



Deloris Devlin

February 3, 1925 - February 17, 2026

Deloris May Bryan was born on February 3, 1925, to George and Gertrude Bryan of Lima, Ohio. On February 17, 2026, she left this world to meet her Lord and reunite with her loved ones at the age of 101.

Deloris, better known as Dee, married her husband Robert (Bob) and moved to Sarasota in 1946. Together they owned and operated the Southside Sundries aka Southside Drug Store on Osprey Avenue from 1947 to 1970. During this time, they built their dream home on Siesta Key. After selling the drug store, Dee began her career as a hearing aid dealer and established the Acoustic Arts Lab.

Dee, a driven woman, had a thirst for learning, so she returned to college and obtained her master's degree in Audiology from the University of South Florida in 1976. Then at the age of 77, she obtained her Audiological Doctorate (AuD) from the University of Arizona.

As a well-known businesswoman in Sarasota County, she served as a Guardian ad Litem for the 12th Circuit Court, a Docent at the Ringling museum and was a long-time member of the Sarasota Yacht Club where she became an avid bowler at the of age 80.

A sailor at heart and a lifetime lover of water, Dee enjoyed many journeys with

her husband and family. She was one of the first women in Sarasota to complete the U.S. Power Squadron courses and later became certified as a Navigation Instructor.

In the late 60's, Dee purchased 26 acres of farmland in east Sarasota and moved her family from Siesta Key to establish Springbrook Farm. She loved her family, focused on their education and success and served as an example for all.

She lived her life to the fullest enjoying horseback riding, gardening/pulling weeds, silversmithing, reading, boating, ballroom dancing and traveling internationally. Dee continued her entrepreneurship by maintaining her presidency of SmoothBeat Corporation until her passing. Quite the history buff, Dee was always happy to share her knowledge, honesty, wit, spunk and laughter ~we are all blessed to have known her!

Dee was preceded in death by her husband, Robert Devlin, father, George Bryan, mother, Gertrude Bryan, brother, Norman Bryan and son, David Devlin. She is survived by daughter, Kathy Devlin (Bambi Lockman), daughter-in-law, Robin Devlin, grandson, Patrick Devlin (Katherine), granddaughter, Mary Brett Evans (Dave), four great grandsons, Wyatt, Weston and James Devlin and David Evans III (Tripp) along with extended family members, nieces, nephews and cousins.

Visitation will be held on February 28th at 11:00am at the Toale Brothers Funeral Home, 912 53rd Ave. West, Bradenton, FL. Graveside services will follow at Manasota Memorial Park Cemetery on the corner of 53rd Ave. East, 301 Blvd. East, Bradenton, FL

Following graveside services, family and friends are invited to attend a "Celebration of Life" at Springbrook Farm.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in memory of Deloris Devlin at:
<https://www.sarasotasailingsquadron.org> (501(c)3)

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 28. 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM (ET)

Toale Brothers Funeral Home & Crematory - Bradenton Chapel

912 53rd Ave W

Bradenton, FL 34207

(941) 746-6191

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<https://www.toalebrothers.com/>

Graveside Service

FEB 28. 1:00 PM (ET)

Manasota Memorial Park

1221 53rd Ave E

Bradenton, FL 34203

Tribute Wall

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“ From the time our family moved to Sarasota in 1957, Mr. and Mrs. Devlin and Southside Drugs were an important part of our lives. We were there practically daily for one thing or another, from prescriptions to notebook paper. The drug store was a mainstay, along with Marable’s Market, The Holiday 5 & 10, and Raymond’s Flowers. Together they taught us about how business was done, the importance of doing a good day’s work, as well as the value of a dollar. I remember those times and those grownups fondly, and I am grateful for the lessons they taught us about life.

Reid Farrell - February 22 at 09:25 PM

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“ Rick and I have known and loved Dee for decades. So enjoyed all the times at the SYC as well as at her beloved Springbrook Farm. My husband Ricky (Dee always called him that) and her son David were best friends since they were the day they were born. Dee even shared her hospital room with Ricky’s Mom at SMH. They continued their friendship all their lives even tho David chose UF and Ricky FSU, they fished together, hunted together, camped together and more. Ricky and I will forever remember Dee with love. May all of the family feel the love and prayers coming to them at this sad moment in time. RIP dear Dee from all the Martins.

rick and Veda Martin - February 21 at 03:35 PM