



Going Home, I Am Going Home

*Going home, going home
I am just going home.
Quiet like some still day
I am going home*

*It is not far, just close by
Through an open door.
Work all done, care laid by
Never fear no more*

*Mother's there expecting me
Father's waiting too
Lots of faces gathered there
All the friends I knew
I am just going home*

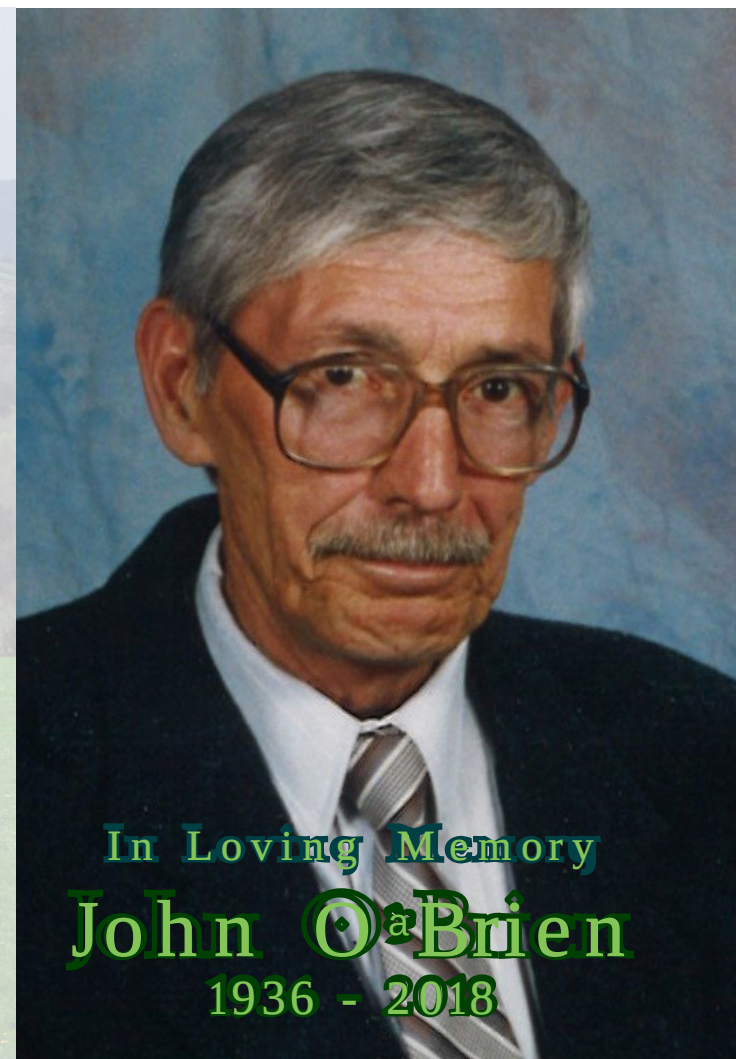
*Morning star lights the way
Restless dream all gone
Shadows gone. Break of day
Real life has begun
There's no break, there's no end
Just living on.*

*Wide awake, with a smile
Going on and on
Going home going home
Shadows gone, break the day
Real life has begun.
I am just going home*



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In Loving Memory
John O'Brien
1936 - 2018



**John
O'Brien**
**June 25, 1936 -
April 3, 2018**

It is with great sadness that the family of John O'Brien announce his passing on the sunny Tuesday, April 3, 2018 at the age of 81 years. John was predeceased by his parents John and Helen O'Brien, brother Tommy, and his sister Nuala (all of Athlone, Ireland). He is deeply missed by wife Elisabeth (Babette) Bourges of Calgary. Also mourning John are his brothers and sisters Eileen, Liam, Chris, Phil, Declan, and Jeannette; his many brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, nephews, and nieces of Ireland and England; and his wife's family in Calgary and in France. John was born and raised in Athlone, Ireland where he developed a love for Irish history and culture. At 16 he emigrated to London, UK where he became a steamfitter. He moved to Canada in 1966, where he practiced his trade in Halifax, Vancouver, and Prince Rupert (also coaching high school soccer

there for two years) before finally settling in Alberta, where he had the honour of being chief plumber at Chateau Lake Louise before taking on contracts in the Canadian High Arctic and Ivory Coast. After meeting and marrying Babette in 1985, John made Calgary his permanent home, although his heart remained true to Athlone and his motherland. John had a deep love of Irish music and opera which were central to his life, and listened often to his favorite tenors Jussi Bjoeling, John MacCormack, and Frank Patterson. John proudly tended to his large garden, and every spring looked forward to planning and planting it, and to touring his visitors through it. In addition, John was passionate about current events and sports, especially soccer and horses, which he continued to follow closely and was always happy to discuss until his passing. At John's request cremation will be taking place.

Reception

Immediately following the Funeral Mass, relatives and friends are invited to meet with the family in the Holy Spirit Parish Hall.

Photo Memories

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Funeral Mass

Holy Spirit Catholic Church
Thursday, April 19, 2018 at 2:00 p.m.

Presider

The Rev. Matthew Emmelkamp

Readers

Michel Bourges
Maureen O'Brien

Offertory Bearers

Valérie Bourges and Jérôme Bourges

Musician

Ross Ferby

Musical Selections

Holy Spirit Resurrection Choir

*Eternal rest grant unto your servant John,
O Lord, and let eternal light shine upon him.*