



Brendan O'Connor

February 9, 1935 - April 24, 2012

Murrells Inlet Brendan O'Connor

Brendan O'Connor 77, died Tuesday, April 24, 2012 following a battle with Parkinson's Disease. He is preceded in death by a son, Dennis O'Connor.

Brendan was born February 9, 1935 in Dublin Ireland. He spent most of his life living in New York where he worked as an Ironworker. He retired to South Carolina in 1994 where he enjoyed many years as a self professed "Authentic Irishman for hire: storytelling, singing, dancing, carrying on experienced drinking companion." He had a passion for life and true love of performing Irish music.

Brendan is survived by his wife of 57 years, Carole O'Connor; two sons, Michael and wife Nora O'Connor of Plainview, NY; Brendan, Jr. and wife Lisa O'Connor of Myrtle Beach, SC; three daughters, Kay Foley and husband Al of Surfside Beach, SC, Pat Dietz and husband Jim of Medford, NY and Kerri Marks and husband Garrett of Rock Hill, SC; one brother, Dr. Dermot O'Connor of Redington Beach, FL; eight grandchildren, Patrick Gully, Caitlyn, Cara, and Michael O'Connor, Jr., Kyle and Samantha O'Connor, Dennis Dietz, Rylie Marks and a great-grandchild, Emma Gully.

The family will receive friends at Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel from

6:00-8:00 PM Friday, April 27, 2012 with a reflection time at 8:00 PM.

An online guestbook is available at www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com/obituaries

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Hospice Care of South Carolina at www.hospicecare.net

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel is in charge of the arrangements.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **27**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Celebration Center
11528 Hwy 17 Bypass
Murrells Inlet, SC 29588
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Service

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Tribute Wall

TF

“ *The Achenbach Family lit a candle in memory of Brendan O'Connor* ”



the achenbach family - July 23, 2012 at 03:39 PM

TF

The Achenbach Family

the achenbach family - July 23, 2012 at 03:40 PM

KO

“ *This is a video tribute to Dad made by Michael that was shown during his memorial service. http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=Lmh_ircDEQo* ”



Kerri O'Connor-Marks - May 04, 2012 at 10:09 AM

KO

“ I guess you could call this a eulogy. It's what I wrote and read at his memorial. A few people asked me to share:

Brendan O'Connor was a lot of things to a lot of people. He will be remembered for a lot of reasons; some of them good, some of them bad.

Those who were closest to him had the most reasons to not like him, and with good right. Even he wouldn't deny he was selfish. He was mean, he was hurtful, he was a grumpy old man who always, always put the party first.

But what I need to remember is that he was also the man who would spend hours playing Checkers and Chutes & Ladders with me. He put a screwdriver in my hand and had me take mom's closet doors off and on the hinges so that I could see how it worked. He would sit in bed with me at night and watch the horse races and OTB, even encouraging me to bet him my allowance. Of course, I was too stupid to notice it was daylight in the races and they had been taped from earlier that afternoon...he took me for a lot of money. He would have me spend hours copying sheet music by hand, learning to write song lyrics and poems. He would share ice cream and Fig Newtons and watch the Benny Hill Show. He told me to always keep quarters on me for emergencies; always park near a light and never near a van; keep your big bills in your front pocket and leave the small stuff in the back for the pick pockets; never look up when you're walking around in NYC; and never refuse a drink if someone offers to buy. He told me to hit first, hit hard, then run fast; and if you can drive the Oldsmobile down Ocean Pkwy with one finger then you can do anything. And of course, if you're aunt had balls, she'd be your uncle.

He messed us up. He messed us up real bad. He made each of us stubborn, and cynical, and and we each have an ego the size of Ireland. But he also taught us the magic of having music in our lives. He taught us that we don't ever have to like each other, but because

we're family we have to love each other. Whether we want to believe it or not, in his own messed up way he loved each of us deeply, the best way he knew how. And he taught me about the kind of parent that I could and should be.

He's left us now for another party. He is a legend in every pub. But for me...he will always be Daddy.

Kerri O'Connor-Marks - April 29, 2012 at 05:47 PM

KO

“ *The Men That Don't Fit In...by Robert W. Service (our grandfather used to read his poems to our father, so I read this one at his memorial...)*

There's a race of men that don't fit in, a race that can't stay still, So they break the hearts of kith and kin, and they roam the world at will. They range the field and they rove the flood, and they climb the mountain's crest; Theirs is the curse of the gypsy blood, and they don't know how to rest; If they just went straight they might go far, they are strong and brave and true, but they're always tired of the things that are, and they want the strange and new; They say 'could I find my proper groove, what a deep mark I would make', so they chop and change and each fresh move is only a fresh mistake; And each forgets as he strips and runs with a brilliant fitful pace, its the steady quiet plodding ones that win the lifelong race; and each forgets that his youth has fled, forgets that his prime is past, till he stands one day with a hope that's dead in the glare of the truth at last; He has failed, he has failed, he has missed his chance; He has just done things by half; life's been a jolly good joke on him and now it's time to laugh. Ha ha! He is one of the Legion lost, he was never meant to win; He's a rolling stone, it's bred in the bone, He's a man who won't fit in.

