



## Michael Francis O'Brien

February 5, 1951 - May 29, 2020

Michael F. O'Brien, 69 of Lewes passed away Friday, May 29, 2020, in the comfort of his home. Mike was determined to fight his battle with cancer, and lasted much longer than expected, by never giving up hope and pushing through life one day at a time. Mike loved life and his family. He was such a sweet, kind, and caring soul. He was loved by many and will be dearly missed.

Mike enjoyed many things, but was especially fond of cars, fishing, cruises, the Philadelphia Eagles, and was a proud participant and team member of Pumpkin Chunkin. In addition to his hobbies, Mike loved his job at Tanger Outlets, and was even honored with a reward for loyalty in 2018. Mike also really enjoyed being the Tanger Outlet mascot Tangerroo during his tenure.

Mike was preceded by his father Thomas E. O'Brien Sr.; his mother Louise Murphy O'Brien; his daughter, Rischel Renne O'Brien; his brother, Thomas O'Brien Jr, and his beloved dogs Ginger and Jack. He is survived by his sister, Patricia Ristine and her husband Rusty; his sister, Deborah Geary; his brother, Timothy O'Brien; his sister, Rita Tate and her husband Chris; his brother, Terrence O'Brien and his partner Dave; and many loving nieces and nephews. Mike was also survived by his life partner of over 22 years, Pam DiBiaso, and her children, Danielle Aguanno and her husband Mark, and their children, Dante, Gianni, and Nicolas. Nicole Scott and her husband Devin, and their children, Mia and Gia. Mike enjoyed being a pop pop and the grandkids were very present in his life and he always attended all their events. Mike also considered The Pumpkin Chunkin and Tanger Outlet community extended family. With great appreciation, we would like to thank Sussex Delaware Hospice, Tunnel Cancer Center, and all the doctors, nurses, and staff for their loving care.

Due to the Covid Pandemic Restrictions, immediate services will be private. A further celebration of Mr. O'Brien's Life will be announced at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions in Mr. O'Brien's memory to Delaware

Hospice, 100 Patriots Way, Milford, DE 19963 or Beebe Medical Foundation, ATTN:  
Tunnell Cancer Center Garden Program, 902 Savannah Road, Lewes, DE 19958

Please sign the online remembrance page at this site.

# Comments

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“ My heart is with your entire family Pam. Mike was always smiling and happy. He was a fighter, but now he can rest in Heaven with all the other angels who will be watching down over you and your family.

**Meg Geisewite** - June 07 at 09:05 AM

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“ Pam and my cousins, I am sorry to her of Mike's passing. His suffering is over. I'm thinking of all of you. Regards and Janet (Rae) Marnell

**Janet Marnell** - June 04 at 06:25 AM

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“ Dear Pam: For the years of love, compassion and loyalty to Mike, we are forever grateful.

To all my cousins: The memories, joy and time spent with Mike will remain as time spent with the most sensitive, gentle, kind and loving human being we have been blessed to know. On a quick stopover from a cruise, Mike chose to use his time having lunch with my 90+ dad before a stop at the original Cheers Pub of TV fame. Our afternoon ending with a quick pint and walking tour of Faneuil Hall before returning the “cruise enthusiast” to the dock for rebounding. Mike's weekly calls to share the pumpkin chuck tales and his faithful Tuesday wellness calls were the highlights during my long recuperation.

I'll miss those calls but there is an old camp song that come to mind: “Into my heart I slip a coin, that time cannot take nor a thief purloin, oh, better than the minting of gold “Crown King” is the safe kept memory of a lovely thing.” Mike will remain as my treasured memory, be at peace. Roberta and Horace

**Roberta and Horace Jones** - June 03 at 11:55 AM

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“ My sweet uncle, my god father! I will miss him forever, until we see each other again in heaven...The family is going to miss yet another piece at family holidays, Riley will miss you, and we all will! It makes me happy to think about the family reunion you are having in heaven right now with your mom, dad, brother Tommy, and your daughter Rischel, plus many others.. watch over us now uncle Mike! You are our angel now!

**Jill Ristine** - May 30 at 08:00 PM

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“ The sweetest and most wonderful brother . I love you so much forever. Love, Patty



**Pat Ristine** - May 30 at 09:43 AM



“ He was the best!

**Jill Ristine** - May 30 at 08:01 PM



“ I had the privilege to work with Mike for the last 15 years at Tanger Outlets. Mike was a dedicated member of our staff for so many years, always smiling and eager to be helpful to others. Mike also doubled as our Tanger mascot for many years, putting on the Tangeroo costume and greeting families and children both at the shopping center and off-site at special events. Mike went above and beyond to make people happy. I always looked forward to the holidays when Mike would bring in bags of treats that Pam had made. He always had a bag made for each of us in the office. He was a thoughtful, generous, and kind man, and an asset to our team. May he rest in peace.

**Amy Schnerr** - May 31 at 05:31 PM