



O'Neil B. Chambers

April 16, 1931 - May 1, 2019

O'Neil Brewster Chambers ("O.B.") was born April 16, 1931 in Birmingham, Alabama, the youngest child of Arlene Shealy and Walter Chambers. O.B. spent much of his childhood in Alabama until moving up North with his Mother, first moving to Lima, Ohio, before finally settling in Saginaw, Michigan. At the age of 17, O.B. enlisted in the United States Army, where he dutifully served his country for 20 years, retiring at the rank of Sergeant First Class.

In 1965 he met and married the love of his life Patricia Ann Miller ("Pat") in Columbus, Ohio. Soon after saying "I do" the couple received Orders to go to Germany and spent their first years of married life enjoying military life in Europe. Upon their return Stateside, the couple was stationed in Fort Riley, Kansas, where O.B. would retire from active duty in 1968.

Although the couple could have moved anywhere, O.B. and Pat decided to make Columbus, Ohio, their home to be closer to family. In 1967, their first child, Lorena Arline was born, to be followed by their only son, Gregory O'Neil in 1972, and in 1975 their daughter Arnetta Marie. Always an avid learner, O.B. went back to school and obtained his Bachelor's Degree from Franklin University in 1979. O.B. embarked on a second career when he began working for Columbia Gas as an Operations Technician until his second retirement in the late 1980's.

Also a devoted and passionate golfer, O.B. spent his pre and post retirement years constantly on the links and practicing his craft. Mr. Chambers could always be seen in the neighborhood with a golf club in his hand, chipping and putting, and diligently encouraging kids to take up the game he loved. He and Patricia traveled to many amateur tournaments where O.B. would often finish at the top of the leaderboard.

O'Neil was a lover of life and his family. He never met a stranger and always imparted his words of wisdom, or "OB'isms," to all who would listen.

He is preceded in death by his Parents Arlene Shealy and Walter Chambers, Sister Bernice Nichols and Great Grandson Marc A. Lacey, Jr.

O'Neil leaves to cherish his memory his devoted wife of 54 years Patricia Ann Chambers; Daughters, Lorena A. Lacey and Arnetta M. Chambers; Son, Gregory O. Chambers, Sr.; Grandchildren: Gregory O. Chambers, Jr.; Alexis B. Chambers; Maya Moss; Auriele Howard and Marc A. Lacey, Sr., six (6) great-grandchildren and a host of other family and friends.

Family will receive friends on Tuesday, May 7, 2019 from 11:00AM-1:00PM with Funeral Service following at 1:00PM at the Schoedinger East Chapel, 5360 East Livingston Ave, Columbus, Ohio 43232. Interment to follow at Eastlawn Cemetery, Columbus, Ohio

Cemetery

Events

Eastlawn Cemetery
1340 Woodland Avenue
Columbus, OH, 43219

MAY 7 Visitation 11:00AM - 01:00PM

Schoedinger East Chapel
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MAY 7 Funeral Service 01:00PM

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Comments



“ A tribute video has been added.



Schoedinger Funeral Service - May 06 at 12:21 PM



“ Pat, Our condolences to you and your family in the loss of OB. We so fondly remember our visits together with both you and OB, such a bright spot in this world. Hoping you take good care of yourself and know we are thinking of you Dave and Jeanine Hopewell

Jeanine Hopewell - September 20 at 04:07 PM



“ Lorena,
I am so sorry to hear about the passing of your father. My prayers of love and support are with you and your entire family. May the memories you have encourage you and lighten the heaviness you feel in your heart today and always.



Judge Terri Jamison - May 07 at 10:14 AM



“ Lorena, I was sorry to hear about your dad. I know this must be a very difficult time. So I am sending comforting hugs and please know you are all in my thoughts.

Cindy McKinney - May 06 at 02:21 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of O'Neil B. Chambers.



May 06 at 01:12 PM



“ That huge smile is an indelible memory. His smile brought joy!

Margo Brooks - May 05 at 03:40 PM