



## Thomas Aloysius Devane, Jr.

January 19, 1929 - August 6, 2016

LOUDONVILLE---Thomas Aloysius Devane, Jr., 87, passed away peacefully at home, surrounded by his wife and family, on August 6, 2016 after a brief illness. Born in Troy, New York, he was the son of the late Thomas A. Devane Sr. and Honora (Anna) Morrissey Devane. Tom was a graduate of Siena College, where he received his Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration, with a Major in Accounting. He subsequently earned a Master's Degree in Public Administration from the State University of New York at Albany. He was honorably discharged from the United States Army in 1951, after attaining the rank of Corporal while stationed in Japan during the Korean War.

Following completion of his education and service to his country, Tom pursued a distinguished career in finance. Originally employed by Texaco as a member of its sales force, he later became Vice President and General Manager of Main Brothers Oil Co., Inc. in Delmar. In 1968, he moved to the public sector, joining the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York, where he ultimately served for many years as the Deputy Executive Director for Planning and Financial Analysis. He was well respected throughout New York State for his expertise in municipal bond financing, and was the 1994 Honoree of the Municipal Bond Forum of New York, where he was a long time member. He also served as a member of the Council of Health Care Financing Authorities, and as an Associate Member of the Municipal Finance Officers Association. After his retirement from the Dormitory Authority, he served as a financial

consultant to The University Heights Association, Inc.

Tom believed strongly in service to his community, and through the years was a member of the Boards of Directors of Big Brothers-Big Sisters of Albany County; The Albany County Historical Association; The Associate Board of Trustees of Siena College; The Teresian House; The New York Association of Services and Housing for the Aged; Childs Hospital; Wildwood Programs and The Wildwood Foundation.

In his spare time, Tom thoroughly enjoyed the game of golf, and was a member of Tall Timbers Country Club, Pinehaven Country Club, and Normanside Country Club. He was also a long-time member of the University Club of Albany.

Tom is survived by his beloved wife, Mary Patricia (Whalen) Devane, his cherished children Mary Ann Allen (John), Thomas A. Devane III, Patricia Smith (Thomas), Maureen Kipper (Carl), Daniel Devane (Sharon), Brian Devane (Elizabeth) and Kathleen Fouracre (Douglas). He also leaves behind nineteen deeply loved grandchildren Candice Rose (Ronnie), Jennifer Murdza, Christopher Smith (Darcy Kohn), Matthew Allen, Andrew Smith (Dr. Katie Seither), Sarah Allen, Katherine Nersesian (Mark), Emily Smith, Karolyn Kipper (Andrew Clement), Elizabeth Devane, Laura Kipper, Molly Allen, Brian Devane, John Fouracre, Meghan Devane, Grace Devane, Erin Fouracre, William Devane and Mary Devane, as well as two special great grandchildren, Kailey and Paige Rose.

Tom is also survived by his siblings, Margaret Devane Hunt and James H. Devane Sr., his sisters- and brother-in-law Carolyn Whalen Gaynor, Dr. Michael B. Whalen (Joanne) and Denie Whalen, and by many treasured nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his sister Mary Devane O'Neill, and his brothers-in-law Paul O'Neill, Robert Hunt, Thomas M. Whalen III and

John M. Gaynor.

Relatives and friends are invited to call on Tuesday, August 9, 2016 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at St. Pius X Church, 23 Crumitie Road, Loudonville, New York 12211.

A Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday, August 10, 2016 at 10 a.m. at St. Pius X Church.

The Rite of Interment will take place in St. Agnes Cemetery, Menands, New York immediately following the Mass.

Those wishing to remember Tom in a special way may send a contribution to The Wildwood Foundation, 2995 Curry Road Extension, Schenectady, New York 12303.

To leave Tom's family a message on their guestbook, light a candle, obtain directions, or view other helpful services, please visit [www.mcveighfuneralhome.com](http://www.mcveighfuneralhome.com)

# Cemetery Details

## St. Agnes Cemetery

48 Cemetery Ave  
Menands, NY

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG **9**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

St. Pius X Church  
23 Crumitie Road  
Loudonville, NY

## Service

AUG **10**. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Pius X Church  
23 Crumitie Road  
Loudonville, NY

# Tribute Wall



“ *Thomas Aloysius Devane, Jr.*

October 08, 2023 at 09:24 PM



“ *I had the privilege of working with Tom in the 80's and 90's when he was at DASNY. He was just a great person, fun to be around and in many respects, larger than life. He is missed. My condolences to his family.*

**David Beidler** - January 04, 2017 at 11:23 AM



“ *To the Smith family, Patty, Tom, Chris, Andrew and Emily: Please know how sorry I am at the passing of Thomas. Know that my prayers and thoughts are with you at this time. -- Ann Shaw*

**Ann Shaw** - August 10, 2016 at 09:33 AM



“ *Tom Devane was a true gentleman, and oh what a smile. He will be missed by everyone. Sorry to miss seeing you in person, but we are working through the crisis with Charles. Love and hugs to all, John and Karen Fouracre*

