

Devine, Jack

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Intelligencer staff reporter Tom Gavey, then a part-time sports writer, began his coverage of the Bulls, getting to know Devine as a fellow journalist and as a friend.

"He was such a big help to me in that first year in the OHL," Gavey said Thursday after learning of Devine's death. "I was new at the job and he guided me through, introduced me to coaches and league officials."

Locally, Jack was heavily involved in the Eastern Ontario Baseball Association, the Bay of Quinte Power Squadron and is a life member of the Prince Edward Power Boat Racing Club.

Outside the Quinte area, Jack was a power to be reckoned with on the national and international hockey scene.

He was past president of the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association (1973-75) a life member of the CAHA as well as the Ontario Hockey Association.

Each year, Jack and Minnie eagerly anticipated attending the annual CAHA meetings held across the country - those trips were a highlight for the Devines each year.

He also served as a member of the International Ice Hockey Federation council from 1975-78 and was chairman of the world junior hockey championships in 1978 in Montreal and was chairman of the host committee for the 1986 world junior championships in Hamilton.

Jack was also the recipient of an award from the Sports Federation of Canada in 1973 for 'Outstanding contribution toward the encouragement of participation in amateur sport in Canada.'

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Thank you, Jack.

Visitation for Jack Devine is today from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at John R. Bush Funeral Home. The funeral is slated for Saturday at 11 a.m. at Bridge Street United Church with burial at Wolf Island United Church cemetery at 3 p.m..

Belleville's Jack Devine, sports director at CJBQ Radio for almost 40 years, was (above) inducted into the Belleville Sports Hall of Fame in September of 1988. He also served as the first-ever chairman of the Hall of Fame's Selection Committee in 1987. Below,

Devine (center) drops the ceremonial first puck at the Team WHA-Team Soviet summit series in 1974. Devine closed his sportscasts at CJBQ with the phrase 'To play a sport you must be one.'

