



Delphine Caroline O'Brien

July 18, 1931 - October 9, 2013

Delphine Caroline O'Brien, age 82, a resident of Berkley, died October 9, 2013 in Pontiac. She was born July 18, 1931 in Detroit. Mrs. O'Brien was the owner of Del O'Brien's Multi-Entertainment for 35 years. She was a member of the National Shrine of the Little Flower for more than 50 years. She was a member of the Oakland County Boat Club, Berkley Chamber of Commerce and Kiwanis. She loved traveling, including several trips to Ireland and was an honorary ambassador of Aruba. She enjoyed spending time on her pontoon boat on Sylvan Lake, golfing, going to live theater and the symphony. She loved music, playing the piano and singing in the Detroit Rackham Choir and the Shrine Choir. She was most proud of being married to the late Honorable John O'Brien, Circuit Court Judge died March 30, 1993; the couple married November 22, 1958 at Duns Scotus Chapel in Southfield. She is survived by her children, Shannon O'Brien, John Judi O'Brien, Timothy O'Brien, Maureen Mike Orsini and Patrick Shelly O'Brien; sisters-in-law, Shirley O'Brien and Margie Turner; grandchildren, Laura, Sean Elaine, Mike, Katie, John, Matt, Molly, Cally, Liam, Jake, Jessica, Michaela, Briana, Connor and Maryn; and great grandchildren, Alexander, Landon, Angelo and Brayden. She was preceded in death by her husband, John; and siblings, Elizabeth Self and Thomas W. Turner, Jr. The visitation will be Saturday 2-8 p.m. and Sunday 3-8 p.m. with a 7 p.m. scripture service officiated by Rev. Edward Prus at the Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 705 W 11 Mile Road 4 blks. E of Woodward, Royal Oak. Mrs. O'Brien will lie in state Monday 9:30 a.m. until the time of

Mass 10 a.m. at the National Shrine of the Little Flower in Royal Oak. The burial will take place at Roseland Park Cemetery in Berkley. Memorials to the Manresa Jesuit Retreat House in Bloomfield Hills are appreciated. Share your memories at www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com.

Tribute Wall

HE

“ It came very late I know, but I just found out about Del. She was such a dear lady and every time we spoke on the phone I hung up with a smile on my face. The world is a little sadder with her no longer here, but I bet heaven is a much brighter place. My condolences to her large family. You had a wonderful lady for a long time. Bless all of you.

Herb - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SE

“ I think I can speak for all of my cousins and certainly can for myself when I say that I feel honored to be a grandchild of Nana’s and Pop’s. I always felt important hanging out with them. I have so many qualities in my life that I thank my grandmother for. All of my Aunts and Uncle’s and my Mom are the most obvious one’s. My feelings are the same with regard to being my mothers kid - honored. We’ll all miss you Nana! Until we meet again... Xo

Sean - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KH

“ I have the bright glint of her eyes and big grin and wonderful spirit and laugh radiating right now as I remember Del...I’m so sorry. Our dad passed away two weeks ago. He, your dad, and my dad are all holding fun court in Heaven now-with Del running the happy show! : Lots of love to you all. What an amazing family and an amazing energetic wonderful matriarch Del has been whose life inspires many to follow in her exuberant ways! Kendra McConnell Hurd

Kendra McConnell Hurd - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CG

“*Del was a beautiful woman, with a heart as big as they come. She loved and supported musicians - she was our biggest cheerleader. The Detroit music scene is a little less bright without her presence. I will miss her cheery smile and her friendly phone calls. I'm sure she's planning the entertainment in heaven right now. I send my sincere condolences to her family.*

Christa Grix - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SS

“*To all of you, Del's children and grandchildren and those others who considered themselves "Del's Kids--Del's family:"On behalf of the Shrine parish community, I offer you our condolences and continuing prayers as you begin to feel the great loss of your mother through death. Someone who had such energy and life among us, will certainly still make her presence known in many new ways as she lives her new life in God. May she be a helper, an advocate for all of us who are still on our way!God bless you!Sister Noreen Ellison, SC*

