



## Robert J. Malone

March 13, 1931 - November 8, 2016

Robert Jack Malone, 85, of Columbus, went home to be with his Heavenly Father on November 8, 2016. He was born in Steubenville, Ohio, and was a graduate of Canton McKinley High School, Muskingum College, and Ohio State University, and served his country in the United States Air Force during the Korean War. Bob was a retired teacher from the Columbus Public Schools, and a member of Grace Brethren Church of Columbus. Bob was preceded in death by his mother Jessie Malone, and is survived by his wife of 58 years, Kathryn; sons Greg (Heidi) Malone of Canton, Alan (Heather) Malone of Powell, grandchildren Caitlin Malone and Aaron Malone, special grandchildren Heather (Jamie) Rhoads, and special great grandson Evan Rhoads. Memorial service will be held on Saturday, November 12, 2016 at 11am at GRACE POLARIS CHURCH, 8225 Worthington Galena Road, Westerville. The family will receive friends following the service. Private family burial at Flint Cemetery with arrangements by Rutherford-Corbin Funeral Home. The family wishes to thank the staff of Willow Brook Christian Home, and Pastors Jim Custer and Tim Waggoner.

# Cemetery Details

## Flint Cemetery

8187 Flint Rd.  
Columbus, OH 43235  
(614) 885-5033

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

NOV 12. 11:00 AM (ET)

Grace at Polaris Church  
8225 Worthington Galena Rd.  
Westerville, OH 43081

# Tribute Wall



“ *Robert J. Malone*

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January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ *I was one of his cousins. Knew him as a child and enjoyed his visits to Jessie and Ed Gerke's home in Dillonvale, Ohio. We shared many memories through the years. I will miss him. Thoughts and prayers, Katy. God guide you and give you strength in time to come.*

*Ruth Penman Gardner and Larry Gardner*

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**Ruth Gardner** - November 30, 2016 at 09:30 AM

JK

“ Robert J. Malone was my 6th grade teacher at McGuffey Elementary School in 1959. He was THE most influential teacher I had during my 12 years in the Columbus Public School system. I searched for him over the past 25+ years but never found him. Sad to learn that one of his sons may have lived a mere 5 minutes away from me. One of my greatest regrets is that I was never able to tell him personally what a profound and lifelong effect he had on the poor, fat, 11 year old boy he took under his wing. I would love to have sat and had coffee with him again... as we did every morning in his room before school (Yes, even at 11 years old I was drinking coffee... still do). He always brought a thermos with a little extra for me. We talked about school, life, sports... most any subject an 11 year old could talk about. He ALWAYS had time for me. He taught me self respect, respect for others, to always try my best, to listen to my conscience and not to the words of others, to own up to what I did... good or bad, and more. All of this, PLUS whatever else a 6th grade teacher is supposed to teach his students. He was, in my eyes, an amazing man and role model. And I would tell him that I turned out OK, proudly served my country, and supported my family, and tried to pass on to my children and grandchildren many of the values he passed to me. Does he remember? Probably not. I was one of thousands of students in a lifetime of service. But I never forgot him and what he did for me. I haven't seen him in more than 50 years, but his image is burned in my memory. Thank you, Mr. Malone, for all you did (and still do) for me.

James L. "Happy" (Holliday) Koogler

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James Koogler - November 11, 2016 at 08:58 AM

JM

“ I am saddened by your loss . Bob was my cousin whom I never met though I looked for him for many years. In his passing I have found another part of my family. We have much to share. John Robert Malone 3979 Irwin Court Grove City Ohio

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John Malone - November 11, 2016 at 07:41 AM

SY

“ *Katie, Greg, Alan, and families,*

*Please accept our sincere condolences . We fondly remember our memories of Bob and all of you as our neighbors on Medina Ave. May God be with you during this difficult time and hold you close to His heart and comfort you.*

*Frank and Mary Coner  
Susie and Roy Young  
Scott and Josephine Coner*

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**Sue Young** - November 11, 2016 at 05:25 AM

CP

“ *Condolences to the family of Mr. Malone. Your husband, father, and grandfather was my Principles of Democracy teacher at Linden McKinley High School. He was a great teacher. I still remember him telling us that we should memorize our social security number and not have to look at our card. When I got mine, I immediately memorized it. May fond memories comfort you.*

*Carole Betts Pearson  
Westerville, Ohio*

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**Carole Betts Pearson** - November 10, 2016 at 07:35 PM