



## James O. Picone

October 19, 1922 - August 26, 2011

James O. Picone 88 of Winter Park, Fl, passed away peacefully in his home Friday, August 26, 2011. He was born in Sugarland, Texas the son of Joseph Picone and Juanita Blanchard. After serving his country in WW II James attended Texas A&M where he received his Bachelors Degree in Business Administration. His career was focused on business promotion and economic development and held such positions as Director of the Orlando Orange County Industrial Board, the Director for Industrial and Commercial Marketing for the area's Florida Center for Development as well as Director of Economic Development for Southern Railway in Washington DC and Director of Economic Development of Richmond, Virginia. He was also a monumental player on the team that brought Walt Disney World to Central Florida. James was an avid tennis enthusiast and golfer, proudly making a hole in one at the Meadow Woods Golf Club. He is survived by his wife Bette Picone, two children James E Picone and Kaye Morriss, five grandchildren and five great grandchildren. Services will be held at 10:00 am , Wednesday, August 31 at the DeGusipe Funeral Home in Maitland, Florida. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be given to Hospice of the Comforter, 480 West Central Parkway, Altamonte Springs, Florida, 32714.

Arrangements are entrusted to DeGusipe Funeral Home & Crematory 9001 N. Orlando Avenue, Maitland, Florida 32751, 407-695-CARE (2273). Please visit [www.degusipefuneralhome.com](http://www.degusipefuneralhome.com) to leave a special condolence.



# Tribute Wall



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Bruce & Tammie Case##imported-end##

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“ Bette, Kaye and Jim - I have so many fond memories of Uncle Oliver from our fun times in San Antonio to summers in Winter Park. And he loved to send me jokes via email. I'll never forget the day he called me about his hole in one! He was so exited and wanted me to make sure I told Pat to make Pat jealous! He will certainly be missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Love to you all.##imported-begin##Jo Lynn and Pat Smith##imported-end##

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“ To the family of Jim Picone,  
My deepest condolences! Jim was a wonderful man who was a HS classmate of my mother, Betty Banister. He took the time to connect with me after my mother passed away, and shared photos and stories about their high school years. I will treasure his emails and stories, as he helped me connect with some of my mother's other classmates through the internet.  
Jim is in my thoughts and prayers, and I know he will be dearly missed by his family and friends.  
Linda Coffey  
Yarmouth Port Massachusetts##imported-begin##Linda Coffey##imported-end##

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