

DEVIN, WILLIAM DAVIS

Birth

November 1, 1915 at Des Moines,
Polk Co., Iowa



Death

January 31, 1989 at home, Rural
Des Moines, Polk Co., Iowa

Cause of Death

Self-inflicted gunshot

Cemetery Lot

Buried on Lot 104
Lot was purchased by James Devin on
July 24, 1920.

Father

James Devin

Mother

Frances Meleta Griffith

Marriage

Return of Marriage to Clerk of District Court

William Davis Devin

Place of residence: Route #6, Des Moines, Iowa

Age next birthday: 25

Place of birth: Des Moines, Polk Co., Iowa

Occupation: Farmer

1st marriage

Father: James Devin

Mother: Maleta Griffith

Married

August 19, 1940 in Des Moines, Iowa

Helen Margaret Janda
 Age next birthday: 29
 Place of residence: Des Moines, Iowa
 Place of birth: Des Moines, Iowa
 1st marriage
 Father: Frank Janda
 Mother: Catherine Teyro ?
 Witness: Dorothy A. Rflany and John Devin

Census

1920 – Bloomfield Twp., Polk Co., IA; ED 233; Page 13B; Line 79; Roll 507; February 6, 1920
 Devin, William D. 04 10/12 IA IA IA

Refer to the complete census of his family by looking at the census of James Devin which is above

1925 – Bloomfield Twp., Polk Co., IA; Book 49; Line 110
 Devin, Wm. 09 IA IA IA

Father was James Devin, born in IA
 Mother was Meletia Griffith, born in IA

For a complete census of this family refer to James Devin which is above

1930 - Bloomfield Twp., Polk Co., IA; ED 95; Page 3B; April 18, 1930
 Dwelling 73; Family 73

Devin, Jim	59	farmer	IA	OH	IL
Francis M.	52		IA	OH	IL
James H.	17		IA	IA	IA
William D.	14		IA	IA	IA
Florence I.	12		IA	IA	IA

1940 – Bloomfield Twp., Polk Co., IA; ED77-9; Page 4A; April 15-16-17, 1940
 #79 – same house as in 1935; Des Moines, Polk Co., IA

Devin, James	69	farmer	IA
Frances M.	63		IA
William D.	24	farmer	IA

WWII Draft Registration
 Registration Date: October 16, 1940
 Service Number: 385 66 29

William Davis Devin
 Age: 24
 Date of birth: November 1, 1915
 Place of birth: Des Moines, Iowa
 Residence: Des Moines, Polk Co., Iowa

Weight: 145
Eye color: Blue
Hair Color: Brown
Height: 5' 8"
Next of Kin: Hellen Margaret Devin, wife

Obituary

[The Des Moines Register, Thursday, February 2, 1989, Page 5M]

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Christ the King Catholic Church for William D. Devin, 73, of rural Des Moines. Burial will be in Pleasant Ridge Cemetery at Orilla. Mr. Devin died Tuesday at home of a self-inflicted gunshot wound. The death was ruled a suicide by Dr. R. C. Wooters, Polk County medical examiner.

He was a lifelong Des Moines resident and a retired farmer and Pioneer seed corn salesman. He had been a member of the Lincoln High School Alumni Association, Willow Creek Golf Course Men's Club, Polk County Historical Society and the Farm Bureau. He was a Bloomfield Township trustee.

Surviving are two daughters, Diane Bolender and Jean Combs, both of Des Moines; three sisters, Elizabeth Beerbower of Houston, Texas, Jane Lotz of Keytesville, Missouri, and Florence LeBlanc of Green Valley, Arizona; a brother, James of Muscatine; and four grandchildren.

Friends may call from 4 to 9 p.m. today at McLaren's Funeral Chapel, where a Scripture wake service will be at 6 p.m. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Central Iowa or the Food Pantry at his church.