



## Mary "Mari" O'Brien

November 2, 1929 - September 28, 2018

Mary O'Brien (nee O'Connor), born November 2, 1929 in Youghal, Co. Cork, Ireland, died peacefully in her home in Chicago on September 28, 2018. Loving and dedicated wife of Maurice whom she missed dearly since his death in 2015. Loving mother, role model and inspiration for Michael (Cheryl), Ethna (Jim) Byrne and John (Katy). Adored Nana to James, Kevin, Cora, Meaghan, Brenna, Emily, Emma, Tara, Alexander, Andrew and Ashley. Cherished sister of Anne (late Dan) Reppen, Eithne (John) O'Flynn, Angela (late Seamus) Dwyer, Diarmuid "Jerry" (Christina) O'Connor and the late George O'Connor. Aunt and dear friend to many. Raised in Youghal, Mary left for London at the age of 16 to help to support her family. She returned to Ireland after a few years where she and Maurice were married in 1952. In search of a more secure life, shortly thereafter, they emigrated, first to Toronto and then to Chicago, settling here in 1956. Long time employee of Loyola University Chicago where she excelled at her craft. Mary was a woman of faith and remained Irish to her core. No day passed in which she did not think of the family and friends that remained in Ireland. Loved by all who knew her. "[Our] love is always with you, and love is stronger than death." Oscar Wilde. Rest well with all our love. Visitation in church Friday Oct 5, 10:30 a.m. with Mass at 11, St. Timothy Catholic Church, 6326 N. Washtenaw, Chicago. Internment All Saints Cemetery, DesPlaines. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Dystonia Medical Research Foundation (<https://www.dystonia-foundation.org>) are appreciated.

# Cemetery Details

## All Saints Cemetery

700 N River Road  
DesPlaines, IL 60016  
<http://www.catholiccemeterieschicago.org/locations.php?cem=2>

# Previous Events

## Visitation in Church

OCT 5. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM.

St Timothy Catholic Church  
6326 N Washtenaw  
Chicago, IL

## Funeral Mass

OCT 5. 11:00 AM.

St Timothy Catholic Church  
6326 N Washtenaw  
Chicago, IL

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mary "Mari" O'Brien*

October 08, 2023 at 11:31 AM

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“ *Sympathy to all the family on the death of Marie. Thinking of you all today. Mickey and Mary O'Connor and family Listowel, Co Kerry, Ireland (Cousins)*

**Kathleen O'Connor** - October 05, 2018 at 03:21 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mary "Mari" O'Brien.*



October 04, 2018 at 03:51 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mary "Mari" O'Brien.*



October 03, 2018 at 08:03 PM



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October 03, 2018 at 07:10 AM