



## Mr James O'Brien

April 20, 2017

Birth: December 9, 1922 Rochester, Monroe County New York, USA

Death: April 20, 2017 Fairhope, Baldwin County Alabama, USA

James William O'Brien, 94, of Fairhope, Alabama died at home surrounded by his loving wife and family on April 20th.

James is survived by his wife; Madeline Jean (Maglione), his four sons; William A. O'Brien, Portland, Oregon, Patrick J. (Martha) O'Brien, Baltimore Maryland, Joseph A. (Nancy) O'Brien, Solon, Ohio, Michael F. (Rita) O'Brien, Binghamton, New York, and one daughter, Dr. Barbara L. O'Brien (Dr. Michael Houston), Fairhope, Alabama and seven Grandchildren; Patrick, Jessica and Christopher Houston, Elliott and Claire O'Brien, Kevin O'Brien and Maxfield O'Brien, as well as many cousins and extended family members.

The family would like to give special thanks to his caretakers, Elaine Bullock, Brenda Ford, Carol Hollis, Bernidette Yates, Community Hospice of Baldwin County and Fairhope United Methodist Church Shepherd's Place.

James was born in Rochester, Monroe County, New York, USA, the only son of William James and Julia McCarthy O'Brien. Following a tragic automobile accident in 1932 that took the lives of both his parents, James was raised by three families; his Aunt Nora and Uncle John Dugan, James and Nelly

Reagan, and Aunt Agnes O'Brien.

After graduating from High School in Rochester, New York, James enlisted and served in the Army Air Corps in WW II, where he was a 2nd Lieutenant and received his silver pilot wings before honorable discharge. James was graduated from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, New York as a metallurgical engineer where he met the love of his life, Madeline Jean Maglione. They were married February 11, 1950, and celebrated 67 years of love and adventures. Their courtship began by reading each other poems, followed by raising a family starting in Illinois and Michigan, but settling in Cleveland Heights, Ohio which they considered their true home. Jim and Madeline also spent one adventurous year in 1981 working in Toluca, Mexico.

James lifetime interests were geology, genealogy, photography, racquetball, swimming, reading and finding ways of helping others including work tutoring to promote child literacy. His passion was to spread God's peace and understanding throughout the world. During his time in Cleveland Heights, Ohio he was an active member of the Community of Christ the Servant in Cleveland, Ohio.

A celebration of Memorial Mass will be held on Saturday, May 27, 2017 at noon at St. Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church, 601 W Laurel Ave Foley, Alabama 36535. Interment is to be scheduled in Cleveland, Ohio at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to his favorite charity, Saint Jude's Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee.

Arrangements are by Cason Funeral Service Foley Alabama  
Please go to [www.casonfuneralservice.com](http://www.casonfuneralservice.com) to sign Memorial Book



# Previous Events

## Mass of Christian Burial

MAY 27. 12:00 PM (CT)

St Margaret's of Scotland Catholic Church  
601 West Laurel Ave  
Foley, AL 36535