



Dennis M. O'Brien

November 4, 2024

Dennis M. O'Brien, 89, of Des Moines, Iowa, passed away peacefully on November 4th, 2024. Born on April 29, 1935 in Des Moines, Dennis was the beloved son of Robert Emmett O'Brien and Emily Edith (Walsh) O'Brien.

Dennis graduated from Dowling High School in Des Moines before earning a bachelor's degree at Loras College. A man of quiet strength, Dennis started his career at Equitable of Iowa where he met his soulmate, Juliann. They married shortly after meeting. Soon after, he began working in pharmaceutical sales and retired from this field.

Family was the heart of Dennis's life.

He is survived by, a daughter, Kathleen (Nat) O'Brien-Pisupati; a son, Bryan (Joan) O'Brien; a daughter Tara (Bart) Volpintesta; daughter Deirdre O'Brien; and four grandchildren (Sanjay, Siobhan, Maxwell and Samuel), along with his sister Mary (O'Brien) Caskey and sister-in-law, Mary (Fresco) O'Brien.

Dennis had a passion for Ireland, travel, Notre Dame football, golf and all types of food. He loved to read about history. His deep knowledge left an impression on many and created cherished memories for those who joined him. He will also be remembered for his humor and ability to spell any word. He won the spelling bee in 1947 at KRNT Theater.

Dennis was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 62 years, Juliann, his parents and his brother Pat. A celebration of his life will take place at a later date. Dennis M. O'Brien will be deeply missed by all who knew him, but his memory and the lessons he taught will live on in the hearts of his family and friends forever.

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“ Thank you for entrusting us to handle the arrangements for Dennis. To his children, family & friends' - I extend my deepest sympathies and wish both peace, and comfort during this time. Ashley Bradford, Admin Team-member at Simply Cremation & Funeral Arrangements

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We loved Dennis and Julie. We spent many evenings playing cards, spent many New Year's Eve together, and can't forget St. Paddy's Day...for Julie cooking. We traveled to Acapulco, Mexico! We'll miss them.

Bob & Donna King

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