



## Andy H Devine

December 4, 1921 - November 16, 2018

Andy H. Devine, 96, died Friday, November 16th, 2018

Lawyer, State Representative, County Commissioner, Community Organizer, City Councilman, Judge, child advocate, parent activist...a beloved son, brother, uncle, husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather.

He was born December 4th, 1921 in Shelby, Ohio and raised in a large family by strong, faith-filled parents (Rose and Dennis Devine). He overcame many obstacles early in life. His father worked in a factory 12 hours a day, 7 days a week. His family was poor materially, but rich in faith and love. He had dyslexia and was held back 2 years in elementary school. He left his family home at the age of 16 to enroll in seminary, a life that was disciplined, formative, and character building. In his early 20's, he lost eyesight in his right eye from a detached retina. Despite his reading disability, he graduated from law school in 1948.

Andy: an Irishman, stubborn, charismatic, honest, innovative, charming, bull-headed, determined, dogged, passionate, funny, intelligent, faithful, a man of integrity. He fought fiercely for children and parents (always "think parent" when helping a child). He loved history, opera, traveling, camping, hiking, swimming, politicking, Abraham Lincoln, oatmeal breakfasts, romaine salads, his favorite water glass, and above all, his family.

He chose a strong, feisty woman, Lorene Hecker, to be his life partner. They celebrated their 65th anniversary on October 3rd. They raised six children: Patrick, Mimi, Jim, Paul, Laurie, and Jean; later Sophia Ross Lloyd joined the

clan. The spouses or “outlaws” (in order) Cheryl (Armor) Devine, Mike Touhey, Kristine (Newbold) Devine, Sharon Mayne-Devine, Ed Jacob, Mark Spinazze and Mark Lloyd. Grandchildren: Kristina, Carolyn, Kerry, Kevin, Erin, Annie, John, Michelle, Paul, Teresa, Kathleen, Katherine, Anna, Henry, Nicole, Gayle, Julianna, Joe, Sarah. His 21 great grandchildren filled his heart with delight. He was profoundly grateful to God for the gift of life and the gift of family. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to Lourdes University (Sylvania, Ohio) or any other preferred charity that supports parents.

Wake -November 23rd: 2-8pm

Coyle Funeral Home

1770 S. Reynolds Road

Toledo, OH 43614

Funeral Mass: 10:30 AM

Saturday, November 24th

Rosary Cathedral

2535 Collingwood Blvd

“A hundred years from now it will not matter what my bank account was, the sort of house I lived in, or the kind of car I drove...but the world may be different because I was important in the life of a child” - Forest E. Witcraft

# Cemetery Details

## Calvary Cemetery

2224 Dorr St.  
Toledo, OH 43607

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV **23**. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Coyle Funeral Home  
1770 S. Reynolds Road  
Toledo, OH 43614

## Funeral

NOV **24**. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Rosary Cathedral  
2535 Collingwood Blvd  
Toledo, OH 43610

# Tribute Wall

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“ So sorry for your loss. Judge Devine was a true inspiration to me in my younger days when I was just starting out. I truly loved the man. He was a teacher, a great catholic, a negotiator, a talented speaker, hard working and many more things. Little attention has been paid in the press about the Judge Devine’s early work – 1970’s. He started the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council, then called the RPU. Thru his selfless effort, it brought the leaders of our community together to accomplish many, many projects. He was the leader who brought us new police, court and correction projects. Some of these projects include the new jail, court administrator development and funding, improvement of the criminal justice process changing the manner cases were processed, jail reform, building a new Toledo Municipal Court, providing criminal defendants with attorneys, starting a work release program, training programs for police and corrections personnel, and many others. I miss him and I’m sure the juvenile and criminal justice system in Lucas County will forever be better off for Judge Devine’s numerous contributions. May God provide His light and His rest for Judge Devine and for his family.

*Bob Mossing*

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**Bob Mossing** - December 03, 2018 at 09:59 AM

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“ Please accept my family's heartfelt condolences on the loss of your dear loved one Mr. Devine. May you find peace in fond memories of him, and hope in God's assured promise to awaken those asleep in death to perfect life on a paradise Earth, in fulfillment of His original purpose for humans.

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**Greene Family** - November 29, 2018 at 09:30 AM

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*During this season of Christmas and beyond, may Jesus our God of comfort continue to hold you all in the palm of His hand as you remember and celebrate Judge Devine's life legacy. 'Be not afraid, I go before you always. Come, follow Me, and I will give you rest'.*

Greene Family - November 29, 2018 at 03:11 PM

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*“ It was 1977 when I first encountered Judge Devine as a juvenile traffic offender trying to get my driver's license back for a minor traffic violation which he said because of your honesty here today I'm removing this violation from your record and returning your drivers license. I was so grateful to him for doing this and I thanked him and went on my way. Little did I know that six years later that I would be working in maintenance at the Juvenile Court/ CSI where I found myself working in his company again. It was an honor and a privilege to work for him in an indirect capacity but he was one of the many people to help shape my life and for that I will always be grateful.*

*Sincerely,  
Frank Powalowski*

Frank Powalowski - November 24, 2018 at 10:06 AM



*“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Andy H Devine.*



November 23, 2018 at 09:34 AM

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“ I am so sorry to hear about your loss. Mr. Devine sounds like an absolutely wonderful person. I taught with Jean Spinazze at St. Catherine and enjoyed hearing stories about her dad. I lost my dad last February and think of him often. I hope your good memories lighten your hearts during this hard time.

Barb O'Donnell - November 22, 2018 at 09:15 PM



“ A New Sunrise Spray was purchased for the family of Andy H Devine.



November 20, 2018 at 10:23 PM

BM

“ We never knew Andy before our trip in 1995 to the Holy Land and Rome. What a wonderful gift he was to all of us on the trip. Hi whit, his forever smile and always their to share a good story. We were all blessed to spend time with Andy on the trip and the reunion dinner for years to come.  
Lorene our hearts go out to you and your children. God Bless Andy for all of the help he gave to so many in his life time. Deacon Jim and Betty Moncher

Betty Moncher - November 20, 2018 at 10:22 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Andy H Devine.*



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November 20, 2018 at 09:50 PM