



## John P. O'Brien

September 4, 1940 - August 4, 2020

John "Johnny" P. O'Brien, age 77, of Shelton, passed away Tuesday, August 4, 2020, at his home. A funeral mass will be held at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, August 8, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Shelton with Father Jorge Canela officiating. Interment will follow at Prairie Home Cemetery in Holdrege, at approximately 11:45 a.m. Visitation will be 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Friday followed by a 7:00 p.m. Rosary at the church.

John Patrick O'Brien was born April 15, 1943, in Los Angeles, California, to Harlan and Leithe (Thiel) O'Brien. When he was a young boy the family moved to Shelton, where John attended Shelton Public School, graduating with the class of 1960. He later attended Kearney State College.

On August 31, 1963, John was united in marriage to Patricia J. McRoberts in Shelton. John began his career as a banker, which took him and his family to Taylor, Stratton, Colorado, and back to Shelton before becoming a rural route carrier for USPS, retiring in 2010. He had a life-long desire to learn how to fly, which he accomplished by taking a solo flight in 1973. John enjoyed watching westerns and was an avid Husker football fan. He had a passion for big game hunting. But most of all, he enjoyed spending time with his family and attending his grandchildren's events. John was a member of the Shelton Sacred Heart Catholic Church and had been a member of the Knights of Columbus since 1973, achieving the Fourth Degree.

Left to cherish his memory are his wife, Pat O'Brien, of Shelton; son, Robert "Bob" O'Brien, of Shelton; daughter, Barbara (Joe) Berglund, of Shelton;

grandchildren, Camron and Emmilly Berglund, of Shelton; sister, Linda Fosler, of Kansas City, Missouri; as well as, two nieces; and several cousins and extended family and friends.

John was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Thomas O'Brien; and brother-in-law, Carl Fosler.

Memorials are suggested to the Sacred Heart Catholic Church or to the family. Condolences may be shared online at [www.osrfh.com](http://www.osrfh.com). Services are entrusted to O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral and Cremation Services.

# Cemetery Details

## Prairie Home Cemetery

2515 18th Avenue  
Holdrege, NE

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 7. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Sacred Heart Catholic Church  
Shelton, NE

## Vigil / Prayer Service

AUG 7. 7:00 PM (CT)

Sacred Heart Catholic Church  
Shelton, NE

## Funeral Mass

AUG 8. 9:30 AM (CT)

Sacred Heart Catholic Church  
Shelton, NE

# Tribute Wall



“ *John P. O'Brien*

January 28, 2023 at 08:01 AM



“ *Sympathy for the family*

**Claire McKibven** - August 13, 2020 at 06:30 PM



“ *Michelle Wallace purchased the Simply Elegant S pathiphyllum for the family of John P. O'Brien.*



**Michelle Wallace** - August 06, 2020 at 11:22 AM



“ *John was great guy! He will be missed!*



**Fr. Paul Colling** - August 05, 2020 at 07:44 PM

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“ *Love Your Thiel Cousins purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of John P. O'Brien.*



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**Love Your Thiel Cousins** - August 05, 2020 at 02:18 PM