

# John J. Deveny Jr.

August 30, 1944 – September 17, 2024

John J. Deveny Jr. was born on August 30, 1944, in San Antonio, TX, to John J. and Mary Ray Deveny, and passed away on September 17, 2024, in Stillwater, OK. John's family moved to Morrisville, NY, where he and his two younger brothers grew up. John attended SUNY Buffalo (NY) where he graduated Magna Cum Laude with a bachelor's degree in Spanish. He subsequently received his Ph.D. in Spanish from the University of Florida, Gainesville. John moved to Stillwater, OK, in 1970 where he began his career at Oklahoma State University teaching Spanish. He taught at OSU for 47 years, setting a record for the longest teaching career in the history of the department. His students held him in high regard, resulting in his receiving many awards and achievements during his long teaching career. John married his wife Eivi in 1984. Two sons and one daughter were born to this union. John was a long-time member of St. John and St. Francis Xavier Catholic parishes in Stillwater where he served as a Stephen Minister, enabling him to help others. John was an avid collector of Lionel model trains and John Deere tractors. He also was a member of the Amateur Radio Club. John is survived by his wife, Eivi, Jake (Karen), Columbus, OH; Mark (Sabrina), Stillwater, OK; and Suzanne (Vince Butler), Tulsa, OK. He is also survived by six grandchildren: Max and Daphne Deveny, Mila and Lily Deveny, and Oliva and Sophia Butler. In addition, he is survived by his brothers, Thomas Deveny (Isabel Valiela) of Westminster, MD, and George Deveny, Little Falls, NY.