



## Robert E. O'Brien

September 13, 2021

Robert Emmett O'Brien, a long-time resident of Teaneck, NJ, passed away on September 13, 2021, at Holy Name Medical Center in Teaneck. He was 59 years old.

Known as Bob or Bobby, Robert was born in New York City and raised in Teaneck, where he was a lifelong member of Saint Anastasia Roman Catholic Church. He attended St. Anastasia School, Thomas Jefferson Middle School, and Teaneck High School, and earned a BFA in graphic design from Pratt Institute in Brooklyn.

Robert enjoyed his work as a graphic designer at several book, magazine, and newspaper publishers, including Van Nostrand Reinhold, Sports Media, Professional Sports Publications, and Marshall Cavendish. Most recently, he worked at the Jewish Standard for more than 10 years.

An avid and accomplished gardener, Robert was a longtime member of the Teaneck Garden Club. At St. Anastasia, he served on the Parish Council and was a member of the Bowery mission. He savored his summer vacations to Cape Cod, his "happy place." Above all he cherished his family, friends, and neighbors, who will sorely miss his big voice, distinctive accent, and lively sense of humor.

Predeceased by his parents Mary (O'Grady) and Francis O'Brien and his eldest brother Frank O'Brien, Robert is survived by wife Joy and daughter Maria; siblings Noreen (Walter) Bosshardt, Sean, James (Barbara), and Patrick; sister-in-law Rosalie; and many beloved nieces, nephews, and

cousins.

Visitation this Sunday from 3-5pm and 7-9pm at Volk Leber Funeral Home, 789 Teaneck Road, Teaneck. Mass of Christian Burial at 10am on Monday, September 20th, at St. Anastasia Church in Teaneck. Burial to follow at George Washington Memorial Park in Paramus. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Office of Concern Food Pantry at St. Cecilia's Church in Englewood at [www.officeofconcern.com](http://www.officeofconcern.com).

# Cemetery Details

## George Washington Memorial Park

234 Paramus Road  
Paramus, NJ 07652

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **19**. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Volk Leber Funeral Home  
789 Teaneck Road  
Teaneck, NJ 07666  
info@volkleber.com  
<http://www.volkleber.com>

## Visitation

SEP **19**. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

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789 Teaneck Road  
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## Funeral Mass

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SEP **20**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Church of St. Anastasia  
1095 Teaneck Rd  
Teaneck, NJ 07666  
(201) 837-3354

# Tribute Wall



“ *Volk Leber Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Robert E. O'Brien*



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**Volk Leber Funeral Home** - September 19, 2021 at 08:51 AM



“ *Robert E. O'Brien*

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October 08, 2023 at 09:59 PM



“ *Robert E. O'Brien*

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October 08, 2023 at 06:27 PM



“ *Robert E. O'Brien*

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August 30, 2022 at 02:48 PM



“ Bob was a new friend of mine at the garden club. I actually only realized he passed away today because I could not of imagined this. I heard from the garden club and said it has to be someone I didn't know. Bob and I spent early mornings at the garden and he was very cheerful about gardening. We always talked about Cape Cod as I am from there. I just spoke with him before he left and he said he was about to go. I wished him a great time and he said he was really looking forward to it. I will miss seeing him. I learned a lot about order from his planting. He was very focused. I met his wife and I saw they were an amazing couple. My deepest condolences.  
Nicole Cohen, Teaneck Garden Club friend

Nicole Partipilo - October 03, 2021 at 02:39 PM

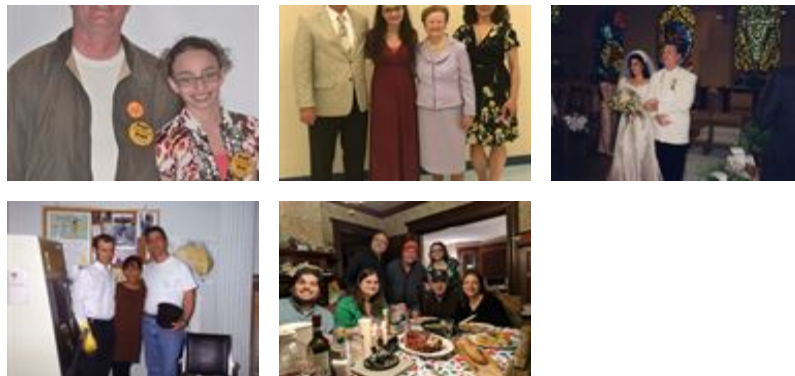
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“ Joy and Maria  
Deepest deepest sympathies  
Lots of prayers  
Bob was a good good man  
Bob and Carol Paladino

bob paladino - September 19, 2021 at 01:34 PM



“ 100 files added to the album LifeTributes



Volk Leber Funeral Home - September 19, 2021 at 08:30 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray* was purchased for the family of Robert E. O'Brien.



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September 18, 2021 at 01:44 AM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



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**Adina Porter** - September 18, 2021 at 01:31 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Robert E. O'Brien.



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September 17, 2021 at 01:19 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Robert E. O'Brien.



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September 17, 2021 at 11:45 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Robert E. O'Brien.*



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September 16, 2021 at 09:39 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Garden Club of Teaneck*



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**Anne Ediger** - September 16, 2021 at 08:31 PM



“ *Looking back at the laughs and good times we had at VNR, Bob was a great guy and friend with that distinctive Teaneck, NJ accent. We will miss him and offer our condolences to his family. May you find peace during this sad and unfortunate time.*

*Steve and Marta Plourde, Portland, OR*

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**Steve Plourde** - September 16, 2021 at 03:59 PM



“ *Patricia Ponton Siegel lit a candle in memory of Robert E. O'Brien*



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**Patricia Ponton Siegel** - September 16, 2021 at 01:52 PM

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“ Raymond and Jeanine Czumak purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Robert E. O'Brien.



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**Raymond and Jeanine Czumak** - September 15, 2021 at 09:18 PM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Robert E. O'Brien.



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September 15, 2021 at 04:13 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Robert E. O'Brien.



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September 15, 2021 at 03:32 AM