Richard J. O'Neill

September 3, 1936 - December 18, 2025

Richard James “Dick” O’Neill, age 89, of Dora, Alabama, passed away peacefully on December 18, 2025. Born in Chicago, Illinois, he was the son of Patrick and Dorothy O’Neill.

Dick lived a full and hardworking life, holding several jobs and owning different businesses over the years, always providing for his family through dedication and grit. He proudly served his country as a United States Marine, a role that shaped his lifelong sense of duty and pride. Among the many chapters of his life, he was proud of his time as a police officer in Bellwood, Illinois, and later, the decision to move to Alabama, where he found great joy in raising his family and embracing life in the South.

Dick was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Shirley Ann O’Neill, whom he deeply loved and missed. He is survived by his six children: Rik (Lynda) O’Neill, Patrick (Susan) O’Neill, Phillip O’Neill, Terri (Jeff) Parker, Jane (Danny) Goolsby, and Christal (Jarrett) Tate; several grandchildren, great-grandchildren, two great-great-grandchildren, and a host of nieces and nephews and friends. He is also survived by one sister, Charlotte O’Neill, and was preceded in death by his six other siblings.

Above all else, Dick was most proud of his family. He was a hard worker, a devoted father and grandfather, and someone who could always be counted

on for a laugh. Known for his quick wit and constant joking, he brought humor into every room he entered. He loved his Irish heritage, baseball—especially the Chicago Cubs and the Atlanta Braves—and his home. Dick loved God, and he often spoke of his joy at the thought of being reunited in heaven with his wife.

A graveside service will be held at 11:00am, January 10, 2026, in New Horizon Memorial Gardens. The family appreciates the love, prayers, and support during this time.

May the road rise to meet you.
May the wind be always at your back.
May the sun shine warm upon your face,
and until we meet again,
may you be held in the palm of God’s hand.

Cemetery Details

New Horizon Memorial Gardens

5203 Hollis Goodwin Rd.
Dora, AL 35062
(205) 648-8749
http://www.newhorizonmemorial.com

Previous Events

Graveside Service

JAN **10**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

CK

Carrie K. planted a grove of 3 Memorial Trees in honor of Richard J. O'Neill.

Carrie K. - January 10 at 10:08 AM

RD

I am so sorry to hear of your family's loss. I remember Dick and Shirley when my dad lived next to yall. We came to visit on occasion and all of us kids played together. Your mom and dad were good people and definitely family came first. I will pray for you all that God will give you peace and comfort this holiday season.

Rhonda Diffy - December 22, 2025 at 09:07 AM

SW

Scotty Westbrook lit a candle in memory of Richard O'Neill

Scotty Westbrook - December 20, 2025 at 05:48 AM

LY

Praying for Mr. O'Neills precious family. He and his wife raised a great family!! Continued Prayers for God's Comfort and Peace.

Lisa and Greg Young

Lisa Young - December 19, 2025 at 08:39 PM

KM

I remember Mr Oneill working at Carraway hospital and it was always such a pleasure to see him there! Always loved spending time with Terri around her wonderful family - Shirley and Richard and those wonderful Oneill Children !!!!

kathy monroe - December 19, 2025 at 06:58 PM