



## Michael J. O'Brien Obituary

August 14, 1954 - July 15, 2007

Michael James O'Brien, 52, of Albany, died Sunday, July 15, 2007 at his residence. The memorial service will be held at 11 AM Wednesday at First United Methodist Church with Rev. Mike McAfee officiating. Mr. O'Brien was born in Albany and was self-employed as a carpenter and master craftsman. He was a member of First United Methodist Church where he was in the Sanctuary Choir, The Open Door Sunday School Class, served on the First Methodist Mission Team, and was in the Biscuit Boys Devotional Group. Mr. O'Brien was also a volunteer for habitat for Humanity. He was preceded in death by his father, Jack O'Brien; his mother, Marguerite O'Brien; and a sister, Peggy Wiechens. Mr. O'Brien is survived by his wife, Elaine Singleton O'Brien; two daughters, Emily Jackson and her husband Anson of Sylvester, and Hannah Beck of Albany; two sons, Michael Paul O'Brien of Albany, and Leonard Travis "Buddy" O'Brien of Leesburg; two brothers, John T. O'Brien and his wife Beth of Albany, and Patrick W. O'Brien and his wife Debbie of Orange Park; four grandchildren; mother and father-in-law, Glenn and Charlotte Singleton of Leesburg; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Aubrey Singleton, Jeff Singleton, Brandi Singleton, all of Albany, Anita and Matt Phillips of Mexico Beach, FL, and Charlene Matre of Franklin, NC. The family will receive friends at Kimbrell-Stern Funeral Directors Tuesday, from 5 PM until 7 PM. You may sign the online guestbook and share your own special thoughts and memories with the family of Mr. O'Brien by visiting Kimbrell-Stern's website at [www.kimbrellstern.com](http://www.kimbrellstern.com). Those desiring may make memorial

contributions to First United Methodist Church Mission Team, 307 Flint Ave., Albany, GA 31701, or to Albany Community Hospice, P.O. Box 1828, Albany, GA 31702.

# Tribute Wall



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“ *I miss you*

**Elaine - Salt Lake City, UT - wife** - January 07, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *pops its been almost four years since you left us here i think of you everyday and miss you more and more i know you are lookin down on all of us and i hope im makin you proud i love you pops i cant wait till im walkin by your side again i love you.*

**brady obrien** - October 06, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BO

“ pops i miss u i want forget the time i did get to see u i know ur walking by his side looking down on all of us i love u and miss u

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**brady obrien** - November 26, 2007 at 12:00 AM

CD

“ To a very ole Friend,haven't seen you for such a long time,never will forget all of our great times,Love the memories!! I'll miss knowing that you are around,so greatful that I knew Mike, I'll see you on the other side ole FRIEND!!

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**Connie Davis}Walker** - July 29, 2007 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ Michael was a wonderful person; kind and thoughtful. Also, he was a great artisan! His creation of cabinets and bar in my home was, and is, beautiful. He will be greatly missed by all. Carolyn Hatcher

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**Carolyn K. Hatcher** - July 23, 2007 at 12:00 AM

KY

“ I am very sad to hear of Mike's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with his family.

*I knew Mike in Jr High and High School. In that short time we became friends and his sense of humor and kindness has stayed a happy memory with me all of those years.*

*He will be missed by all who knew and loved him.*

*Kim Youngblood*

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**Kim Youngblood** - July 23, 2007 at 12:00 AM

BP

“ sorry about you lose a hope your family is going to be ok and my thoughts and prayers are going to be with them

bradley pritchard - July 23, 2007 at 12:00 AM

KF

“ Don't know what to say I'm so sorry

Ken Ferrell - July 22, 2007 at 12:00 AM

LO

“ pam i rully miss you a lot i pray four you and every one pas in the fulnay to.i have fumrm tommy laety.i did get in tuch with hem on motherday thaur was the last time i talk to he and his little fulay .i am shor he is bezz with the boy

lisa ohler - July 22, 2007 at 12:00 AM

RA

“ Elaine, I remeber that Chirstmas party at your home a few years ago, White Mike, as Tamiko called him was a wonderful man. You and your family are in my preayers.

Ross Arrowood - July 21, 2007 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ Dear Elaine,  
We were saddened to read, in the Sylvester Local, of the loss of your husband. Buddy and I have fond memories of times we spent with your parents when you and Anita were little girls. We hope your faith and testimony of eternal life bring you a measure of comfort during this difficult time in your and your family's lives. Please know you are in our thoughts and prayers.

Fondly,  
Buddy and Cora Brettel

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**Cora Brettel** - July 19, 2007 at 12:00 AM

LG

“ I don't know where to begin. I remember Michael when I was part of the youth group not too long ago at FUMC. I loved to be around him when we went on trips such as Red Bird and other mission trips. He was such a wonderful person to be around and a kindred spirit. I looked up to him as a father figure! He was one of my very close friends and definitely one of my favorite people. He always made it a point to give me a hug when he saw me! I remember him teaching me so much about carpentry during Habitat and mission trips. He was very skilled at what he did and wanted to teach others about his craft as well. My deepest sympathies go out to all of his family and friends. We have lost a truly beautiful person but we know that he is in a much better place watching over all of us. He is loved and missed dearly.

