

JAMES FRANCIS McCARTIN

1925 - 1988

How lovely is thy dwelling-place,
O Lord of hosts!

Psalm 84

James Francis McCartin died suddenly at home on West 9th Street on Christmas Day. During the last year, although his health deteriorated, Jim resolved to enjoy his life and courageously share that enjoyment with others. Those who knew him during that time will not forget his indomitable warmth and good humor.

A gentle man of dignity and generosity, Jim was born in Norwich, Connecticut, attended schools in Waterbury and Madison and Quinnipiac College in Hamden, and was graduated from New York University with a Bachelor of Science degree. He was a printer/calligrapher for 35 years, becoming Vice-President of Hasbrouck Thistle and Company before he retired on disability in 1987 due to complications resulting from emphysema.

McCartin is survived by his cousins Leo and Robert Maynard of Moosup, Connecticut. Jim was an active member of the West 9th Street Block Association, serving for a number of years as a Vice-President and Chairman for Beautification. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II.

Always a voracious reader, Jim particularly enjoyed the Napolionic period, sailing vessels and steamships, classical Greek architecture, the history of New York City and English Stately Homes - designing his own home and his vacations around these interests.

A memorial service will be held at St. Joseph's Church, 6th Avenue and Washington Place, on Friday, January 13, 1989, at 9:30 a.m. Interment will be private. In lieu of flowers, contributions to the West 9th Street Block Association for the James McCartin Tree Fund will be appreciated. Contributions can be mailed to Mrs. Richard Corwin, 61 West 9th Street, New York, NY, 10011.