



# Catherine "Peggy" (Haines) O'Brien

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Catherine "Peggy" (Haines) O'Brien, 97, of Liverpool, passed away peacefully on Friday, May 2, 2025 at Iroquois Nursing Home. She was born in Syracuse to the late Allen and Claramae (Fronce) Haines and graduated from Syracuse University School of Nursing in 1949. After helping to raise four daughters Peggy went back to work at the Onondaga County Health Department as a school nurse for parochial schools including St. John the Baptist, Our Lady of Pompei and Holy Trinity. Following retirement she volunteered for the Health Department administering flu vaccines.

Peggy loved her family and enjoyed many trips traveling to visit family members. Her family remembers many good trips to California, Maine, New Hampshire, New Mexico, Virginia, Colorado and Florida. Peggy had a wide circle of friends including childhood Campfire Girls, neighbors from Westvale, nursing school classmates and her many friends at Greenpoint. Peggy was an avid Yankees fan and looked forward to every baseball season; she also loved to watch SU basketball and football. Some of her favorite Christmas presents she received were SU sports and Yankees attire. Peggy loved to put on her orange.

Peggy is predeceased by her husband of 47 years, James, her daughter, Carol Drake, son-in-law, Kevin Drake, her sister, Alice "Lollie" Schentrup, brother-in-law, John Schentrup.

Peggy is survived by her daughters, Mary Kay O'Brien of Syracuse, Laurie Smith of Clay, and Teresa O'Brien of Liverpool; her grandchildren, Larissa (Robert) Ragazzo, Ashley (Sean) McCarthy, Brandon (Amy) Smith, and Brianna (Anthony) Ranieri; her 9 great-grandchildren, Robby, Kevin, Dylan, Eleanor, Bridget, Jude, Salvatore, Matteo, and Luca; along with several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

The family would like to extend a special thanks to Peggy's caregiver, Beth Nagy.



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A funeral mass in celebration of Peggy's life will take place at 9:30 A.M. on Tuesday, June 3, 2025 in Sacred Heart Church, 8229 Brewerton Rd., Cicero, NY. A tribute by the CNY Nurses Honor Guard will be held prior to the mass at 9:15 A.M. in the church. She will be laid to rest next to her husband in Onondaga County Veterans Memorial Cemetery.

Donations may be made to the American Diabetes Association or the American Heart Association.





## Events

**Catherine "Peggy" (Haines) O'Brien**

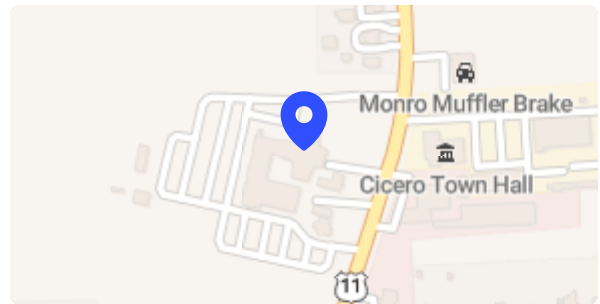
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### Funeral Mass


 **Tuesday**, June 3, 2025

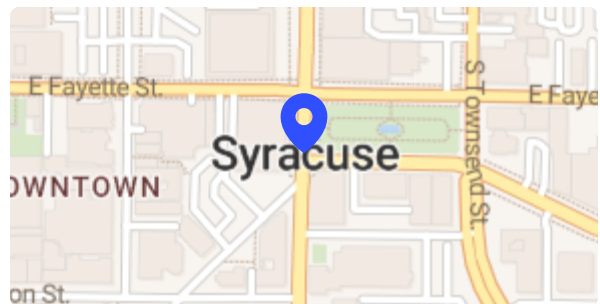
 9:30 AM ET

 **Sacred Heart Church of Cicero**  
8229 Brewerton Rd, Cicero NY 13039-9427



### Cemetery Details

 **Onondaga County Veterans Memorial Cemetery**  
4069 Howlett Hill Rd., Syracuse NY 13215





# Tribute Wall

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**Thomas J. Pirro Jr. Funeral Home** shared a **Tribute Video**.



May 22 at 11:05 AM



**Gina Conner** sent a Beautiful in Blue to the (Haines) O'Brien family.



June 1 at 7:36 AM



**Gina Conner** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Catherine.



June 1 at 7:36 AM



**Beth Mcternan** posted:

My mother, Mary Littlefield, met Peggy in nursing school at SU around 1945. It was the beginning of a 68 year friendship. Through marriages, children, joys and losses, countless coffee talks, baseball games with husbands Jim and Dave, vaccine and flu clinics, they were life long friends. We all send our deepest condolences to Peg's family and honor her life well lived. The Littlefields

May 29 at 5:34 AM



**Mary Kay O'brien** May 30 at 4:03 PM

Thank you Beth. Such beautiful comments. I remember their long almost daily phone conversations when I was a child.



**Betsy Nave** posted:

My Deepest Sympathy to the O'Brien Family. She was such a lovely Lady and is now at peace with the Lord. Betsy Gavurnik-Nave

May 27 at 2:49 PM



**Mary Kay O'brien** May 30 at 4:04 PM

Thank you Betsy.



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**Patrick Grace** posted:

Peggy lived next door to my mother, Colette Grace, at Greenpoint. Peggy, my mom and their other neighbor Vicki were the best of friends and did everything together. It was such a beautiful thing to witness the ultra close bond that these ladies developed. Peggy would tell me often that she loved her "big sister" Colette. After my mom passed I would still visit with, and call Peggy, and we would have wonderful conversations. Such a lovely lady. And did she ever love her Yankees! We would have long, in-depth conversations about the Yankees and what they needed in order to win their next championship. She knew her baseball! It was like talking to my own mom. People as sweet as Peggy don't come along every day, I will greatly miss Peggy.

May 22 at 8:41 AM

DG

**Debbie Gehan** posted:

Growing up across the street I can say that I knew Peggy for my whole life. She was a very special lady! She had a deep love for her family, faith and Dove chocolate! I was always impressed when she knew how to DVR those Yankees games at age 85! She will be missed by many! My condolences to you all.

May 22 at 6:29 AM



# Media

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