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**Lauren Cotton-Americus, GA** - July 19, 2007 at 12:00 AM

ET

“ Dear Elaine, My deepest sympathy in the loss of your husband. I didn't know about his illness but I do know about losing a husband by an illness. That's why I wanted to let you know that my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this moment. I met him at the Lab Christmas Party in Leary about 3 years ago and he was very nice and friendly. May the Lord give you strength and comfort in the coming days ahead. Love, EVELYN

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**EVELYN TORRELLAS** - July 18, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ Elaine, I want you to know that you are in my thoughts and prayers. I love you and Hannah both very much!

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**Jessica Beck** - July 18, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ I was sad to hear about Mike's passing. He was one of my first boyfriends; he used to take me horse-back riding. He was the first boy to give me a box of Valentine candy (I probably saved the box!) What a great guy. My sympathies to your family and John.  
Joy Womack Riley

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**Joy Womack Riley** - July 18, 2007 at 12:00 AM

WB

“ My fond memories of Mike begin at Palmyra Elementary. I hope years of happy memories will help his large family cope with their loss.  
Wendy Champion Baker

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**Wendy Champion Baker** - July 18, 2007 at 12:00 AM

LV

“ *My deepest sympathy is with you at this time. Michael was such a blessing to my family at a time when we desperately needed his help and even though he was dealing with a monstrous disease at that time he bent over backwards to be a friend, mentor and confidant to my husband.  
God bless you!  
Laura Valentine*

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**Laura Valentine** - July 17, 2007 at 12:00 AM

TG

“ *Elaine, I am so sorry to hear about your loss. I know God will wrap his loving arms around you and your family during this very difficult time. You and your loved ones are in my thoughts and prayers. Tina Giovingo*

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**Tina Womble Giovingo** - July 17, 2007 at 12:00 AM

PM

“ *Dear family of Mike Obrien:  
Our hearts are sad along side you because of the death of Mike O'Brien. He was a great guy with a wonderful Servant heart.....Truly, FUMC will miss this giving, caring soul.  
Know our thoughts are with you all.  
Patsy Martin*

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**Patsy Martin** - July 17, 2007 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ *Elaine, Michael will always be a part of the Biscuit Boy's and close to all our hearts!*

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**Randall Belt** - July 17, 2007 at 12:00 AM

GC

“ John and Pat, I am very sorry to read about Mike. My thoughts and prayers are with you in this tough time. Gene Callaway

Gene Callaway - July 17, 2007 at 12:00 AM

CT

“ MIKE WAS A GREAT PERSON TO BE AROUND. ALWAYS MADE YOU SMILE AND LAUGH.

Christina Tabb - July 17, 2007 at 12:00 AM

CD

“ Michael was truly an inspiration to the many people who came into contact with him. I feel honored to have known him.

Cindy DuPree - July 17, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ Very, very sorry for the loss of your love one. From what Karen tells me, he was a very loving and wonderful husband. I wish I could have met him in person. We love you here in pathology.

Jennifer Jackson - July 17, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JE

“ I am an old friend of Buddy's. I hate to hear that his father has passed. The family has my deepest sympathies.

Jenny - July 17, 2007 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ Elaine, I am so sorry for your loss! My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family! Michelle and Mark Faircloth

Michelle and Mark Faircloth - July 16, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ *Elaine, I am so sorry to hear about your husband's passing. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers as you go through this very difficult time. Love, Julie*

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**Julie Boyette** - July 16, 2007 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ *We are so sorry to hear about Michael's passing. We knew him from Habitat. The family will be in our prayers.*

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**Mike and Jeanne Brooks** - July 16, 2007 at 12:00 AM

LC

“ *Elaine-  
So so sorry to hear the news. I never met Michael but I knew him through you and how happy you were. Work could be crazy and hectic but you always had a peaceful and content expression on your face when speaking of him. My thoughts and prayers are with you and yours.*

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**Lisa Robinson Creel** - July 16, 2007 at 12:00 AM

ZR

“ *Elaine, We (Rhoda and I) are sorry for your loss. We grew close to Michael as he visited our clinic. We are praying for your strength to bear the pain of his loss. We love you!*

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**Zenobia and Rhoda** - July 16, 2007 at 12:00 AM

SG

“ Elaine, please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this time. I never had the privilege of meeting Michael but had heard so many wonderful things about him.

You know I love you. You have ALWAYS been a special person and friend to me. I pray God's peace within you knowing that what we all hope for has now been revealed to Michael and what a glorious reunion it will be someday.

Shirley Green

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Shirley Green - July 16, 2007 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ Mike O'Brien was the best friend I ever had. He was always the encourager, and never let me get too down on myself. I will miss saying goodbye to Mike in Albany, and will have to do that in my own way as responsibilities keep me here in San Antonio, Texas. However, I know I will miss his friendship the rest of my days and wish for the reunion that we will all share in Heaven. Space on this medium prevents me from fully expressing my feelings other than to say this. I knew I could always count on Mike, that he always wanted the best and highest for me, and he was a true friend. What better compliment can a man give another. I will always love you, my brother in Christ.

Dr. Charles Salter

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Charles Salter - July 16, 2007 at 12:00 AM

PH

“ I will always remember my "neighbors" and the fun times we had together. Michael will be missed and remembered forever. My greatest sympathies to Elaine, the love of his life.

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Peggy Hamlin - July 16, 2007 at 12:00 AM