



Name: James Roosevelt

Years: December 23, 1907 – August 13, 1991

Residence: New Hyde Park, New York; New York City, New York; New Port Beach, California

Brief Biography: James Roosevelt was born on December 23, 1907 in New York City. As a child, James went to many different schools such as National Cathedral School in Washington, D.C., and the Groton School in Massachusetts. He went to Harvard College and managed to graduate in 1930. He attempted to practice law as well, but because he was a very successful insurance salesman he dropped out and opened his own insurance firm. He also helped his father in presidential elections and in the White House. However, some claimed he used this position to get big businesses in his insurance firm. He would eventually leave Washington DC and move to California where he began to work for a movie producer. When the United States entered World War II, James joined the navy. He fought in many battles such as Okinawa and Makin; and when the war ended he came out with a Silver Star and Navy Cross. Afterwards he was elected as Congressman in House of Representatives for California. He held the position for six terms until he was put on the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization. He would soon retire from politics and live out the rest of his life in California, until he passed away on August 13, 1991. He was 83 years old at the time.

Major Accomplishments:

- Secretary of the President
- Started his own successful insurance firm
- Served in the United States Navy
- Served six years in the House of Representatives
- Served on the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization

For More Information: For more information, look on the Biographical Directory for Congress Members. <http://bioguide.congress.gov>

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