

**William James O'Brien
Obituary**

AGE: 61 • Howell Twp.

William James O'Brien, 61, of Howell Twp., NJ, passed away on Friday, January 25, 2013, at home. He was born in Arizona and lived in New Jersey for 40 years, 20 of those years in Howell. Bill was employed as a teacher for 40 years by the Howell Twp. Board of Education, currently as a 7th grade social studies teacher at Middle School North. He was currently serving as Howell Twp. Education Association President, as an HTEA Representative of the Monmouth County Representative Council, as a member of the New Jersey Education Association Delegate Assembly, and as an officer in the Monmouth County Education Association as corresponding secretary. Bill represented the HTEA before PERC on several occasions and presently was serving as a trustee of the Howell Twp. Education's Philanthropic Fund. He started the HTEA-Pac Committee to help elect Board of Education members and as an NJEA member attends NJEA Legislative Conferences. Bill was a Communicant of The Church of St. Veronica in Howell. Bill was beloved by students and staff alike and will be very much missed. Bill was a loyal Patriots fan, who would drive to Boston and back to New Jersey in a day, just to see a game. We have lost a fabulous father, husband, sibling, uncle, and friend.

Mr. O'Brien was predeceased by his Father, James F. O'Brien and his Son, Liam Davis O'Brien. He is survived by his Wife of 26 years, Justine Ann (Davis) O'Brien; his Son, William Justin O'Brien at home; his Mother, Elizabeth A. O'Brien of West Boylston, MA; his Brothers, Daniel O'Brien of Tampa, FL, James O'Brien of Lula, GA, Michael O'Brien of West Boylston, MA, Sean O'Brien of Putnam, CT, and Brendan O'Brien of West Boylston, MA; his Sisters, Patricia Powers of Geneva, IL, and Bridgid March of Charlton, MA; and many Nieces, Nephews, and In-laws.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend his Visitation on Tuesday, January

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Bill's memory to:

**Jude's Children's Hospital
501 St. Jude Pl.
Memphis
TN 38105**

-or-

**American Heart Association
1 Union St.
Suite 301
Robbinsville, NJ 09691.**

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