



## Joseph L. Malone

July 2, 1937 - September 24, 2022

Joseph Lawrence Malone (Joe), was born in St. Vincent's Hospital, Greenwich Village, New York, July 2, 1937. He lived in Glenridge, New Jersey for his first four years, but grew up in Park Slope, Brooklyn, a place that he loved and that was part of his soul.

Joe was an extraordinary guy. He was a genius who could speak or read over seventy-five languages. When he would walk over the George Washington Bridge to get to Barnard College (where he was a renowned Professor of Linguistics), Joe was often stopped for directions. If the person had an accent, he would ask where they were from and then give them the directions in their language. Joe walked everywhere, thirty-six miles a week.

Joe published many linguistic papers and books, including, *THE MORPHOPHONOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE CLASSICAL ARAMAIC VERB* and *TIBERIAN HEBREW PHONOLOGY*, as well as poetry, short stories and translations. He even wrote a poem in Gaelic, and published it in *Feasta*, an Irish Gaelic magazine. The poem was about Brooklyn!

He was a Corpsman during peace time in the U.S. Army and served at mental hospitals in Georgia and Germany. He was a volunteer at Holy Name Hospital in Teaneck, NJ for 15 years, where he once again gave people directions in their own language.

He was the beloved husband of Pamela, a loving father to Joey and Otis Malone, a loving father-in-law to Patti Kane, and a wonderful Grandpa to Delia, Pari, Hilly and Harry and became a great grandfather to Everett one

year ago.

He loved animals, rescued fallen birds from trees, and was the adoring father of Fluffy, Beansprout (cats) and Snowball (Westie) who has the same “don’t tell me what to do personality” as Joe.

The memorial visitation and service will be at Volk Funeral Home, 789 Teaneck Road, Teaneck NJ, October 1, 2022. Visitation 10AM-11AM and Service at 11AM. [www.volkleber.com](http://www.volkleber.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Cedar Lawn Crematory

Corner of Crooks Blvd & McClean Avenue  
Paterson, NJ 07503

# Previous Events

## Memorial Visitation

OCT 1. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Teaneck  
789 Teaneck Road  
Teaneck, NJ 07666  
(201) 836-0202  
info@volkleber.com  
<https://www.volkleber.com>

## Funeral Service

OCT 1. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Joseph L. Malone*

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October 08, 2023 at 09:59 PM



“ *Joseph L. Malone*

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October 08, 2023 at 06:27 PM

MW

“ I hope I'm not out of line expressing my heartfelt condolences to all who are hurting at the loss of such a great man, father, teacher, husband, grandfather, ....human. While I e never met Mr. Malone.....I just watched a beautiful interview with him, conducted by one of his talented sons. Not only was I extremely touched by meeting Mr. Malone..... his beautiful wife, his beautiful family, his beautiful mind left me quite emotional. Prayers to the family and may you all be reunited with Joseph Malone some fine day when time unveils eternity 🙏🙏

*Below is the detailed comment that I left on the YouTube documentary about him.*

*Wow. I turned 61 a few days ago and have been feeling.....very .....melancholy for unknown reasons. I stumbled upon the Morning Bar documentary.....that lead me to a brief video of a homeless man, RIP Buddy..... Which lead me to your videos and finally this one about your wonderful father. I can't begin to describe the emotions this has ignited within me. I barely understand them as I wipe tears away throughout this masterpiece. There is so much going on here. The photos....the people in the backgrounds..... the music.....the beautiful relationship between mom and dad.....the beautiful heart that was motivated to document his father.....the awe inspiring tour of the attic.....such priceless and familiar organized clutter. I could spend years in that attic, exploring, reading, remembering.*

*Most of all.....my tears fall in the absence of my own father, a true celebrity in his own rite. Google Mort Weiss and take a musical ride. My father passed a few years ago at the age of 83. He would have absolutely savored this video. He would have sent the link to me and we would have discussed and referenced parts of it for the rest of his life.*

*Thank you for this emotional ride. I've not gotten dressed today as I've been trapped in your works.....your gifts. It's 2:12 pm and here I sit. Time well spent.*

*Michael Weiss*

**Michael Weiss** - July 13, 2023 at 02:30 PM

AF

“ I was his Teaching Assistant at Barnard College from 1994 through 1996 and he was my Advisor. He was a kind, gentle guiding teacher and I was always grateful to have been his student and to have been able to learn from him. My heart is with his family.

