work with both on the road and when I was in Homicide and he was in OCB. Lots of good times to remember. He was one hell of a great guy.*

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**Vito Piazza - Greensburg, KY** - March 13, 2017 at 12:00 AM