**Karen Fouracre** - August 10, 2016 at 07:52 AM



*He DID have a wonderful smile Karen!! Thank you so much for your wonderful thoughts--our prayers are with your family constantly for Charlie's complete healing and return to good health.*

**Mary Ann Allen** - August 12, 2016 at 10:32 PM

BE

“ *Mary Pat, Tommy, Mary Ann, Patty, Dan, Maureen, Brian and Katie and family,*  
*I'm sure you feel so lucky to have had him as a husband, father, father-in-law, grandfather and friend. We feel so touched to have his sign that he made it to heaven be Charles opening his eye. We are sorry that we are unable to be at the calling hours and service and with you, but Charles needs us to be at the hospital. We will be with you in spirit, thoughts and prayers.*  
*Betsy and Rich*

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**Betsy Ellison** - August 09, 2016 at 06:17 PM

MA

*As our whole family is with you and Charles in spirit, thought and prayers, Betsy, Rich and Natalie!! Charles now has a guardian angel in heaven fighting for his quick and full return to good health! Thank you so much for thinking of us at this difficult time.*

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**Mary Ann Allen** - August 12, 2016 at 10:28 PM

WB

“ *A truly wonderful man with such a big heart, always giving of himself. I will always have the fondest memories of him and be forever grateful to him for "showing me the ropes" when I started working at the Albany County Historical Association. My sincerest condolences to his family.*

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**Wendy Burch** - August 09, 2016 at 09:18 AM

MA

*Dad SO loved his work with the Ten Broeck Mansion! And the Halloween festivities always scared the living daylights out of his grandchildren, to his utter delight! Thanks so much for your wonderful message!*

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**Mary Ann Allen** - August 12, 2016 at 10:31 PM

BL

“*“Did” was a wonderful family man who was always optimistic and full of life; I always enjoyed our dinners hosted by my Mom, Ruth, together with Mary Pat, Carolyn and John. Ruth and all of us enjoyed hearing about all of the adventures of the Devanes over the years: a marvelous and caring family headed by two shining examples of parenthood. A life well lived, Oh Good and Faithful servant! You will remain in our prayers. Sending love, prayers and hugs to all of you. BL*

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**Betty Lynch** - August 09, 2016 at 06:35 AM

MA

*Thanks so much for your kid thoughts and prayer, BL--they will help us find peace and healing in the days ahead. Right now, there is a huge hole in the center of our world.*

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**Mary Ann Allen** - August 12, 2016 at 10:28 PM

ST

“*My condolences to the entire Devane family. It was an honor and a pleasure and always a laugh to have known Mr. Devane, and to see in him and his family the very embodiment of love. Through decades of marriage, countless family gatherings and events, social outings and even casual meetings it was always clear that love and love of family was essential to his nature. May happy memories give you all strength in these difficult days, and soon bring a smile back to your faces.*

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**Steve Basile, Austin TX** - August 08, 2016 at 12:53 PM

SB

*Steve Basile, IN Austin.*

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**Steve Basile** - August 08, 2016 at 12:53 PM

MA

*His laugh was infectious, Steve!! We are all smiling every time we think of it--and of wonderful times spent with your family!*

Mary Ann Allen - August 12, 2016 at 10:26 PM

RB

“ Dear Mary Ann & John, Patti & Smitty,  
Peace and comfort to you and your family. I always enjoyed seeing your parents at the Wildwood events and hearing your funny family stories. I know your Dad was a very special man. Hoping the best of memories carry you through sad times.  
Renee

Renee Buckey - August 08, 2016 at 12:50 PM

MA

*Thank you so much Renee!! The thoughts and prayers of family and friends will absolutely help us heal and find peace after the loss of a simply wonderful man, who, with my Mom, was the center of our world.*

Mary Ann Allen - August 12, 2016 at 10:25 PM

RB

“ Renee Buckey lit a candle in memory of  
Thomas Aloysius Devane, Jr.



Renee Buckey - August 08, 2016 at 12:39 PM

DK

“ *Deb Ketchum lit a candle in memory of Thomas Aloysius Devane, Jr.*



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**Deb Ketchum** - August 08, 2016 at 12:32 PM

DC

“ *Love to you all. I will always think of Patty's dad, as the one who gave her a most wicked sense of humoR.*

*diane*

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**diane curry** - August 08, 2016 at 11:56 AM

MA

*Without a doubt, Diane!!*

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**Mary Ann Allen** - August 12, 2016 at 10:24 PM

PB

“ *Mary pat and family. Sorry to hear the news of Tom's passing. One of my fondest memories are the good times we enjoyed while making football dinners at CBA.*

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**Pat Blanchfield** - August 08, 2016 at 11:10 AM

MA

*It was SO wonderful to visit with Mickey and PJ during Dad's services-- thank you so much. Mrs. Blanchfield, for your wonderful thoughts about Dad! I will share them with my Mom, and I know they will make her smile.*

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**Mary Ann Allen** - August 12, 2016 at 10:34 PM