



The Honorable Patrick J. Roma

November 26, 2017

Patrick James Roma, retired Bergen County Superior Court Judge and former New Jersey State Assemblyman, of Naples Florida and formerly of Hillsdale, New Jersey died Sunday, November 26, 2017 following a massive stroke. He was 68.

He is survived by his loving wife, Patrice Malleus Roma (nee Garnich); step-daughter Lisa Malleus (Harold Boxill); sister Marie Van Nosedall, sister-in-law Claire Scozzafava; sister-in-law Carol Sylvester; sister-in-law Marie Mennonna (Ken); brother-in-law Peter Garnich (Stephanie); brother-in-law Gregory Garnich; mother-in-law Madeleine Garnich; and a devoted extended family of nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews, godchildren, cousins, and devoted friends

He is preceded in death by his previous wife Mary Ann Roma (nee Caporale); his brother Anthony Scozzafava; his brothers-in-law Bob Van Nosedall and Bob Sylvester.

Born in New York City, raised in Cliffside Park, NJ, and resided in Palisades Park and Hillsdale, NJ, the son of Frank and Philomena Scozzafava, the Honorable Patrick J. Roma graduated from Seton Hall University, received his law degree from Samford University - Cumberland School of Law, and his masters of law (LLM) degree from New York University School of Law.

Well respected in legal and law enforcement circles, and the local community, Judge Roma began his impressive career as an attorney and soon partner at Friedman, Pearlman & Roma. He served as Prosecutor for the Boroughs of

Palisades Park, Fairview, Little Ferry, Saddle Brook, Haworth, and Leonia. He was elected as Council President and Police Commissioner for the Borough of Palisades Park. He was elected as New Jersey's District 38 General Assemblyman from 1988-1997 and served as Assistant Minority Whip and Assistant Minority Leader. He was awarded Legislator of the Year by Local 518, the Motor Vehicle Employees Union in 1993; and by Shelter Our Sisters and the Italian American Police Society in 1994; Man of the Year by the Parole Officers Association in 1991, and again by the New Jersey AFL-CIO in 1995. He was appointed to the Superior Court of New Jersey in 1997 and reappointed with tenure in 2003. He served on the bench in the Criminal Division of the Bergen Vicinage until his retirement in 2014.

In addition to his devotion to the law, Patrick had a passion for fishing, guns, and travel.

Patrick was an avid fisherman, sportsman and supporter of the 2nd amendment. He went fishing in Alaska, Hawaii, Montana, and the Florida Keys. He was always up for a fishing trip keeping his fishing gear in the SUV just in case he passed a good fishing hole. He was a member of The Naples Fishing Club, The Guys Group, The Porsche Club, and The Italian American Society. Patrick's fondness for travel took him and wife Patrice on wonderful trips abroad and exploring throughout the US.

Patrick's spirit, love, and wisdom touched the lives of many throughout his life. Memorial visitation will be held on Monday, December 11th from 4-8PM at the Volk Leber Funeral Home, 268 Kinderkamack Rd., Oradell, NJ. A Memorial Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday, 11AM, at St. Peter the Apostle RC Church, 445 Fifth Ave., River Edge, NJ. Private cremation. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to St Jude's Research Foundation, 501 St Jude Place Memphis, TN 38105. A memorial service will be held in Naples, Florida at a later date.

Cemetery Details

George Washington Memorial Park

234 Paramus Road
Paramus, NJ 07652

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

DEC 11. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Oradell
268 Kinderkamack Rd.
Oradell, NJ 07649
(201) 261-1088
info@volkleber.com
<https://www.volkleber.com>

Memorial Mass

DEC 12. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Peter the Apostle RCC
431 5th Avenue
River Edge, NJ

Tribute Wall



“ *Volk Leber Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of The Honorable Patrick J. Roma*



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This was my uncle PATRICK J ROMA. my beloved uncle & almost GODFATHER. If only for a brief time but I will DIE myself one day & I will pass away LOVIING PAT as if he was my DAD!💔

Scott A Recanati - September 07, 2025 at 06:58 AM



“ *The Honorable Patrick J. Roma*

October 08, 2023 at 09:59 PM



“ *The Honorable Patrick J. Roma*

October 08, 2023 at 06:27 PM



“ *The Honorable Patrick J. Roma*

August 30, 2022 at 02:48 PM



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of The Honorable Patrick J. Roma.



December 15, 2017 at 04:43 PM



“ attended Epiphany School with Pat from 1st to 8th grade. Pat was always a straight arrow, soft spoken and a truly nice person.

John Criscione - December 14, 2017 at 07:13 PM

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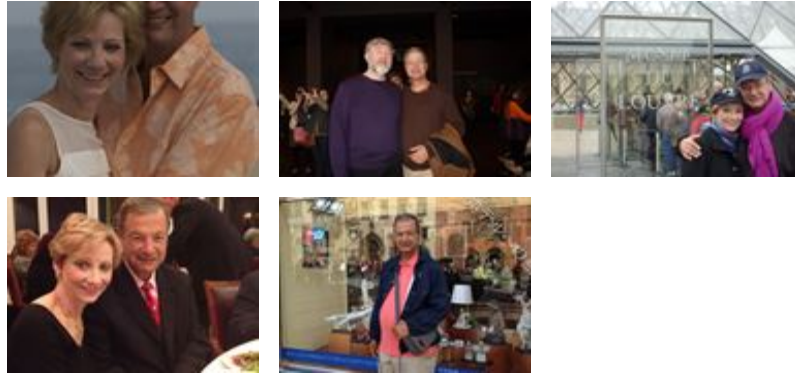
*I met Pat playing ball outside Cliffside Park HS one weekend afternoon, we were maybe 13 or 14 at the time we became great friends and hung around together for about 2 years
I knew all his family
Had some great times with him, we had some much fun together at Palisades Amusement park going to movies together in Jersey City I have a couple of great photos of him I need to find , and would be able to send you if you like
Last time I saw him was maybe 3 years ago at a place my band was playing and again at the Hack court house
My mom loved him and always said what a good looking young man he was.
I will always remember his warm smile and close friendship we shared as young people*

Cliff Bernunzio

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“ Tender Tribute was purchased for the family of
The Honorable Patrick J. Roma.



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“ Kanta and I met Patrick when he was an assemblyman back in the 90s, when he was appointed a judge, and finally, at the funeral of his first wife Mary Ann Roma. We found him to be warm and friendly with an outgoing personality. His untimely passing comes as a shock and we would like to extend our heartfelt sympathies and condolences to his wife Patrice and the entire family. May his soul rest in peace!

With profound sorrow, Komandur & Kanta Sunder Raj.

Komandur Sunder Raj - December 04, 2017 at 10:03 PM