



John Dennis O'Brien

November 20, 1941 - October 1, 2018

John Dennis "JD" O'Brien

JD was born November 20, 1941 in Pittsburgh, PA and passed peacefully on October 1, 2018 in Orlando, Florida at age 76. He was the beloved husband of Janice for 52 years, father of son, Kevin and daughter, Kelly Wilson (husband Rob) and proud grandfather of Nate Wilson. He is also survived by a very special sister, Pat (husband Wayne) and brother, Tom, along with many wonderful nieces and a nephew, as well as grand nieces, nephews, and cousins. JD was known for his friendly and welcoming personality. He served in the Florida National Air Guard & Air Force and attended University of Florida and then later graduated from FAU in 1967, but he's always been a "Gator" at heart. He loved sports especially football and soccer. He became a huge soccer fan when his son starting playing at an early age in Minnesota, and soon his younger daughter was playing too. He studied the sport and started coaching: first his son and then his daughter and ended up certifying himself as both a coach and a FIFA certified referee. Once he moved to Orlando he became an avid Orlando City fan. Since the age of 18, he was a proud and active member of the Knights of Columbus; serving as Grand Knight in Jacksonville Council # 648 in 2006-07, with his most recent being Council #11328. He was a member of the 4th Degree and served in the Color Corp while in Jacksonville. He was also an active member of the Blessed Trinity Men's Club in Orlando.

The family has asked you consider donations to the following charities in lieu of sending flowers:

American Diabetes Association

American Heart Association

Catholic Charities of Central Florida

Previous Events

Memorial Mass

OCT **13**. 2:00 PM (ET)

Blessed Trinity Catholic Church
4545 Anderson Road
Orlando, FL 32812

Tribute Wall

TS

“ Dear Janice,

JD has touched many lives and inspired all those he came in contact with. The community has lost one of its very best. He will be long remembered for all the good works he did. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. We are very sorry for your loss. We pray that our Lord will give you and your family peace and strength during this difficult time.

*Fondly,
Connie and Theresa Sabiston*

Theresa Sabiston - October 12, 2018 at 09:13 AM

SD

“ Lord,

We pray for the family and friends who grieve today. We ask for your comfort to surround them and for the peace of your presence to settle over their hearts. Walk with them through this time of sorrow and comfort them with the knowledge that they will see JD again in heaven.

In Jesus name, Amen.

The Duff family Orlando

Shannon Duff - October 09, 2018 at 06:03 PM

GO

“ Dear Janice;

My love and prayers are with you and your family.

Gladys Orlando

Gladys Orlando - October 07, 2018 at 10:44 AM

JG

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with Janice and her family*

Jerry and Judith Gaye

Judith and Jerry Gaye - October 06, 2018 at 03:40 PM

TR

“ *Janice, May beautiful memories of John sustain you and your family during this difficult time. Thinking and praying for you all.*

Trish Reid

CCW

Trish Reid - October 06, 2018 at 12:56 PM

MB

*How did J D O'B pass? I've known him since 1966 in Fremont, Ca.
Mark B.*

Mark Beaudreau - April 23, 2021 at 12:20 AM

IS

“ My fondest memory of JD is praying peacefully for an end to abortion as he, Janice and I stood on the sidewalk during 40 Days for Life in front of Planned Parenthood's abortion center on Tampa Ave in downtown Orlando. How wonderful that just the week before he died that place finally shut down (in 9/27)! Rest in peace, JD! Your legacy of faith and love-in-action continues in those you have inspired! Love,
Irene

Irene Doyle Sandler - October 06, 2018 at 12:15 PM

MB

“ What a Beautiful Picture of JD's smile and bright eyes! Sharing the same grade school (Assumption) and High School (Alfred I. duPont), JD has been a happy part of our lives - mine for 65+ years. For all the years we had him, we are truly grateful, and for all the days we will miss him, we ask that Our Lord heal our hearts and turn our sorrows into sweet memories. We'll see you again, JD, on the other side!!

Love and Blessings,
(Rev.) Marsha McKinlay Brandt
Jacksonville, Florida

Marsha McKinlay Brandt - October 05, 2018 at 11:59 AM