



Margaret "Mary" M. O'Brien

March 12, 1927 - March 22, 2014

A Funeral Mass for Mary was held on Wednesday, March 26, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Geneva. Father Tom Walsh officiated the services along with Father Julius Tvrdy, Mrgr. James Reinert. Burial followed the Mass in the St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery. Memorials are directed to the family to be designated at a later date. Margaret Mary (Weis) O'Brien, daughter of John R. and Margaret (Jungers) Weis, was born March 12, 1927, in Geneva, Nebraska. She passed away on Saturday, March 22, 2014, at York General Hearthstone in York, Nebraska, at the age of 87 years and 10 days.

The youngest of eight children, Mary attended Saint Joseph Catholic School through the eighth grade and graduated from Geneva High School in the class of 1944. After graduating, she worked at J.C. Penny and the Fillmore County Treasurer's Office, and she was a bookkeeper at Geneva State Bank, where she met her husband of 63 years. She was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church, St. Joseph Altar Society, and the Crosier Apostolate. A devout Catholic, Mary was devoted to daily mass and the rosary. She married John T. O'Brien of Grafton, Nebraska, on June 7, 1950, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Geneva. John and Mary had 10 children. Mary was a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother. She loved her family and enjoyed preparing holiday meals. Family was the center of her travels and activities. In addition, she was an avid reader and loved music. She made sure all her children had music lessons. Mary was a person of quiet intelligence who gave wise council to her family. Mary was preceded in death by her husband John T. O'Brien; her parents; her brothers Sylvester, Clarence, Joseph and Francis Weis; and her sisters Mildred Hayen, Lavina Reinsch, and Helen Engle. Mary is survived by children and spouses Margaret & husband David Fuchser of O'Neill, NE; John J. & wife Linda O'Brien of Sacramento, CA; Mary Kathryn & husband Thomas Gregg of Ralston, NE; Patrick J. & wife Cheryl O'Brien of Carroll, IA; Sharon & husband Max Miller of Geneva, NE; Joseph B. & wife Ann O'Brien of Malvern, PA; Jane O'Brien of Storm Lake, IA; Suzanne Zeutzius of Lincoln, NE; Michele & husband Matthew Gotschall of Columbus, NE; and Anne & husband Glen Slater of Clay Center, NE; sister-in-law Frances Fessler of Sutton, NE; grandchildren Brian Fuchser, Elizabeth Fuchser, and Kathryn & husband Kyle Meyer; Robert and wife Christina Gregg and Christina Marie Gregg and fiancée Jake Ozanne; Adam & wife Jaime O'Brien and Quinn & wife Miranda

O'Brien; Margie Miller and fiancée Fidel Martinez, Mark, and Matthew Miller; Carissa and Sean O'Brien; Benjamin Heath and Tanner and Emma Zeutzius; Madalyn, Macy, Molly, Monica, and Mallory Gotschall; Sara, Amanda, and Nicholas Slater; and great-grandchildren Connor & Noah O'Brien and Elijah Meyer.

Tribute Wall

RL

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Aunt Mary was such an example of devout Mother and Catholic. I always admired that in her.*

Roger, Mary and Bridget Lundberg - March 25, 2014 at 12:15 PM

PK

“ *I am sorry for your loss. I'm not sure if I met your mother although it's likely. My mother was Sally Weis Chamberlain (your mother's cousin) and my aunts Sr. Jane Francis Weis and Marcella Weis lived in Geneva for awhile. I remember hearing my mother talk about Margaret and her siblings and parents. My thoughts are with all of you.*

Pat Kohl - March 25, 2014 at 10:07 AM

DB

“ *I was sorry to hear about your Mom's passing. Our prayers are with you at this time.*

Debbie Bullock - March 24, 2014 at 08:33 PM

BF

“ *Prayers to the O'Brien family, many wonderful memories of Aunt Mary.*

Bruce, Bridget & Carly Franson - March 24, 2014 at 03:22 PM

TA

“ *To Mary's Family, So sorry to hear of Aunt Mary's passing. Your parents were always together and now they can be eternally together with their Lord. God Bless!*

Teresa O'Brien Anderson - March 24, 2014 at 10:10 AM

DB

“ *I feel like the Sanctuary Lamp at the church has been extinguished. What a role model of a faithful wife, mother and grandmother praying for her family Mary has been throughout her life. Her faith was what sustained her--and we often prayed for each other's intentions as moms and grandmas. Such powerful prayers offered from such a tiny, loving mother. Her prayers will no doubt continue and she is at peace. My sympathies on your loss.*

Deb Bixby - March 23, 2014 at 02:53 PM

MB

“ We're so very sorry to hear of your Loss. May God be with you & your family at this time of sorrow! We know she will be missed by those who knew and loved her!
God's Blessings!

Marv & Bridgette Brummer - March 23, 2014 at 10:34 AM

KW

“ Dear O'Briens,
Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Aunt Mary was a wonderful and loving aunt. She helped Mom so many times, and we have never forgotten her love and concern for the McCarthy children!

Kathleen (McCarthy) and Tim Wilbeck - March 23, 2014 at 12:37 AM