



## Danny O'Brien

February 19, 1930 - November 20, 2021

Daniel William O'Brien, 91, of Drakesville, Iowa passed away on November, 20, 2021 at the Ottumwa Regional Health Center in Ottumwa, Iowa. He was born on February 19, 1930 in Ottumwa, Iowa to Daniel Leonard and Clara Croft O'Brien. He graduated from Bloomfield High School in 1948 and enlisted in the Navy later that year. On January 10, 1953, he married Norma Lee Forsythe at the Bloomfield Christian Church. Norma passed away on January 11, 2020.

Danny worked for the City of Bloomfield for 24 years before retiring in 1996. He also farmed and sheared sheep with his brother for many years. He was a member of Reed-Whisler Post #78 of the American Legion in Bloomfield and served as legion commander, trustee, and on the cemetery committee. He was very proud of his service time. Danny enjoyed spending time with his family and his cat, Fluffy. He will be greatly missed by those who loved him.

He is survived by five children, Michael O'Brien of Corydon, Iowa, David (Nita) O'Brien of Drakesville, Diana (Paul) Olinger of Ottumwa, Susan Hougland of Drakesville, Robin (Noel) Licht of Cedar Rapids, Iowa; 14 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; four siblings, Pat Swaim of Cedar Rapids, Kenneth (Jo Ann) Swaim of Drakesville, Connie King of Ottumwa, Sheila (Ralph) Hopkins of Bloomfield; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife; two grandchildren, Katie Duffield, Angel Hougland; daughter-in-law, Pat O'Brien; and son-in-law, Dwight Hougland.

Funeral services will be at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, November 24, 2021 at the Wagler Funeral Home in Bloomfield with Pastor Paul Barnes officiating. Burial will be at the Drakesville Cemetery with military rites performed by Reed-Whisler Post #78 - American Legion. Visitation will begin at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday with the family present to greet friends from 5-7:00 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorials have been established to the Drakesville Cemetery and Reed-Whisler Post #78 - American Legion

# Cemetery Details

## Drakesville Cemetery

Drakesville, IA 52552

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 23. 1:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Wagler Funeral Home  
304 West Jefferson Street  
Bloomfield, IA 52537  
(641) 664-3421  
<https://www.waglerfuneralhome.com/>

## Visitation with Family Present

NOV 23. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Wagler Funeral Home  
304 West Jefferson Street  
Bloomfield, IA 52537  
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## Funeral Services

NOV 24. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Wagler Funeral Home  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Danny O'Brien*

January 28, 2023 at 10:57 AM

DR

“ *Dale And Doris Randolph lit a candle in memory of Danny O'Brien*



**Dale and Doris Randolph** - November 24, 2021 at 11:22 AM

RH

“ *O.B. is how I addressed Danny. Always a smile and a story. Godspeed to the family. He lived and touched the soul of many.*



**Rick Hubbartt** - November 24, 2021 at 08:18 AM



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



November 23, 2021 at 05:36 PM

RJ

“ *So very sorry for your loss . I fondly recall the visits our family's shared growing up in the fifties and sixties. Danny was such a good friend to my dad , Vern Johnson, and sheared sheep several years at our farm. Thinking of you all !! Sincerely, Richard H. Johnson*



**Richard H. Johnson** - November 23, 2021 at 03:39 PM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Danny O'Brien.*



November 22, 2021 at 12:38 PM

LR

“ *Lynn Roberts lit a candle in memory of Danny O'Brien*



**Lynn roberts** - November 22, 2021 at 08:41 AM

TC

“ *The Crofts purchased the Strength and Wisdom Casket Spray for the family of Danny O'Brien.*



**The Crofts** - November 22, 2021 at 07:47 AM



“ *Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Danny O'Brien.*



November 21, 2021 at 11:10 PM

EG

“ *Edward Regina Gooden lit a candle in memory of Danny O'Brien*



**Edward Regina Gooden** - November 21, 2021 at 10:03 PM

PU

“ Punky lit a candle in memory of Danny O'Brien



Punky - November 21, 2021 at 09:19 PM

GS

“ Georgia Stevens lit a candle in memory of Danny O'Brien



Georgia Stevens - November 21, 2021 at 09:01 PM

GS

*Danny was such nice and funny guy. He was in my mom'S class in school and he always remembered her. I just had supper with him last month and he still had all of his mind working for him. Susan and family thinking of you.*

Georgia Stevens - November 21, 2021 at 09:07 PM