



## Alice Behan

March 26, 1945 - October 24, 2025

Alice O'Neill Behan, beloved wife, mother, grandmother, educator, and friend, passed away peacefully in Orlando, Florida, on Friday, October 24, 2025. Born on March 26, 1945, in Youngstown, Ohio, Alice lived a life rooted in faith, family, and service.

She graduated from Youngstown State University with a Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education and later earned a Master's degree from the University of Central Florida. After marrying her only true love, Jimmy Behan, whom she had known since third grade, Alice moved to Orlando, where they built a beautiful life together.

Alice dedicated over 40 years to teaching sixth-grade Social Studies for Orange County Public Schools. Her passion for education and her unwavering commitment to her students influenced thousands of middle schoolers. Outside the classroom, Alice found joy in sailing, shopping, reading, and volunteer work. In June 2009, Hospice of the Comforter awarded Alice their Diamond Volunteer of the Year Award for more than six years of exemplary service. But her greatest joy came from her family. She and Jim raised one cherished daughter, Bernadette Ann, of Winter Park, Florida. The three shared an exceptionally close bond, built on love, laughter, and faith.

Alice's heart expanded further with the arrival of her grandchildren, Patrick

James and Madeleine Marie, gifts from Bernadette and her husband, Patrick John McGinley. These two blessings filled Alice's retirement years with purpose and delight. She played school with them, picked them up from class, and even helped with sixth-grade homework, bringing her teaching full circle.

A devout Catholic, Alice's faith was the foundation of her life. For over four decades, she was an active member of Annunciation Catholic Church, where she and her husband, Jim, were founding parishioners. For many years, she served the parish as a Eucharistic Minister and was a member of the bereavement committee. Her faith shaped her integrity, honesty, and loyalty to friends, colleagues, and family.

Alice is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Patrick McGinley of Winter Park; her precious grandchildren, Patrick James and Madeleine Marie; her brother and sister-in-law, Dr. and Mrs. George O'Neill of Atlanta; and her nieces and nephews: Mr. and Mrs. George J. O'Neill of Atlanta, Mr. Christopher O'Neill of Atlanta, Ms. Allison O'Neill of Georgia, and Miss Michelle Waback of Ohio. She also leaves behind one great-nephew, Finn George O'Neill of Atlanta. Alice was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Jim, and her brother, Mr. Charles O'Neill.

Her legacy lives on in the lives she touched, the family she adored, and the faith that guided her every step.

Alice's funeral Mass will be celebrated on Thursday, November 13 at 10am at Annunciation Catholic Church in Altamonte Springs.

# Cemetery Details

## Oaklawn Memorial Park

4991 Co Rd 46A  
Lake Mary, FL 32746

# Previous Events

## Funeral Mass

NOV 13. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Annunciation Catholic Church  
1020 Montgomery Road  
Altamonte Springs, FL 32714

## Inurnment following Mass

NOV 13. 11:45 AM (ET)

Oaklawn Memorial Park  
4991 Co Rd 46A  
Lake Mary, FL 32746

# Tribute Wall

PB

“ *Previllais B. purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Alice Behan.*



Previllais B. - November 11, 2025 at 12:07 PM

FF

“ *Frank and Kathy Gradski and Family purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Alice Behan.*



Frank and Kathy Gradski and Family - November 11, 2025 at 10:51 AM

PM

“ *Paula Cooper Rochon and Son, McLane purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Alice Behan.*



Paula Cooper Rochon and Son, McLane - November 11, 2025 at 05:39 AM

PM

“ *Paula Cooper Rochon and Son, McLane planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Alice Behan.*

Paula Cooper Rochon and Son, McLane - November 11, 2025 at 05:39 AM

TF

“ The White family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Alice Behan.



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**The White family** - November 07, 2025 at 09:23 PM

TF

“ The White family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Alice Behan.

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“ Tyrone F. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Alice Behan.

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**Tyrone F.** - November 07, 2025 at 01:51 PM

BS

“ Pure joy every time I saw her. She always had the biggest smile. She was so, so kind to our kids. I'm very, very thankful to have known her. ❤️

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**Brian Shields** - November 05, 2025 at 08:44 PM

JM

“ Oh how I loved your precious mom. We volunteered for many years together at Hospice of the Comforter. She was so kind, compassionate and lit up the room wherever she went! What a beautiful lady inside and out. She has certainly left her footprint on my heart and I will cherish all the great times we've shared. Gone from our sight, forever on our hearts 💕💕

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**Julie Morris** - November 05, 2025 at 05:36 PM

DK

“ We have known Alice for several years and always admired her great faith. We attended the same mass every Sunday. We will miss her dearly. Dave & Phyllis Kraiss

Dave & Phyllis Kraiss - November 02, 2025 at 07:46 PM

LC

“ Love, George & Carole purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Alice Behan.



Love, George & Carole - November 02, 2025 at 12:56 PM

LC

“ Love, George & Carole planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Alice Behan.

Love, George & Carole - November 02, 2025 at 12:56 PM

RF

“ Robert Brennan & Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Alice Behan.



Robert Brennan & Family - November 01, 2025 at 10:16 AM

RF

“ Robert Brennan & Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Alice Behan.

Robert Brennan & Family - November 01, 2025 at 10:16 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Alice Behan.*



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October 30, 2025 at 10:32 AM



“ *What a dear, sweet coworker Alice was at Maitland Middle. She was like a loving grandmother to us all even back then. Rest in the arms of Jesus. Love, Barby Barbara*

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**Barby Barbara** - October 30, 2025 at 08:37 AM



*Alice was a true inspiration, glowing with the love of Christ by demonstrating her love and care for others. I will miss seeing her at Mass, talking and laughing about which beautiful shiny shoes she was wearing that day. She only had time to talk for a minute as so many people crowded around her to say hello! It was obvious how much she was adored. I pray and have faith she is rejoicing with our Lord and those loved ones who passed before her.*

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**Linda Gruszynski** - November 03, 2025 at 05:07 AM