**Antonia Fasanelli** - October 03, 2022 at 03:07 PM

PM

Thank you so much for these kind words. Joe always remembered you and spoke highly of you. Joe loved teaching at Barnard, because as he said, the students were the best and smartest anywhere.

**Pam Malone** - October 19, 2022 at 09:24 AM

HM

“ In June it will be 25 years since I graduated from Barnard as one of the last linguistics majors to study under Joe Malone. He was an extraordinary professor and mentor, though he had to lean on me for computer basics for the couple of years I served as his TA. ;) Since Christmas 1998, he and I exchanged Christmas cards, and so I got a little glimpse into his post-Barnard life, just as he did mine. I will miss him a lot. My heart goes out to you, Pam, even though we never met, I felt I got to know you a bit through Joe's missives. -Helen McClure, BC'98

**Helen McClure** - October 03, 2022 at 03:03 PM

PM

Thank you, Helen, same here. Joe's Granddaughter labeled him "technologically challenged." In every other way, he was ahead of the pack!

**Pam Malone** - October 19, 2022 at 09:26 AM

DM

“ *In my limited but memorable dealings with this man, three things were evident: he was nothing short of a genius, he was an Irish American rebel of the highest caliber, and he was a consummate gentleman. Deepest condolences to Pamela, Joe Jr., Otis, et al. So sorry for your loss. Rest In Power Mister Malone!*

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**David McG** - September 28, 2022 at 06:21 PM

PM

*Thank you so much for this words you're right on! Pam Malone*

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**Pam Malone** - September 30, 2022 at 02:39 PM

SO

“ *Such a dear man who loved all of his family, including extended relatives. Brilliant, gracious, a lover of linguistic beauty. I am so sorry that he is no longer with us. "God give us men..." Shirley O'Shea*

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**Shirley Ann OShea** - September 28, 2022 at 10:22 AM

PM

*Thank you Shirley, so beautifully expressed!*

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**Pam Malone** - September 28, 2022 at 08:58 PM

DB

“ I was very sad to learn of Professor Malone's passing. He was one of my doctoral dissertation advisors at Columbia-Barnard in the late 1970s. Typically, he demanded that I do a certain kind of generative linguistic analysis of the material I was researching - and once I had done it, knowing I had no interest in that kind of analysis - he said "OK, now take it out and go back to your original analysis!" Another thing that must be said about Joe Malone - at least when I was in touch with him: he was a great jazz fan, and looked the part, with the long sideburns and mustache, which I see from the picture that he retained into his older age. Zihrono livraha - May his memory be a blessing for all of us! David M. Bunis, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

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**David Bunis** - September 28, 2022 at 05:21 AM

PM

Thank you so much David, sounds like Joe to me, open to life's rhythms like jazz.

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**Pam Malone** - September 28, 2022 at 09:01 PM

EG

“ Joe was one of my professors in grad school and a great inspiration and guide to me. Since I got a job nearby, I was able to visit him at Barnard every now and then. When he took to walking back and forth, in order to speak with him I'd need to accompany him up Broadway to the GW Bridge on foot--something I had time and stamina to do only occasionally. He was a very cool guy, a delight as well as a terrific scholar and poet. He sent me a booklet of his poems, and I was honored to blurb his book on translation practice. He leaves the world a poorer place. But where he's going, he will find endless conversation partners, in so many languages. May I say it? He speaks more languages than God. May his memory always be a blessing.

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**Ed Greenstein** - September 28, 2022 at 05:10 AM

PM

*David he spoke of you often. It won't be a Tower Of Babel if Joe is there.*

**Pam Malone** - September 28, 2022 at 09:03 PM

PM

*Ed he spoke of you often, admired your work.*

**Pam Malone** - September 28, 2022 at 09:04 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Joseph L. Malone.*



September 27, 2022 at 01:11 PM

DG

“ *Dianne and Gary purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Joseph L. Malone.*



**Dianne and Gary** - September 27, 2022 at 10:38 AM