Sister Noreen Ellison, SC - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DB

“*Del went on our annual 'Girl Trip' every year. She brought such imagination and fun to our group. She thought up our theme last year, ladies in red or scarlet women and it blossomed into our trip being a fundraiser for the American Heart Association. One of our girls does the Heart walk every year, and our funds will sponsor her walk. Sandy will be walking this year in honor of our Del. Rest in Peace dear Del.*

Dori Bingham - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ Dear O'Brien family, I am remorseful about your loss and like to extend my deepest sympathy for your loved one Delphine O'Brien. From personal experience I know that the death of a love one causes pain and grief and sometimes it seems unbearable. The Scriptures contain comfort that can assist us during times of distress. The ransom of Jesus and the hope of seeing my loved one again in the resurrection brought me comfort. I would like to share these three scriptures with you to give you comfort John 5:28, 29, Acts 24:15 and Romans 15:4. May the God of comfort give you peace and rest. Mrs. Higgins

Mrs Higgins - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RP

“ Words cannot express how much Del will Be missed not only by her many friends, but most of all her family. You were her life. Del made a difference in my life.

Rose Pomroy - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LP

“ Aunt Del - it's been 27 yrs since we left Michigan but I can still hear her voice ringing in my ears - that exuberant and confident woman left her mark! Aunt Del helped us with the swing trio for our wedding reception-and, of course, it was perfect. During that process I was amazed at how many people she knew and what a power house she was in the entertainment industry. She was a great role model women and showed us how you can have it all - family, friends, career and love of God. I'm sure she's getting things organized and livening up Heaven! Love to the O'Brien clan. Lynn Bettendorf Purdy.

Lynn Purdy - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LO

“ *Del was my second mom also! Such a fun and strong lady. There is no one like her.*

Lore - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

ST

“ *She was like my second mother. I will miss her terribly!*

Susie Taylor - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BL

“ *My deepest sympathy to the O'Brien family. Your Mother had a wonderful sense of humor and was always a breath of fresh air. She will be missed.*

BETTY LOU LOWENTHAL - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PS

“ *I'll miss my dear friend and "symphony partner." For twenty-one years, we've been the mothers-in-law, shared family events and a great friendship as well. I have wonderful memories of going to our DSO Pops series, numerous dinners and gab-fests, social, political and charity events together. She made friends wherever we went and told the best stories! Fare thee well, my dear friend-I'll save your seat at Orchestra Hall.*

Patti Shafer - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CT

“ *A dynamic women way ahead of her time. Her knowledge, and love will hopefully create a cloak of peace for her loving family*

Cass Tacey - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LU

“ To the children of Delphine: Larry and I have fond memories of your mother and you children from the days when we were on Munger Rd, in Holly. The Pig roast and all the parties at the lake. We are really glad we went to the hoedown last year and was able to talk to all of you and your mother She was very proud of her children and their accomplishments. May the good Lord keep all of you in the palms of his hands. We send our deepest sympathy to you all. She was such an out going person always laughing and smiling . May she rest in peace.Love to all Larry & Diane Ulanski

Larry & Diane Ulanski - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GT

“ So sad. I worked with and for Del for more than 25 years.

Gary Thison - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ A WONDERFUL LADY , SHE WAS MY GO TO PERSON FOR SO MUCH OF MY ENTERTAINMENT NEEDS for the Chrysler Management Club.. We laughed and talked about so many things. Dinner at Picano's, Boat Club ,the cottage visit were super. She certainly loved her convertible and the story on how she got it. Jim and Barbara Smith

Jim Smith - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CK

“ So sorry to hear of Del's passing she was a dynamo and always ready to help with acts for the Oakland County Boat Club, she will be missed!Chris KiehmSavannah GA

Chris Kiehm - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM