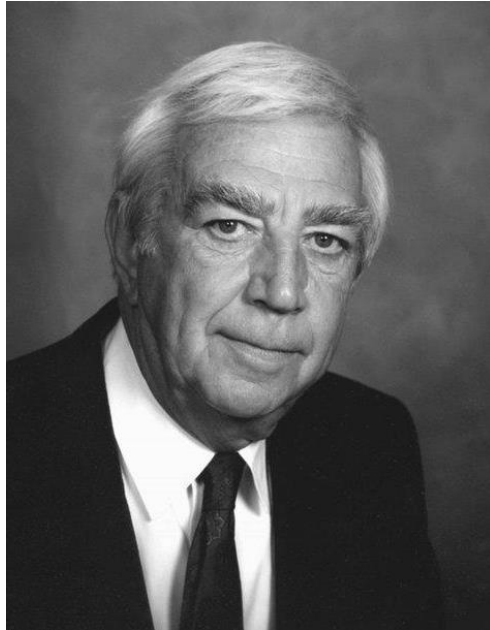


James B. Devlin

1932 - 2015



James B. Devlin was born October 31, 1932 in Wichita to Fern and Floyd Devlin. Jim attended Cathedral High School where he met his wife of 62 years Kathleen Powers. He attended the University of Kansas and graduated with a degree in geology and petroleum engineering. He was a member of Delta Tau Delta fraternity. Jim joined the Marine Corps in 1955 and served as a First Lieutenant Infantry officer until 1958. He began his long career in the oil and gas business as a staff geologist with Conoco from 1958-1963. In 1963, Jim became a consulting geologist and independent oil operator of Jayhawk Oil Company. In 1982 he formed Viking Resources with Tom Wesselowski and served as President.

Jim was a past President of Kansas Independent Oil and Gas Association (KIOGA), an inductee into both the Kansas Oil and Gas Hall of Fame and the Kansas Oil Museum, past President of Wichita Country Club, and a found board member of the Sedgwick County Zoo among his many accomplishments. He served on the PAG for the North Midcontinent RLO. He also served on the Advisory Board for the Tertiary Oil Recovery Project (TORP) at The University of Kansas.

Jim treasured his wife, children ,and of course, his grandchildren. He loved his friends, KU sports, and telling a good joke. His friends will remember he had an opinion on anything and you seldom had to ask for it. Jim and Kathy had many adventures traveling the world together and great trips with wonderful friends. For over 65 years, they treasured their time at their beloved mountain cabin in Spar City, Co. Jim was legendary for his great storytelling, remembering the punch line to the best jokes, and being surrounded by so many friends, family and laughter. Big, gregarious, bright and honorable, he inspired us all. He left a mark on everyone and every community he was a part of. And like a true United States Marine, was a great leader for the organizations he was involved with.

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