



John F Malone October 12, 2025

The Honorable Judge John F. Malone passed away peacefully on October 12, 2025.

He is survived by his loving wife of 44 years, Jo Ann, sisters Donna McKenna (Pat), Denise Malone and Jacqueline Anderson (Timothy) along with their children, brother-in-law Peter Madorma as well as his Goddaughter Carla, whom he loved dearly and grew prouder of, with each passing year. He was predeceased by his parents Elizabeth and John Malone as well as his sister-in-law Camille Madorma and brother-in-law Kenneth Beckmann. A lifelong resident of the City of Elizabeth, Judge Malone achieved excellence throughout his academic career, which included his attendance at St. Benedict's Preparatory School, where he developed a strong work ethic and interest in the field of law. Upon graduation, Judge Malone continued his scholastic pursuits at Seton Hall University and Seton Hall University Law School, where he honed his diverse skill set, solidified his passion for justice and earned his Juris Doctor degree. With admissions to the New Jersey Bar and United States District Court of New Jersey, Judge Malone had a prestigious legal career, beginning with his own Law Firm and followed by serving as a Judge within the Superior Court of New Jersey in the Family Civil, Criminal and General Equity Divisions.

Throughout his judicial career, Judge Malone had a positive and lasting impact on the lives of generations. Following his retirement, he worked at the Law Firm of La Corte, Bundy, Varady and Kinsella, where he served as Of Counsel. In this capacity, he also served as an attorney for the Elizabeth Board of Education and the Elizabeth Democratic Committee. A fixture in local politics since the 1980s, he served as an advisor and strategist for the campaigns of former Senator Raymond Lesniak, Mayor J. Christian Bollwage, Councilwoman-at-Large Patricia Perkins-Auguste, Councilman-at-Large Manny Grova Jr. and Councilman-at-Large Frank Cuesta. His sound advice, trusted opinions and thoughtful recommendations always provided reliable guidance. Continuing his active participation within the community, Judge Malone was a communicant of St. Genevieve's Church, serving as a Eucharistic Minister; a member of the Knights of Columbus 3197 as well as served as the attorney for the Union County Senior Softball League. Embracing life each day, Judge Malone enjoyed traveling, going to the gym, spending time at the Jersey shore and rooting for the New York Yankees.

With notable achievements throughout his life, Judge Malone's efforts, commitment and integrity earned him the admiration and respect of his peers and colleagues. He valued his time spent with loved ones and cherished his friendships. A man of faith, he believed in living as well as leading by example, and will be greatly missed by all.

Visitation will be on Thursday from 3-7 at the Higgins and Bonner Echo Lake Funeral Home, 582 Springfield Ave, Westfield. Funeral mass will be on Friday at 10am at St Genevieve's Church, Elizabeth, with interment to follow at Rosedale Cemetery, Linden.