



## Lois (Porter) O'Brien

January 18, 1929 - August 25, 2020

Lois (Porter) O'Brien, 91, of New Britain, widow of Charles G. O'Brien, passed away unexpectedly Tuesday (August 25, 2020) at the Hospital of Central CT in New Britain. A native and lifelong New Britain resident, Lois graduated from New Britain High School, Class of 1946 and received her degree in Elementary Education from Teachers College of Connecticut (now CCSU). Lois was a Kindergarten Teacher in New Britain for 32 years, primarily at DiLoreto School. She was a member of First Church of Christ, Congregational in New Britain. Lois enjoyed traveling, reading a good book, and spending summer vacations with her family in Charlestown, RI. She was fun-loving, opinionated, "sharp as a tack," welcoming to all, and now, the brightest star in the sky.

Surviving is a daughter, Shelley O'Brien and her husband Jim Petersen of New Britain; a son, Steven O'Brien and his husband Levi Peterson of Middletown; three grandchildren, Dylan Petersen, Liam O'Brien and Chloe O'Brien; a daughter-in-law, Kelly Hayes of Brooklyn, NY; and a wonderful friend and companion Maria Sepkowska. Besides her husband Charles, she was predeceased by a son, Scott O'Brien.

Due to COVID-19, a graveside memorial service will be held at Center Cemetery in Newington, on Monday (August 31, 2020) 11 a.m. There are no calling hours. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the CT Humane Society, Russell Road, Newington, CT 06111 or to a charity of the donor's choice. Carlson Funeral Home, New Britain is assisting with arrangements.

Please share a memory or note of sympathy at [www.carlsonfuneralhome.com](http://www.carlsonfuneralhome.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Center Cemetery

Newington, CT

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

AUG 31. 11:00 AM (ET)

Center Cemetery  
Newington, CT

# Tribute Wall

TB

“ *Shelley,  
Your lifelong mother, friend, and companion will be sorely missed,  
but the loving memories will last forever.*  
Terry

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**Teresa Bujnowski** - August 31, 2020 at 10:05 AM

AH

“ *So sorry to read of Lois' passing. She and Charlie were such a  
handsome couple. She was a wonderful kindergarten teacher for  
my nieces and nephew. You should have some great stories to tell  
your children. Alice Hinchcliffe*

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**Alice Hinchcliffe** - August 29, 2020 at 10:29 AM

KM

“ *Shelly,  
Remembering your mom with you.  
Your mom had such a wonderful way of sharing her teaching  
experience with me.  
She will be missed.  
Karen Madej*

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**Karen Madej** - August 28, 2020 at 09:55 PM

EH

“ *Shelly, my deepest sympathy to you and your family on the passing  
of your mom. I shared with you the impression she had on me as a  
student at Diloreto School. Her warm smile and sense of style will  
be a memory I will treasure. May she know peace and rest in the  
arm of the better angels above.*

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**Ev Hudyma** - August 28, 2020 at 08:57 PM

PT

“ Shelly, Steven and Family,  
My thoughts are prayers are with you and your family. I know how  
much you will miss her.  
Love Polly

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**polly Temme** - August 28, 2020 at 03:59 PM

PT

“ Shelly, Steven and Family,  
My thoughts are prayers are with you and your family. I know how  
much you will miss her.  
Love Polly

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**polly Temme** - August 28, 2020 at 03:32 PM

AL

“ Shelley- I am so sorry for your loss. I knew your Mom through our  
travels with Joyce Kelly. It was always such fun traveling with your  
Mom. She will always be with you. My thoughts and prayers are  
with you and your family.

Angie Lepore

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**Angie Lepore** - August 28, 2020 at 09:43 AM

JP

Shelley, there is not enough space to share the many memories I have  
of being neighbors and of enjoying Clinton beach days. How your mom  
loved the beach. How wonderful your last memories will indeed be  
lasting, 5 weeks in your beloved summer escape, RI, with her and  
family. Hers was a life well lived and she adored you all. Despite such a  
deep tragedy as losing Scott, she carried on. Of course, she did. Your  
mom was spunky and witty right till the end. What a gift you had. I  
know how deeply you will miss her. Hug those memories! Warm hugs,  
Janice

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**Jan Potter** - September 11, 2020 at 03:06 PM