

In Memory of Dennis H. O'Brien
August 14, 1942 - March 19, 1993

Dennis Harold O'Brien

Dr. Dennis Harold O'Brien, a Waco native and history professor at West Virginia University in West Virginia, died Friday at a hospital in Morgantown, W.Va. He was 50.

Arrangements are pending at Hastings Funeral Home in Morgantown, W.Va.

Dr. O'Brien was born Aug. 14, 1942, in Waco. He received a doctorate in history from the University of Illinois at Chicago. He also studied at Harvard University and the Sorbonne in Paris.

Dr. O'Brien taught French history at WVU for 23 years and was a noted authority on 17th century France. He also taught Revolutionary Europe and Western Civilization and developed courses on the history of European women. Dr. O'Brien also worked many summers with the Governor's Honors Academy for high school students.

John Maxwell, an associate professor and director of WVU's undergraduate program in history, said "Dr. O'Brien was an outstanding teacher in all senses. He recognized that students need to be challenged. . . . He truly did inspire."

Dr. O'Brien's talent in the classroom earned him many teaching awards, including the WVU Foundation Award of Outstanding Teaching.

He was a member of the National Organization for Women.

Survivors include his parents, Dennis H. and Gladys Durham O'Brien of Waco; and an aunt, Mrs. James (Juanita) Treadwell of Waco.

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Dennis H. O'Brien of Morgantown, W.Va., a native of Waco, died March 19 at a Morgantown hospital. He was 50.

Graveside services will be 2:30 p.m. Friday at Oakwood Cemetery, the Rev. Doug Tucker and Ralph Lynn officiating.



Mr. O'Brien

Mr. O'Brien was born Aug. 14, 1942, in Waco. He graduated magna cum laude from Baylor University, received a master's of arts degree from Cornell University in 1967 and earned a doctorate from the University of Illinois, Chicago Circle in 1973.

Mr. O'Brien studied at Harvard University, the Sorbonne, and was a post doctoral fellow Institut National D'Etudes Demographiques in Paris, France. He was on the history faculty at West Virginia University in Morgantown. He was a member of Thomas Beckett Episcopal Church in Morgantown, W.Va.

Survivors include his parents, Dennis H. and Gladys Durham O'Brien of Waco; an aunt, Mrs. James (Juanita) Treadwell of Waco; and an uncle, H. (Sam) Durham of Orange.

Memorials may be made to the Dennis H. O'Brien Scholarship Fund, in care of the West Virginia University Foundation, P.O. Box 4533, 3168 Collins Ferry Road, Morgantown, W.Va., 26504-4533.