Kerri O'Connor-Marks - April 29, 2012 at 05:33 PM

BM

“ *Barbara & Stanley Maxwell sent a virtual gift in memory of Brendan O'Connor*



Barbara & Stanley Maxwell - April 28, 2012 at 08:34 AM

PH

“ *Phil Harth lit a candle in memory of Brendan O'Connor*



Phil Harth - April 27, 2012 at 11:05 AM

PH

May the road rise up to meet you.....you will be remembered as a fine Irish gentleman full of love and an enduring spirit that lives on.

Phil Harth - April 27, 2012 at 11:08 AM

BF

“ *Brennan Family lit a candle in memory of Brendan O'Connor*



Brennan Family - April 27, 2012 at 10:50 AM

TF

“ *The Brennan Family lit a candle in memory of
Brendan O'Connor*



The Brennan Family - April 27, 2012 at 10:49 AM

BF

“ *Billy Fancher lit a candle in memory of
Brendan O'Connor*



Billy Fancher - April 27, 2012 at 10:20 AM

DH

“ *Carol, my heart goes out to you and your family during this difficult
time of loss. Brendan's voice will forever be in our minds.*

Debbie Hensel - April 27, 2012 at 07:56 AM

MO

“ *With great fondness we will remember you Brendan, you will forever
remain in our hearts.
Debbie VanNorman and Mary Ostrowski*

Mary Ostrowski - April 27, 2012 at 07:40 AM

DV

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Brendan O'Connor*



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MO

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Mary Ostrowski - April 27, 2012 at 07:33 AM

LS

“ *Our prayers are with all of the family today. We
are so sorry for your loss Blessings surround
you, With love Lori, Michael and Gabrielle
Scanlon*



Lori Scanlon - April 27, 2012 at 05:10 AM

LB

“ *Rest in peace Brendan, to know you was to
love you. May god be with Carol and the
family at this time of sorrow. Linnea*



Linnea Bailey - April 27, 2012 at 12:29 AM

JN

“ Carol, Kay, Kerry and all the family, so sorry for your sadness. Though we celebrate Brendan's journey to be with God, we will miss his wonderful presence. His spirit lives in you, and one day you will all be joined again, singing songs and celebrating your forever together.

You have all been so blessed to have such an amazing family and life here, God bless you all into the next . 'my love to you ..

Janet Nease - April 26, 2012 at 06:52 PM



“ My condolences go out to the entire O'Conner clan. Brendan was one of a kind and know that he and the Lord are having a beer and will be discussion the situation into the early hours of the morning.

Bless you,

John Melnick

John Melnick - April 26, 2012 at 10:48 AM



JR

“ Our prayers and condolences go out to Brendan and all of The O'Connor Family. It was a pleasure to welcome Brendan on stage with The Dublin City Ramblers at Flynn's Tavern. Great night!!!! It will always be in our memories!!!! God Bless, John & Eileen Ryan, Sean & Breda McGuinness

John Ryan - April 26, 2012 at 09:01 AM

BL

“ *Bill And Ellen Lafferty lit a candle in memory of Brendan O'Connor*



Bill and Ellen Lafferty - April 25, 2012 at 09:46 PM

MF

“ *It was a sad day at Flynn's Irish Tavern when we learned of the passing of Brendan. When you were with Brendan you knew you were with a real Irishman--a great singer, and story teller. Brendan is gone now but the legend lives on ...until we meet again "May God hold you in the hollow of his hand"*
The Flynn Family

marty flynn - April 25, 2012 at 08:35 PM

LS

“ *To Mrs O ,my dear friend Pat,Kay,Kerry,Michael,Brendan we are so sorry for your loss.I remember your Dad having the bar in Levittown back in the day.What fun times were had there by many!He was a great man will be missed.Blessings to the family and all the grandchildren.Love you,Lori,Michael and Gabrielle Scanlon*

Lori Scanlon - April 25, 2012 at 07:40 PM

SK

“ *Our prayers go out to the family , he was so loved by all.*
Jim & Shirley Keeley



Shirley Keeley - April 25, 2012 at 06:08 PM

JH

“ Dear Kay, Pat and Family,
So sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. My father in law passed on April 18, 2012. They are there now together in Gods Care. Our faith gives up the hope that someday we will all be together in a much better place.
Stay Well,
JoAnn Herrmann and Family

JoAnn Herrmann - April 25, 2012 at 06:06 PM

JH

“ JoAnn Herrmann lit a candle in memory of
Brendan O'Connor



JoAnn Herrmann - April 25, 2012 at 06:04 PM

JD

“ Our prayers go out to the O'Connor Family. It was an honor and a privilege to meet Brendan.....

John & Nancy Dougan - April 25, 2012 at 04:48 PM

JB

“ Our condolences to all of you. Love you



Jennifer Bonavita - April 25, 2012 at 04:47 PM

RB

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the O'Connor family on the loss of Brendan, Sr.
Rosalyn & Paul Battaglino

Rosalyn and Paul Battaglino - April 25, 2012 at 04:40 PM

SR

“ *Condolences to the O'Connor family for such a loving man.*

Sean Ruane - April 25, 2012 at 03:44 PM

MC

“ *Dear Carol, So sorry to learn of Brendan's passing. I'm unable to attend on Friday. Please extend my condolences to your family as well. Mary Anne Collins*

Mrs.Mary Anne Collins - April 25, 2012 at 11:54 AM

KR

“ *Sending Love to everyone. We are praying for all of you..... Swift Ray Family*



Kerry Swift Ray - April 25, 2012 at 10:15 AM