



## James J. Devaney

August 12, 1931 - June 1, 2011

James. J. Devaney, 79, of Jupiter, died June 1 in Jupiter, Florida after a long illness.

He was born August 12, 1931 in Ware, MA. son of Earl H. and Catherine Torpey Davaney. He was married to Sally Gelston Devaney of Jupiter for 52 years. He also leaves a daughter, Dr. Asenath. A. Devaney of Durham, NC, two grandchildren, Leah and Talia, three sisters-in laws, one brother-in law, eight nieces, seven nephews, and a number of grand and great-grand nieces and nephews, all in the Northeast. He was predeceased by a daughter, Mairan Jane Devaney, a brother, Earl H. Devaney, and his parents.

He was graduated from Worcester, MA, Classical High School and received a BA degree in history from the University of Massachusetts in 1954. After graduation he spent two years on active duty in the army as a platoon leader and company executive officer in Germany. He was later a captain in the Connecticut Army National Guard and the Army Reserves.

In 1956 he joined the staff of the Worcester Telegram and Evening Gazette as a staff reporter. The following year he joined the staff of the Hartford Courant where he met his wife, a reporter there.

In 14 years at the Courant, he held various writing and editorial positions, and

was business and financial editor from 1965 to 1970. From 1970 until he retired in 1991, he held various public relations positions. His last employer, Pratt and Whitney, brought him to Florida in 1987.

He was a Eucharistic Minister and active in St. Patrick Church in Palm Beach Gardens, and earlier was a member of the board of Greater Palm Beach Chapter, American Red Cross, a member of the Palm Beach County Education and Government Advisory Board, and was a honorary member of the Florida Government Communicators Assn. In Connecticut he had been a board member of the Hartford Old State House Assn., the Goodspeed Opera House Assn. the Greater Hartford Chapter of the Red Cross and the Connecticut Society to Prevent Blindness. He was a former board member of the Selburne Museum, Shelburne, VT, a former member of the Board of Governors of the American Society of Business and Economic Writer, and an accredited member of the Public Relations Society of American and former president of the society's Greater Hartford Chapter.

Visitation for family and friends will be Friday, June 3, 2011, 6pm to 8pm at Taylor and Modeen Funeral Home 250 Center Street Jupiter, FL. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Saturday, June 4, 2011 at 12:00pm at St. Patrick Catholic Church 13591 Prosperity Farms Road, Palm Beach Gardens, FL. 33410.

The family would like to thank all who contribute to St. Patrick's Building Fund in Jim's memory. For directions and online condolences, please visit [www.taylorandmodeen.com](http://www.taylorandmodeen.com).

# Tribute Wall



“ *James J. Devaney*

October 22, 2023 at 10:17 AM



“ *Dear Sally, We were saddened to learn of Jim's death. My memories of you and Jim and those days at the Courant are and will always be heartwarming. Jim was a fine reporter and a fine man. We send our sympathy to you and your family. All the best, Barbara and Larry*

**Barbara Carlson and Larry Rasie - Branford, CT** - June 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *I knew of Jim and I knew his parents, Duke and Kay and his brother Earl. Not having met Jim is our loss. You, His family, are in our thoughts and prayers at this sad time.*

**Dave and Ellen Devaney - Fort Lauderdale, FL - 1st cousin** - June 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear Sally + Sena,*

*My sincere sympathy for your loss.*

*Our prayers are with you during this most difficult time.*

**Sheila Muir - Haddam, CT - Friend of Sally's from UNH** - June 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM

HD

“ Dear "Mom" and Senal think of you and wish I was together with you. "Dad" will always be a part of me. Especially fondness and love from Norwegian daughter Hilde

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Hilde Nordskogen - Oslo Norway - "Norwegian daughter" - June 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TC

“ Dear Sally and Sena,

*My deepest sympathy to both of you on Jim's passing.*

*Please let all the wonderful memories always comfort you.*

*We still think of you often.*

*Tina Brainard Hetrick*

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Tina Brainard Hetrick - Portland, CT - Neighbor in Killingworth, CT - June 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM

EU

“ I'm not a man with many words. One thing I can say is he was Great Man and will be forever in My Heart. If I ever leave this world alive? I'll thank for all the things you did in my life. Wherever I am you'll always be ,More than just a memory. So the madness that you feel will soon subside. So in a word don't shed a tear. I'll be here when it all gets weird. Peace

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Eric Rogers - frankfort, ME - Great Uncle - June 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ my sympathy goes out to jimmy,s family...i knew his father and mother quite well when i was young and visited them in ware... his father "duke" as he was known was my fathers younger brother...take care everyone... janet devaney

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janet devaney - valley village, CA - first cousin - June 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM

HF

“ The days at the Courant are still fresh in mind, Sally. It was an honor to be a friend. Sympathy to you and your family.j4BsL

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Harold Alm - Windsor Locks, CT - friend - June 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ Dear Sally and Sena,My sympathies to you both on Jim's passing. May your fond memories always comfort you.Stan Dudek

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Stan Dudek - San Bruno, CA - June 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM