Donald Patrick Malone

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Donald Patrick Malone

Also Known As: "Donald Earl Malone"

Birthdate: July 05, 1924

Birthplace: Springfield, Massachusetts, United States

Death: October 04, 2007 (83)

Joshua Tree, California, United States

Immediate Family: Son of Ed Malone

Ex-husband of Martha Grace Stewart Father of Patrick Michael Malone

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Immediate Family



Martha Grace Stewart ex-wife



Patrick Michael Malone son



Ed Malone father





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About Donald Patrick Malone

TWENTYNINE PALMS — Friends and family of longtime Twentynine Palms art teacher Don Malone, who died Thursday, Oct. 4 will celebrate his life at 5 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 11 at the 29 Palms Inn.

They will also set up an art scholarship in Malone's name.

Friends and former students are invited to the inn, 73950 Inn Ave., to share stories about Malone and the impact he had on their lives.

Beverages will be provided. Anyone wishing to bring finger foods is invited to do so.

Malone, a 78-year resident of Twentynine Palms, instilled a love of art in thousands of students from throughout the Morongo Basin during 40 years teaching art at Twentynine Palms High School and College of the Desert.

He died at Hi-Desert Medical Center in Joshua Tree at the age of 83.

Malone was born on July 5, 1924, in Springfield, Mass., to Ed and Katherine Malone.

Get Started

The family moved to Twentynine Palms as homesteaders in 1929 because Malone's father had been a victim of mustard gas attacks during World War I.

Malone graduated from grammar school and high school in Twentynine Palms and went on to teach for

28 years at Twentynine Palms High School and 12 years at College of the Desert before retiring in 1985.

He has four children, Patrick, Brian, Katie and Rachael.

"He was an artist," longtime friend Dianna Stevens said of Malone. "He loved the desert. This is where he wanted to spend the rest of his life."

Malone's philosophy about the desert was simple, Stevens noted.

"You couldn't change the desert," she said. "The desert changes you."

She recalled that Malone specialized in watercolor in his early years but later switched to assemblages.

He was one of eight founders of the Twentynine Palms Historical Society and served on the Twentynine Palms Art Gallery board for many years.

He taught art history classes and served as a docent at the art gallery after he retired.

"He was a big helper in founding the historical society," Stevens said, noting that Malone was a good source of information about life in Twentynine Palms.

"So many stories he could tell," she said, describing him as a real raconteur.

"His father was very important in helping the veterans get their rights," she said.

Participants in Malone's celebration of life on Thursday also will have a chance to contribute to an art scholarship fund set up in the beloved art teacher's name.

The scholarship was the idea of Jerri Hagman, a former student of Malone's, who said she would like to see people bring contributions in lieu of flowers.

"I had suggested a money tree," she said.

"Don loved the desert," Hagman said. "He was really part of the community for so many years."

Donald Patrick Malone's Timeline

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1924

July 5, 1924 Birth of Donald Patrick Malone
Springfield, Massachusetts, United States

November 13, 1951 Birth of Patrick Michael Malone 1951 Oakland, San Francisco, CA, United States

October 4, 2007 Death of Donald Patrick Malone 2007 Age 83 Joshua Tree, California, United States

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