

James Casey, retired Realtor and builder

James A. Casey, 81, a retired Realtor and home builder, died of cancer Monday at Abbott Northwestern Hospital in Minneapolis.

Casey was former owner of Casey's Realty and Construction Co.

In the 1960s, he bought and developed 175 acres in the Credit River area adjoining Prior Lake. The project was known as Casey's Addition and consisted of 163 single-family homes.

His business was headquartered at 36th St. and Grand Av. S. in Minneapolis. He retired in 1978.

Casey was born in Credit River Township on a farm that had been homesteaded by his maternal grandfather in 1885. He graduated from Cretin High School in St. Paul in 1929 and from Globe College of Business in 1931. He worked for several retail stores and banks in the Twin Cities before he started the realty and construction company.

He was given the WCCO Radio Good Neighbor Award in January 1975. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus.

He is survived by his wife, Ruth; daughters Kathleen, Rita, Veronica, Therese and Virginia, all of Minneapolis; Rose, of Norwalk, Conn., and Mary, of Hereford, England; a son, Joseph, of Minneapolis; a brother, Robert, of St. Paul; sisters Eileen O'Hern, of Bloomington, and Veronica Connelly, of Chicago; 10 grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. Services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday at Annunciation Catholic Church, 54th St. and Harriet Av. S., Minneapolis. Visitation will be held from 4 to 8 p.m. today at the Gleason Mortuary, 7601 Pleasant Av. S., Richfield. Memorials to Poor Clare's Monastery are suggested.

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