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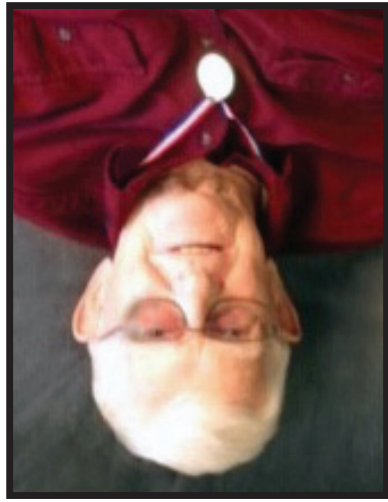
Memorials are preferred to the North Dakota Veterans Cemetery.

Owen was preceded in death by his wife, Sally, in 2007; his parents; and all of his siblings. granddaughters, Erin (Arik) Moe; one great-grandson, Finnegan Moe; and many nieces and nephews. Blessed to have shared his life are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Eugene (Linda) O'Neill, Mandan, Dennis O'Neill, Tuttle, and Patrick (Roxane) O'Neill, Moreno Valley, CA; one he will be missed by all who knew and loved him.

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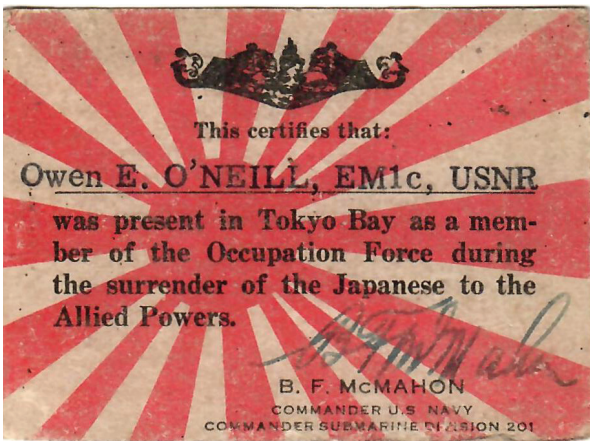
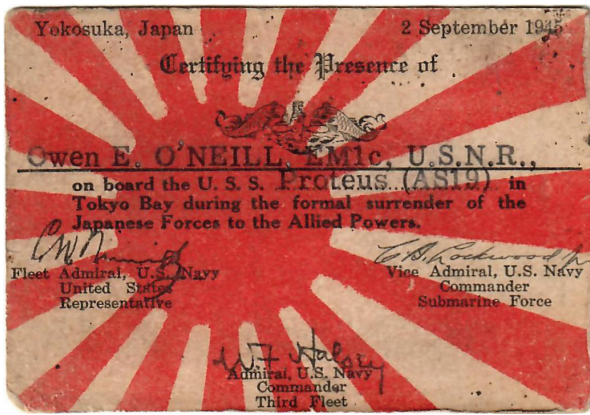
Owen was born May 21, 1922 to Daniel and Henrietta (Gager) O'Neill in Odense, ND where his family ran a store and the post office. His family moved a hotel building west of Fort Rice where they established their family farm. Owen grew up there with his 8 siblings. In September 1942 he enlisted in the US Navy where he proudly served in submarine service in Pacific Theater. He was on 7 of 8 war patrols aboard USS PomPon SS267. Owen was aboard the USS Proteus when Japanese submarine J-14, a seaplane carrying sub, surrendered. Owen was a member of the prize crew that sailed the J-14 into Tokyo Bay and was present during the formal surrender of Japanese forces to the allied powers.



# Owen E. O'Neill

May 21, 1922 ~ March 20, 2019





Aboard the Japanese submarine J-14 in Tokyo Bay—When this giant, seaplane-carrying submarine surrendered to American naval forces recently off the coast of Japan, one of the members of the prize crew which sailed her into Tokyo Bay was Owen E. O'Neill, electrician's mate first class, Fort Rice, N. D.

Seven days before the formal surrender of Japan, the submarine surfaced some 300 miles north of one of the units of the 3rd fleet, flying the white flag of surrender. A picked crew was detached from the USS Proteus and sent northward.

The Japanese crew was friendly, helpful and eager to please. They showed the Americans how to operate the sub and began working to clean up.

One of Japan's most modern submarines, the J-14 was built primarily as a cargo carrying boat with a wide cruising range. Commissioned in February of this year she had made one run to Truk and back. Her most distinctive feature is the huge hangar built to accommodate two seaplanes. The plane's wings fold back and their floats can be removed and stored nearby. They are warmed up inside the hangar before taking off and are launched by means of a catapult.

She carried a complement of 130 men and has a 12,000 mile cruising range.



## Navy Submarine Combat Patrol Insignia

**Parish Vigil/Rosary**  
**Presider**  
**Funeral Liturgy**

**Celebrant**  
**Musician & Vocalist**  
**Lectors**  
**Casketbearers**

Eugene O'Neill, Patrick O'Neill, Dennis O'Neill, Steve Tillotson, Mike Schweigert, & Glenn Staehnke

Tuesday, March 26, 2019, 7:00 pm  
Deacon Dennis Rohr  
Wednesday, March 27, 2019; 1:30 PM  
St. Joseph Catholic Church, Mandan, North Dakota  
Fr. Joshua Waltz  
Gene Mosbrucker & Melissa Mosbrucker  
Linda O'Neill & Steve Tillotson

Prelude  
Opening

“Do Not Let Your Hearts be Troubled”  
“Shelter Me, O God”

Old Testament Reading  
Responsorial Psalm 23  
New Testament Reading  
Gospel Reading  
Homily

Ecclesiastes 3:1-11  
“Shepherd Me O God.”  
Timothy 4:6-8  
John 14:1-6

### Liturgy of the Word

Preparation of Gifts Song  
Presentation of Gifts  
Consecration of Eucharist  
Communion Songs  
Meditation  
Final Commendation  
Closing Song

### Liturgy of the Eucharist

“Ubi Caritas”  
Erin O'Neill & Roxane O'Neill  
“I Have Loved You” & “The Summons”  
“Wonderful, Merciful Savior”  
“Old Hundredth”  
“In the Day of the Lord”

*The family invites you for refreshments and fellowship at the St. Joseph School cafeteria following the burial service.  
Committal will take place at the North Dakota Veterans Cemetery immediately following the funeral service.*