



## Florence Marie O'Brien (Gaudet)

April 2, 1924 - January 10, 2016

Florence Marie (Gaudet) O'Brien, 91, passed away Sunday afternoon, January 10, 2016 at Providence Place, Chambersburg, Pennsylvania. Born April 2, 1924 at home in Egmont Bay, Prince Edward Island, Canada, Florence was the youngest of sixteen children. She was preceded in death by her husband, Dr. Thomas O'Brien, her parents and siblings. Florence is survived by a host of nieces and nephews.

Florence worked for many years as a secretary for the World Bank and traveled around the world for her work. Florence retired in 1986 and moved to Chambersburg with her husband.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, January 23, 2016 at Corpus Christi Catholic Church, 320 Philadelphia Avenue, Chambersburg, PA 17201.

Visitation at 10:00 am at the Church immediately prior to a Mass of Christian Burial at 11:00 am.

Memorial contributions may be made to: Corpus Christi Catholic Church, Chambersburg.

Condolences and memories may be shared on her Book of Memories page at: [www.sellersfuneralhome.com](http://www.sellersfuneralhome.com)

To send flowers to the family or plant a tree in memory of Florence Marie O'Brien (Gaudet), please visit our Heartfelt Sympathies Store.

# Tribute Wall

JF

“ Florence was a special friend of mine. I would pick her up at her house to go to Red Hats and the Norland Garden Club. She was a blessing.

Joanne Fox - February 11, 2016 at 12:00 AM

YM

“ Sorry to learn of Florence's passing away. I've know her well since she came to Montreal. - Yvonne

Yvonne Gallant from Montreal - February 02, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Je suis très attristée d'apprendre le décès de Florence. Malheureusement, je ne la connaissais pas personnellement, mais elle était la soeur de ma marraine Julienne. Lors du décès de cette dernière, elle m'a fait parvenir un souvenir d'elle. Je sais donc que Florence était une bonne personne. Je vous offre mes sympathies à toute la famille. Merci pour les communications,

Jacynthe Arsenault St-Amant , fille de Raymond Arsenault

Jacynthe St-Amant - January 22, 2016 at 12:00 AM

TG

“ Aunt Florence was a great and fun loving lady and has left us all with wonderful memories.

Toni Walker (Tanette Gaudet) - January 21, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ To Florence's family, She was a wonderful lady and we send our prayers to you. We always loved visiting with her on our summer vacations to Pennsylvania and Acorn Circle. She would have us over for a beautiful brunch under her tree (and when the weather took it down we moved to her porch). Her infectious laugh and stories of her life will be remembered by us. Judith Pheil's family: Barbara, Eric & Miranda Wilson; Christa, Gary, Mikeal & Jameson Frey

---

**Christa Frey** - January 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ Dear Family,  
Praise be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of tender mercies and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our trials so that we may be able to comfort others in any sort of trial with the comfort that we received from God" (2Corinthians 1:3,4)  
God does comfort us with the grand resurrection hope when he says in Revelation 21:3,4; "And he will wipe out every tear from their eyes, and death will be no more, neither will mourning nor outcry nor pain be any more. The former things have passed away." What a God of tender mercies!  
Sincerely Yours, Judy L.

---

**Judy L.** - January 19, 2016 at 12:00 AM

EM

“ I am a part time receptionist at Providence Place. I want to offer my condolences to Florence's family and friends. Florence was a lovely lady.

---

**Elaine Merletti** - January 19, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ I am so sad to learn of Florence's death. I worked with her at The World Bank so many years ago. She was always smiling and an inspiration to me. We always kept in contact at Christmas, and I do miss hearing from her. May she be at peace now in God's care.

---

**Donna Criddle** - January 18, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ Rest in peace Ma Tante Florence you will be missed  
Jim and Michele

---

**Jim and Michele Arsenault** - January 16, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CA

“ I have many fond memories of Great-Aunt Florence. She was a kind soul who truly cared about what was going on in our lives. As our family grew and generations were added, it always amazed me that she knew everyone's name and who they belonged to. Safe journey Aunt Florence and may you rest in peace.  
love Carol, Jim, Nicole and Darren

---

**Carol(Arsenault)Kusmirek** - January 16, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CG

“ In the loss of Aunt Florence, we've lost someone very special. May the fond recollections we shared together with her, comfort us all.  
Warmest Regards,  
Clovia

---

**Clovia Gaudet** - January 16, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ To all the family and friends of Florence:

*I had the privilege of knowing and working with Florence O'Brien at the World Bank (International Finance Corporation) from the day she started in the mid-1970s until I moved to Colorado in 1980. I had no family in Washington, DC, and dear Florence was like a second mother to me. We shared not only many wonderful laughs together, but also core values.*

*Florence's and Tom's faith inspired me, and still does today. Even after I left Washington DC, moved to Colorado and married my DC sweetheart, Florence and I corresponded every year at Christmas to keep in touch (until the last few years). Those of you who exchanged correspondence with Florence know her cursive penmanship was impeccable, but got smaller every year!*

*I am so deeply grateful to have had Florence in my life. She was a devoted wife, faithful servant of God and cherished friend. In fact, a gift she gave me, a small nativity figurine, is the centerpiece of my Christmas holiday each year. It reminds me of her graciousness and brings me joy every time I rediscover it in my Christmas decorations box.*

*To her many nieces and nephews, I extend my deepest and most heartfelt condolences. Florence's was a life well lived, in service to others and to Christ. God bless you all.*

*With deepest sympathy and affection,  
Joanne M. Spina, Durango, Colorado*

---

**Joanne Spina** - January 15, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MO

“ Florence came into our lives when she & Tom bought the house next door in Chambersburg. In the 8 years we lived next to her we got to know her as a kind and generous neighbor and a wonderful, dear friend. She, and Tom before his death, were like grandparents to our 3 children and they will never forget the time they spent with them. When Mark's job took us to Iowa Florence remained close to our family through phone calls, letters and even a visit to our new home. She was a lovely, gracious lady and will be missed by all who knew her. We send our condolences to all of her family. Mary & Mark

---

**Mary & Mark Obert** - January 14, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CG

“ Ma Tante Florence was a delightful lady and loved by all who knew her. Devoted to her faith, she was a woman of strong opinions with a great sense of humour and abiding gentleness. She will be greatly missed. A video of her, taken about a month before her passing, can be viewed at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9Q1jBwf9TNI>

---

**Ceo Gaudet** - January 13, 2016 at 12:00 AM

NG

“ Shocked and saddened to hear of Aunt Florence's death. She will be sadly missed by all who knew and loved her. She was a classy lady.

*Noel and Elaine*

---

**Noel and Elaine Gaudet** - January 13, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RG

“ My dear "Ma Tante" was a wonderful, cheerful and loving woman who led a life dedicated to God. She was loved and appreciated by all those who knew her. May she rest in peace.

*Her nephew, Richard*

---

**Richard Gaudet** - January 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

EA

“ Ma Tante Florence was a very generous and wonderful person. My husband Louis (her nephew) and I loved her dearly. We enjoyed the many visits to see her and her friends in Chambersburg and greatly appreciated their hospitality. May her soul rest in peace.

*Love Evelyne and family from PEI.*

---

**Evelyne Arsenault** - January 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM