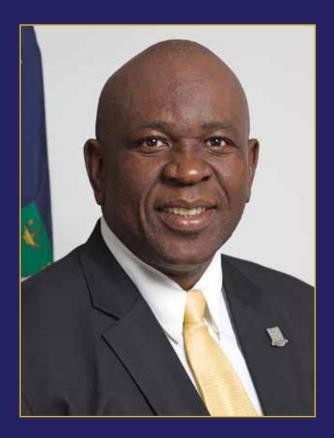


# **Official Funeral**



for

# Honourable Carvin Malone 12<sup>th</sup> June,1959 - 14<sup>th</sup> January, 2024

Multi-Purpose Sports Complex Road Town, Tortola Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> February, 2024 10:00 a.m.

# Lying in State

## Thursday, 1st February, 2024

12 noon – 5:00 p.m. House of Assembly, Road Town, Tortola

## **Funeral Procession**

Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> February, 2024 8:00 a.m.

# **Viewing and Pre-Service**

## **Multi-Purpose Sports Complex**

9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

## Service

10:30 a.m.

# **Officiating Ministers**

Rev. Morna Christmas-Frazer Rev. Celina Walton-Charles Rev. Erick V. Alexander Rev. Sandra Walters Malone

# **Organists**

Mr. Cedric Dawson Ms. Annjel Flax

## Interment

**Methodist Cemetery** 

Road Town, Tortola



## **Order of Procession**

House of Assembly to Multi-Purpose Sports Complex

## **Preceding the Hearse**

Royal Virgin Islands Police Force Sweep Car Police Band Police Honour Guard Police Flag Party

## Flanking the Hearse

Members of the Royal Virgin Islands Police Force

## **Immediately behind the Hearse**

Family Members

## **Official Mourners**

Members of The Fifth House of Assembly
Visiting Dignitaries
Former Members of the House of Assembly
Deputy Governor
Senior Managers
Heads of Departments

## Survivors

## Wife

Pernis Malone

## **Daughter**

Kirsten Malone

## **Sisters**

Jane Malone-Ricketts Jacqueline Malone-Hodge

## **Brothers**

Meade Malone Guy Malone Keith "88" Malone Arden Malone

# Adopted Sister Marieta Flax Headley

## **Adopted Brothers**

Kedrick Malone James Todman Lemuel (Chi Chi) Smith

## Sisters-in-law

Julie Todman-Malone AnnaBelle Hillary Skelton-Malone The Rev. Sandra Walters Malone Wandamae Malone Tiffany Malone Mary Kaye Turnbull Peggy Taylor Janice Savoy Dr. Cassandra Melancon-Stevens Cecile Melancon

## **Brothers-in-law**

Chris Melancon Tyrone Melancon Roland Taylor Lyndley Turnbull Dr. Joel Stevens

## **Nieces**

Kamiah Hodge Krystal Malone Phillip Chantel Malone Marisa Malone Xiamora "Gia" Malone Nejma Malone Darier Malone Arnesha Malone Arnique Malone

Ashley Malone Jenell Todman Khadijah Johnson

## **Nephews**

Darnell Harris Karim Hodge **Jahleel Howe** Molik Malone Tahj Malone Timothy Malone Damari Malone Jalen Malone Kevin Malone **Kvle Ricketts** James Todman Jr. Iamie Todman Aaron Headley Kenrick "KJ" Headley Jr.

## **Great Nieces**

De'Myah Harris Skylar Harris Chloe Hodge Kadia Hodge Zuri Malone Jelanie Todman Icia Todman

## **Great Nephews**

Ace Malone Zai Malone laden Todman Imir Sutherland

## Aunts

Anita Malone Hodge Ione Malone Yearwood

## Aunts-in-law

Mavis Malone Cynthia Malone Warrell

## Uncles

Harold Malone Joseph Malone

## Godchildren

Rodel Browne Adriano Yannick Gumbs Natoya Frett LaMisha Gumbs Lejion Gumbs

Jae Hodge Jade Hodge Dr. Celeste Malone Akesha Sharon Peterson Tara Stoutt Iamie Todman

## Special in-laws

Cheryl Minix Ingrid Melancon Dr. Eric Stevens Linda Turnbull Michael Turnbull Ysabel Turnbull

## **Extended Family**

Descendants of his deceased uncles and aunts

Flora Bailev Mildred Carty Helen Frett Evelvn Malone Egbert Malone Gad Malone Gladstone Malone Hartley Malone Leslie Malone Levi Malone Obed McField Malone Wilfred Malone

Flossie Penn Cynthia Malone Warrell

## Special Friends

Members of the Virgin Islands Party Members of the House of Assembly Staff of Caribbean Basin Enterprises Colleagues and Business Associates The Golden Gems throughout the Territory Many friends throughout the Territory and Abroad

## **Pall Bearers**

Members of the Royal Virgin Islands Police Force

## **Honourary Pall Bearers**

Honourable Kye Rhymer Honourable Vincent Wheatley Honourable Dr. Karl Dawson Neville "Sheep" Smith Frank Smith Lemuel "Chi Chi" Smith Joseph Malone Charles Penn Wesley Penn Hezikiah Maddox

# His Life, His Legacy



Carvin Malone was the first child born to Ruth and Randolph Malone on 12<sup>th</sup> June, 1959.

He grew up in the villages of Fat Hog's Bay, Baughers Bay, Major Bay, Parham Town, Lower Estate, Huntums Ghut and Road Town and attended pre-primary school in Baughers Bay and Major Bay and secondary school in Road Town. He regularly attended Sunday School and church and joined the Boys' Brigade in the villages where he was schooled. Carvin deeply believed that his life was shaped by the villages that raised him and defined the man he became. That core belief became for Carvin what Myles Monroe described as the "responsibility urge" which received confirmation and validation from a quote from Hillary Rodham Clinton's book "It takes a Village to Raise a Child ". That quote says, "...it takes a village to raise a child then, once studied, matured and accomplished, that child has an obligation to return and contribute to the upkeep of that village and to the care of the villagers." Carvin's village was the British Virgin Islands and at the core of everything he did was the upkeep and care of her people.

Carvin was an accomplished athlete and enjoyed the competitiveness of sports. He played basketball with the A's championship team and was a star volleyball player in high school where he played for House Four Carlisle, the gold and white team. After graduation in 1976, Carvin migrated to Harlem, New York, to attend Pace University where he resided with his uncle, the late Gladstone Malone, and his cousin Kedrick. Carvin quickly adapted to the pace and richness of life in New York City and developed lifelong bonds with his extended family. His uncle's home was the hub of family gatherings for cousins and other relatives living in or visiting New York. Those memorable gatherings in apartment 14 F were always filled with belly laughter that derived from the legendary humour and storytelling of his Uncle Gladstone, affectionately known to all as "Stoney". It is strongly believed that Stoney's humour, combined with that of his late mother, Ruth, was responsible for Carvin's legendary wit. After being introduced to them by Kedrick, Carvin developed his lifelong love for tennis and photography. His competitive nature, which impacted so many of his life pursuits, led Carvin to work diligently to master tennis until he was no longer the student in the relationship. This determination to master anything he set his mind to is one that he exhibited throughout his life.

At Pace University, he actively participated in numerous school clubs and activities, including the Caribbean Students' Association, the National Association of Black Accountants, the Ashanti Magazine Poetry Club, and he became a member of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Theda Lambda Chapter. During those years, Carvin gained valuable work experience through internships with the accounting firm of Coopers and Lybrand, the Bank of New York, and Recording for the Blind. He graduated in 1981 with a Bachelor of Business Administration, with a concentration in Public Accounting. His legendary father, Randolph "Mose" Malone negotiated a job as an internal accountant at the firm of his business friend, the late Benson Selzer of Pound Ridge, New York, and Steele Point, West End, Tortola. These New York experiences provided a solid foundation that prepared him for the next phases of his life.

#### Carvin the Businessman

Soon after his return home in 1982, Carvin assumed the management role in his father's enterprises: Virgin Islands Block Company; Island Building Supplies; VI Earthmoving; and TMT Sand Company in St. Thomas, USVI. Almost immediately, he was challenged to defend a family business and its business partners in the hotly-contested arbitration case of Sopers Hole Corporation vs Sandstorm Sand Company. Carvin was relentless, resilient, and determined throughout the process and led the family to a successful resolution. It was one of his crowning achievements and cemented for him the belief that all things are possible. During his tenure as leader of the family enterprises, Carvin masterminded the expansion of VI Block in Baughers Bay and East End; purchased and built the tug and barge vessels for the transportation of blocks, sand, gravel, and steel from the Dominican Republic, Puerto Rico, Barbuda, Dominica, and St. Croix, USVI. He masterminded the design and development of the Rite Way building on Flemming Street, Admiralty Estate Condominium Complex at Joe's Hill, the R & R Malone "Strip Mall" Complex and the home of the Department of Motor Vehicles at Pockwood Pond. Carvin was particularly proud of the R&R Malone Complex and it gave him immense pleasure and a deep sense of satisfaction to name the complex after his parents Ruth and Randolph Malone.

## His Life, His Legacy continued...

In 1995, Carvin moved to the Maryland/Washington DC area where he and his wife Pernis co-founded Caribbean Basin Enterprises and Berger/CBE Engineering to engage in the sale, engineering, and installation of wastewater collection, treatment, and disposal systems. In 1997, CBE was contracted to design, build, and install the wastewater facilities in Cane Garden Bay and in 2002 to design the BVI Wastewater Master Plan for the islands of Tortola, Virgin Gorda, Anegada, and Jost Van Dyke.

### Carvin the Community Service and Civic Leader

After returning home in 1982, Carvin, the "Village Child", became incredibly involved and active in community service and civic organisations. He served an unprecedented five times as President of the Lions Club of Tortola and held numerous leadership positions during his thirty-seven years as a member. Many of the signature projects of the Lions Club have his name associated with them, including the restrooms at the Noel Lloyd/Positive Action Movement Park, introduction of the Lions Quest programme, Village Welcome signs in various parts of the Territory, and assistance with securing funding for numerous other projects. His efforts were recognised by the Zone, Region, District, and Lions International with numerous awards, including that of Melvin Jones Fellow. He was named District 60B President of the Year 2008-09 and 2016-17, and District 60B Club of the Year 2008-09. He also served in other civic and public service capacities, including Chairman of the BVI Chamber of Commerce and Hotel Association; member of the BVI Fiscal Advisory Committee; member of the BVI Ports Authority Board; member of the H. Lavity Stoutt Community College Board and as a Commissioner of the 2005 Constitution Review Commission that ushered in the 2007 Virgin Islands Constitutional Order.

During his early years in sports, Carvin served in numerous leadership positions, including Vice President of the BVI Basketball Association, the Lawn Tennis Association, and the BVI Olympic Committee. Wherever there was a need for civic leadership the "Village Child " was there to fill it.

#### Carvin the Political Leader

Carvin's introduction to the world of politics came at an early age through his father, the late Randolph "Mose" Malone - a political stalwart, visionary, and close friend and political advisor to the Territory's first and longest serving Chief Minister, the late Honourable H. Lavity Stoutt, and his dear friend, Honourable Ralph T. O'Neal. Mose and HL Stoutt were founding members of the Virgin Islands Party (VIP) and Carvin continued their legacy until his passing. He served as President of the VIP from 2009 to 2016 and revised the party's Constitution in 2000 and 2006. Carvin viewed his rewrite of the VIP's Constitution as one of his enduring legacies in the party's history and firmly believed to the end that its provisions would be a blueprint for success and enable it to remain a formidable foe in every election. Utilising the wisdom and insights from his redraft of the Constitution, Carvin embraced the role of campaign manager for the by-election of 2005 and the General Elections of 2003, 2007, 2011, and 2019, with the Party emerging as the winner of the 2007 and 2019 General Elections. Taking up the mantle from his father, Carvin became a close advisor to Chief Ministers and Premiers during his time in party leadership.

Carvin was instrumental during his political life in identifying, grooming, mentoring, and advising political leaders. In 2019, he answered the call to contest a seat in the General Elections and was elected to the Fouth House of Assembly of the Virgin Islands and was appointed Minister for Health and Social Development from 2019 to 2022. It was a role he was destined to fulfill for "such a time as this". This period can only be described as one of the most challenging in the history of the Virgin Islands, brought about by the combined devastating impact of the 2017 hurricanes, Irma and Maria, the devastation of the COVID-19 global pandemic, and the conduct of the 2021 Commission of Inquiry by the United Kingdom. Carvin was guided through this unprecedented period of challenge and uncertainty by his deep faith in God, his unwavering sense of responsibility to take care of the village, and one of his core beliefs coined by Sir Winston Churchill, to "never let a national crisis go to waste, benefits must be derived." Carvin is credited with taking the lead role in keeping the Territory safe during the COVID-19 pandemic and used the opportunity to fortify the Territory's health services and crisis management protocols.

As Minister, Carvin worked with his colleagues in the Virgin Islands Party government to accomplish many successful initiatives and projects.

## His Life, His Legacy continued...

The Housing Recovery Unit was successful in:

- Constructing 22 "Social Homes", and issuing 17 "Home Rebuild Grants" of up to \$150,000 each, of which eight were completed;
- Distributing Hurricane Preparedness and Shutter Grants;
- Awarding 177 "Home Repair Grants" of up to \$100,000 each; and
- Distributing over 200 "Materials Grants" of up to \$9,500 each.

As Minister, the Health Services Authority together with the Ministry:

- Secured accreditation of the Dr. D. Orlando Smith Hospital (DDOSH) from the international accrediting body, DNVL Det Norske Veritas (Norway) and Germanischer Lloyd (Germany);
- Developed a Specialist Clinic which doubles as a "Pandemic Ready Negative Pressure Unit";
- Doubled the size of the Road Town Community Clinic and expanded its services;
- Expanded and outfitted the Clinical Laboratory with modern testing equipment, which is now ISO 15189 certified;
- Purchased a "40 Bed Field Hospital" for overflows and for periods of natural disasters;
- Equipped the Nurse Iris O'Neal Medical Center, (NIOMC) in Virgin Gorda with state-of-the-art dental equipment, lab equipment, ultrasound machinery, and X-Ray imaging equipment;
- Upgraded mental health services, and nutrition and urgent care services being offered at the NIOMC;
- Negotiated emergency airlift services from Anegada via Caribbean Buzz;
- Secured the assistance of Cuban doctors to assist in the delivery of COVID-19 services and in providing specialist medical and emergency unit services;
- Provided a three-day per week resident doctor at the Romalia Smith Clinic in Anegada;
- · Re-established twice-weekly nursing services to the North Sound Clinic;
- Collaborated with the H. Lavity Stoutt Community College to conduct two courses for the training and certification of 17 Advanced Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT);
- Introduced the Medical Act 2020 and the Nurses and Midwife Act 2021which were passed in the House of Assembly;
- Created, funded, and staffed the post of Social Development Specialist to collaborate with the Attorney General's Chambers for the review and upgrade of the Acts, Regulations, and Policies of the Ministry regarding Social Development;
- Drafted the terms of reference for the creation of the post of Public Health Specialist to collaborate with the Attorney General's Chambers for the review and upgrade of the Acts, Regulations and Policies of the Ministry regarding Public Health;
- Launched the Complete Health Improvement Programme (CHIP) in collaboration with the Ministry of Health & Social Development and Lifestyle Medical Institute;
- Funded the Summer Employment Programme that accommodated medical students who were deployed to the DDOSH and select clinics;
- Conducted over 120,000 COVID-19 tests that detected 7,305 positive cases; admitted 142 patients to the COVID-19 ward; administered the AstraZeneca and Pfizer vaccines to over 24,000 persons, inclusive of persons through the USVI/BVI vaccination bubble in St John, USVI;
- Purchased the Hummingbird System to record and maintain all immunisation records for the production of travel certificates;
- Strategically positioned over 50 recycling collection bins throughout the Territory;
- Initiated school-based competitions to collect recyclable materials;
- Engaged contractors during the shutdowns to conduct house-to-house garbage collection as a test case;
- Ordered and installed the incinerator control panel destroyed by fire in 2018;
- Engaged RDA and the Wood Group to advise on the specifications, purchase, and installation of mobile incinerators on all four islands, and on permanent Material Recovery Facilities and tertiary equipment for Tortola and Virgin Gorda;
- Initiated the WE RECYCLE Programme in partnership with GREEN VI;
- Engaged RDA and the Wood Group to advise on the specifications, purchase and installation of mobile incinerators on all four islands;
- Declared a War on Derelict Vehicles through the engagement of truckers and local barges to clean up satellite storage sites, and to recover and transport over 9,000 tons of derelict vehicles from Anegada, Virgin Gorda, Jost Van Dyke, and Tortola to the bulk storage facility at Pockwood Pond.

## His Life, His Legacy continued...

Under his leadership as Minister for social services The "Village Child" developed a special bond with our seniors whom he called his "Golden Gems" and showered them with attention and assistance.

#### **Carvin the Activist**

Carvin was deeply committed to advancing the cause of Virgin Islands self-determination and created the One Virgin Islands Agenda (OVIA) platform to educate Virgin Islanders on the options available to them. To advance the cause he opened an office, conducted countless hours of research, and solicited and secured the participation of academics and professionals in the area of self-determination as provided for under Chapter 1, Article 1, part 2 of the UN Charter. Carvin participated in radio and television programs, engaged audiences on social media platforms and created and contributed daily to an active WhatsApp chat group of like-minded Virgin Islanders. The work of the OVIA movement remained an area of deep passion, commitment, and resilience to the very end. His leadership and drive to see the BVI advance forward will be sorely missed. His hope would be that someone would answer the call and take up the mantle to run the race toward self-determination for Virgin Islanders with dedication, patience, wisdom, and commitment to the very end.

#### **Carvin the Family Man**

Carvin's love for family was unequivocal! In his role as family Patriarch, he was the family's advisor, counselor, confidant, cheer leader, bridge builder, and so much more. No matter how big or small the event, if Carvin knew about it, you could bet your last penny that he would be there. His presence provided strength, reassurance, approval and so much more to his family.

It was in 1983, on a trip to Washington, DC, to enlist the help of his cousin Lyndley Turnbull on behalf of the Malone family business, that Carvin and Pernis met at Lyndley's home (he is married to one of Pernis' sisters) and that fateful meeting evolved into a lifetime of love, loyalty, and commitment. Their union produced their daughter Kirsten and together they formed a family bound by an enviable bond of mutual support and integrity.

At Pernis' last birthday celebration, Carvin arranged for a violinist to celebrate the love of his life much to the envy of all those present as his public expression of love and affection rose to a whole new level. Little did we know that it was one of his ways of saying goodbye to his lovely wife Pernis while leaving behind a high standard to which each of us could aspire. He was truly one of a kind.

#### **Carvin the Messenger**

Last but not least, Carvin was a man of deep faith and love for God which served him, his family, and the Territory well during some of the most difficult times. His faith and trust in the Lord provided him access to private audiences with God that resulted in insights about the future that propelled him into action on behalf of his family and the wider BVI community. We will miss gathering up the popcorn to watch the upcoming episodes that God would tell him were on the way.

In life, Carvin's last message encouraged us to take heart because 2024 would be a breakthrough year for the people of God who walk by faith and not by sight.

In death, Carvin's message to us is to get ready and stay ready for the soon coming of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Carvin leaves behind his wife Pernis and daughter Kirsten, his brothers Meade, Guy, Keith, and Arden and sisters Jane and Jacqueline and their families. As we bid farewell to this illustrious son of the village, this husband, father, brother, and friend we are comforted by the assurance of God's promise to welcome home his own. The fruit of Carvin 's life by which he is known, assures us that he will hear "Well done good and faithful servant" ... "enter into the joy of your Lord".

Rest in peace my dear brother, rest in eternal peace.

## Order of Service

#### **Musical Prelude**

Opening Sentences Minister 

- 1. Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine; Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine! Heir of salvation, purchase of God, Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.
  - This is my story, this is my song, Praising my Savior all the day long. This is my story, this is my song, Praising my Savior all the day long.
- 2. Perfect submission, perfect delight, Visions of rapture now burst on my sight; Angels descending, bring from above Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.
- 3. Perfect submission, all is at rest, I in my Savior am happy and blest; Watching and waiting, looking above, Filled with His goodness, lost in His love.

Prayer ........Minister **Declaration** Minister 

- 1. And can it be that I should gain An int'rest in the Saviour's blood? Died He for me, who caused His pain? For me, who Him to death pursued? Amazing love! how can it be That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me? Amazing love! how can it be That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?
- 'Tis mystery all! The Immortal dies! Who can explore His strange design? In vain the firstborn seraph tries To sound the depths of love Divine! 'Tis mercy all! let earth adore, Let angel minds inquire no more. 'Tis mercy all! let earth adore, Let angel minds inquire no more.
- So free, so infinite His grace; Emptied Himself of all but love, And bled for Adam's helpless race: 'Tis mercy all, immense and free; For, O my God, it found out me. 'Tis mercy all, immense and free; For, O my God, it found out me.
- 4. Long my imprisoned spirit lay Fast bound in sin and nature's night; Thine eye diffused a quickening ray, I woke, the dungeon flamed with light; My chains fell off, my heart was free, I rose, went forth, and followed Thee. My chains fell off, my heart was free, I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.
- 3. He left His Father's throne above, 5 No condemnation now I dread; Jesus, and all in Him, is mine! Alive in Him, my living Head, And clothed in righteousness Divine, Bold I approach the eternal throne, And claim the crown, through Christ my own. Bold I approach the eternal throne, And claim the crown, through Christ my own.

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- <sup>1</sup> You who live in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty,
- <sup>2</sup> will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust."
- <sup>3</sup> For he will deliver you from the snare of the hunter and from the deadly pestilence;
- <sup>4</sup> He will cover you with his pinions, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness is a shield and defense.
- <sup>5</sup> You will not fear the terror of the night or the arrow that flies by day
- <sup>6</sup> or the pestilence that stalks in darkness or the destruction that wastes at noonday.
- <sup>7</sup> A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand, but it will not come near you.
- <sup>8</sup> You will only look with your eyes and see the punishment of the wicked

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31 What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? 32 He who did not withhold his own Son but gave him up for all of us, how will he not with him also give us everything else? 33 Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. 34 Who is to condemn? It is Christ who died, or rather, who was raised, who is also at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us. 35 Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will affliction or distress or persecution or famine or nakedness or peril or sword? <sup>36</sup> As it is written,

"For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered."

<sup>37</sup> No, in all these things we are more than victorious through him who loved us. <sup>38</sup> For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, <sup>39</sup> nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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<sup>1</sup> Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. <sup>2</sup> In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? <sup>3</sup> And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. 4 And you know the way to the place where I am going." 5 Thomas said to him,

"Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" 6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.

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I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died. and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

1. When peace like a river attendeth my way 3. My sin, oh the bliss of this glorious thought-When sorrows like sea billows roll My sin, not in part, but the whole, Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say "It is well, it is well with my soul!" Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! *It is well with my soul!* 4. For me, be it Christ, be it Christ hence to live; *It is well, it is well with my soul!* If dark hours about me shall roll. No pang shall be mine, for in death as in life 2. Though Satan should buffet, Though trials should come Thou wilt whisper Thy peace to my soul. Let this blest assurance control That Christ has regarded my helpless estate And has shed His own blood for my soul. Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen. 1. Who, who are these beside the chilly wave, 3. These, these are they who in affliction's woes Just on the borders of the silent grave, Ever have found in Jesus calm repose, Shouting Jesus' power to save, Such as from a pure heart flows, Washed in the blood of the Lamb? Washed in the blood of the Lamb. Sweeping through the gates of the new Jerusalem, 4. These, these are they who in the conflict dire Washed in the blood of the Lamb. Boldly have stood amid the hottest fire; Jesus now says: Come up higher; Washed in the blood of the Lamb. 2. These, these are they who in their youthful days, Found Jesus early, and in wisdom's ways Proved the fulness of his grace, Washed in the blood of the Lamb. Casket flanked by Pallbearers

Family Mourners Official Mourners

<sup>\*</sup> Please remain in your seats until the Official Mourning Party leaves.

# **Graveside Ceremony**

Commit	ttal and Prayers	•••••	Minister
Presenta	ation of Territorial Flag to Mrs. Pernis Malone	<b></b>	Jacqueline Vanterpool, Deputy Commissioner of Police,
Laying o		e Ho	ily members, Mrs. Pernis Malone and Ms. Kirsten Malone Premier, Honourable Dr. Natalio D. Wheatley ouse of Assembly, Honourable Corine George-Massicote eader of the Opposition, Honourable Ronnie W. Skelton
TAPS		•••••	André Brathwaite
Hymn: .			Will Your Anchor Hold
	Will your anchor hold in the storms of life, When the clouds unfold their wings of strife? When the strong tides lift, and the cables strain, Will your anchor drift, or firm remain?		3. Will your anchor hold in the floods of death, When the waters cold chill your latest breath? On the rising tide you can never fail, While your anchor holds within the veil.
	rain We have an anchor that keeps the soul steadfast and sure while the billows roll; fastened to the Rock which cannot move, grounded firm and deep in the Saviour's love!		4. Will your eyes behold through the morning light The city of gold and the harbour bright? Will you anchor safe by the heavenly shore, When life's storms are past for evermore?
	Will your anchor hold in the straits of fear, When the breakers roar and the reef is near? While the surges rage, and the wild winds blow, Shall the angry waves then your bark o'erflow?		
Hymn: .		•••••	I Know That My Redeemer Lives
	I know that my Redeemer lives. What joy the blest assurance gives! He lives, he lives, who once was dead. He lives, my everlasting Head.	3.	He lives and grants me daily breath; He lives, and I shall conquer death; He lives, my mansion to prepare; He lives, to lead me safely there.
	He lives to bless me with his love. He lives to plead for me above. He lives my hungry soul to feed. He lives to bless in time of need	4.	He lives! all glory to his name; He lives, my Savior, still the same; What joy the blest assurance gives I know that my Redeemer lives!

I will sing the wondrous story
 Of the Christ who died for me.
 How He left His home in glory
 For the cross of Calvary.

Yes, I'll sing the wondrous story Of the Christ who died for me, Sing it with the saints in glory, Gathered by the crystal sea.

2. I was lost, but Jesus found me, Found the sheep that went astray, Threw His loving arms around me, Drew me back into His way.

- 3. I was bruised, but Jesus healed me; Faint was I from many a fall; Sight was gone, and fears possessed me, But He freed me from them all.
- Days of darkness still come o'er me, Sorrow's paths I often tread, But the Savior still is with me; By His hand I'm safely led.
- He will keep me till the river Rolls its waters at my feet; Then He'll bear me safely over, Where the loved ones I shall meet.

 Sing the wondrous love of Jesus, Sing His mercy and His grace; In the mansion bright and blessed He'll prepare for us a place.

#### Refrain:

When we all get to heaven, what a day of rejoicing that will be! When we all see Jesus, we'll sing and shout the victory!

 While we walk the pilgrim pathway Clouds will overspread the sky; But when trav'ling days are over Not a shadow, not a sigh.

- 3. Let us then be true and faithful, Trusting, serving ev'ry day; Just one glimpse of Him in glory Will the toils of life repay.
- 4. Onward to the prize before us!
  Soon His beauty we'll behold;
  Soon the pearly gates will open—
  We shall tread the streets of gold.

# **Minister of Government**







At Sitting of the House of Assembly



Fourth Cabinet of the Virgin Islands



With Speaker and some Members of the House of Assembly at the 2022 BVI/USVI Friendship Day



At Sitting of the Youth Parliament



At Ninth Meeting of the Council of CDEMA and WFP Regional Symposium in TCI (2019)



#### **Tribute to the Life of the late Carvin Malone**

On behalf of the Government and people of the Virgin Islands, and my family, I express profound sadness on the passing of our dear and beloved brother, Carvin Malone, who passed on Sunday morning, 14<sup>th</sup> January, 2024. I extend condolences to his wife Pernis; his siblings, Jane, Jackie, Arden, Meade, Guy, and Keith; his daughter, Kirsten, and his extended family.

Carvin Malone was a champion for the Virgin Islands, and his sudden passing was shocking and heart wrenching. While we mourn his loss, we remember him for the sterling traits he possessed. Carvin lived a life of dedicated service to his community. He was a proud and dedicated member of the Lions Club of Tortola, having served as its President on a number of occasions. He was also a former President of the BVI Chamber of Commerce and Hotel Association. He also served as Vice President of the BVI Amateur Basketball Association. Wherever he had the opportunity to serve, he took it.

Honourable Malone was also a political stalwart, serving as the President of the Virgin Islands Party for 17 years. He was elected to the House Assembly and appointed as the Minister for Health and Social Development in 2019, leading the BVI through the COVID-19 Global Pandemic. Even after his time in elected office, he continued his political activity through his One Virgin Islands Agenda, a forum for public education and discussion on how the Territory could advance our development goals, including a strong focus on self-determination.

Carvin was a family man, a successful businessman, and a good friend. Carvin, his wife and daughter had a very close bond with his siblings, their spouses, and their children. Carvin also had a very strong relationship with his extended family. I know of his relationship with the Malone clan, which was as close as anyone could be with their family. He owned and managed many successful businesses on behalf of himself and his family, including Island Block Corporation, Progressive Management, Admiralty Estate, R and R Malone Complex, and Caribbean Basin Enterprises, He was a trusted, loyal, and reliable friend, and he often could be found by "Toddy," by "Moose," and by "Cornel" bars among other places, engaging in political dialogue or socialising.

Above all else, Carvin was a patriot with a big heart. He loved these Virgin Islands, and he loved Virgin Islands people. He tried his best to brighten his corner, and to bloom where he was planted.

We will never forget our dear brother Carvin. We thank him for his service. May he rest in eternal peace.

Honourable Dr. Natalio Wheatley Premier of the Virgin Islands



# Tribute from the Speaker of The House of Assembly of the Virgin Islands on the Passing of Honourable Carvin Malone

It is with profound sorrow and a heavy heart that I extend my deepest condolences, on behalf of the Members and Staff of the House of Assembly, to the family and friends of Honourable Carvin Malone.

Honourable Malone's contributions to our Territory were immeasurable, leaving an indelible mark on both our legislative landscape and the hearts of those he served. As the Minister for Health and Social Development, he demonstrated unwavering commitment, particularly during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic. His leadership and resilience in the face of this unprecedented crisis were instrumental in steering our community through challenging times. Honourable Malone's dedication to public service was evident, as he worked tirelessly to safeguard the health and well-being of our citizens.

In addition to his role as Minister, Honourable Malone served briefly in His Majesty's Loyal Opposition, showcasing his commitment to the democratic ideals that underpin our parliamentary system. His willingness to bridge divides and work collaboratively for the greater good exemplified his statesmanship.

To the family and friends of Honourable Malone, we offer our deepest condolences during this difficult time. May you find strength in the memories of his impactful service and the positive changes he brought to our community. Honourable Malone's legacy as a devoted servant of the public will forever be etched in the history of our Territory. The House of Assembly joins you in mourning, and our collective thoughts and prayers are with you.

Corine George-Massicote
Speaker of the House of Assembly



#### **Tribute to the late Former Honourable Carvin Malone**

Like the rest of this territory, I was stunned and saddened to be awakened a couple of Sundays ago to the news that my friend and compatriot, Carvin Malone was extremely ill. A few hours later he passed. My husband, Orlando and I extend our deepest sympathy to Pernis his wife, his daughter Kirsten, his brothers Meade, Keith, Guy, Arden, his sisters Jane and Jacqueline and their families, his uncle Mr. Harold, and his many relatives, friends and of course, the BVI Lions family.

Our emotions are still raw and our tears will continue to flow for a while, but Carvin has left this territory with such a rich legacy of service. Indeed, the BVI is a much better place because Carvin passed this way. He was a gentle giant, fully committed to the betterment of the people of this territory. His leadership perhaps reached its peak during 2021 and 2022 when he masterfully managed the COVID-19 pandemic, which resulted in the BVI having one of the fewest cases of COVID-19 on a per capita basis. As Minister responsible for Health, faithfully and efficiently updating us daily, we will never forget his closing, 'we are not out of the woods', a phrase that became virtually his nickname! We will always be grateful to him for his leadership during this difficult period.

Carvin loved life and never wasted a moment of it! Whether it was early morning tennis, or a daily swim at the beach at Cane Garden Bay, he fully appreciated that every day was a gift. And boy did he share those gifts! Every event of significance that he attended, he shared expertly though the lens of his camera – whether it was at church events, sports, rites of passage, including funerals and the like. We will miss Carvin for this.

Although Carvin may not have been a founding member of the Lions Club, he was certainly the embodiment of service through his many years of service as a Lion. Through his commitment to service, he taught many others the importance of service, helping the needy and of course bringing us all joy at Christmas with the annual lighting of the Christmas Tree in Road Town.

We will miss his kindness, his sound but quiet advice, his leadership and him providing a voice for the voiceless, so to speak, through his most recent project 'One Virgin Islands Agenda'. Carvin leaves a void but never a vacuum, as we will forever carry his memory in our hearts.

May his soul rest in eternal peace.

Honourable Lorna G. Smith, OBE

**Deputy Premier** 

Minister for Financial Services, Labour and Trade



#### **Tribute to the late Former Honourable Carvin Malone**

In loving memory of Honourable Carvin Malone, a dear friend and colleague, I pay tribute to a remarkable individual who dedicated his life to the betterment of these beautiful Virgin Islands and the Virgin Islands Party. Carvin Malone was the epitome of a faithful VIP member, wearing his green proudly and embodying the beliefs, structure, and commitment of the party.

It was a pleasure serving with Honourable Carvin Malone from 2019-2023, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic while he was Minister for Health and Social Development. His unwavering commitment to his beloved BVI and his passionate advocacy for our self-determination will forever be remembered.

Honourable Malone was a true team player, always willing to lend a helping hand and work collaboratively towards our shared goals. His resolute nature and genuine spirit inspired me, and he left an indelible impact on me. I was fortunate to have learned so much from him as he generously shared his wisdom and experiences with me.

During our time serving together, Honourable Malone's dedication and commitment to his duties as Minister for Health and Social Development were truly remarkable. I vividly remember when we lost the first person to COVID-19; the toll it took on him was clearly visible. He genuinely worked to protect the health and well-being of our community, making difficult decisions and implementing necessary measures to keep us safe.

Honourable Malone's compassion and empathy for those affected by the pandemic were evident in his actions and words. He provided comfort and support to individuals and families in their time of need, and his leadership during such challenging times was truly admirable.

Whether it was in the Fifth District, where he spent a lot of his time, or at work, Honourable Malone was a constant presence in my life. I cherished the moments spent together, whether it was through home visits, hours-long phone conversations, or engaging in meaningful discussions. He had a knack for storytelling, and his anecdotes never failed to bring joy and laughter to me.

Honourable Malone's dedication to his civic duties was exemplary, as he served the Lions Club in various capacities. His belief in the power of community service and his active involvement in making a positive difference will continue to inspire me.

One of the things I will always remember about my good friend is his love for photography. Whether he was around or not, I could always count on him to capture and share a picture. His passion for photography reflected his appreciation for the world around us and his ability to find beauty in the simplest of moments. He was always sure to let me know that his phone camera was better than mine. But, members would stay alert and dare not nod during House of Assembly sittings, as they would end up in a picture that would be a huge laugh among colleagues.

I bid farewell to my Honourable colleague, Carvin Malone, my friend, on behalf of my wife, daughters, and the Fifth District family with a heavy heart. His presence will be deeply missed, but his legacy will live on as a testament to his optimism, dedication, and profound impact on my life. May he rest in eternal peace, knowing that his contributions to the BM and the Virgin Islands Party will never be forgotten.

Honourable Kye M. Rymer Minister for Communications and Works Representative for the Fifth District



### Tribute in Memory of the late Mr. Carvin Malone

"My Honourable Colleague, how you doing today?" This was the way we greeted each other. Carvin and I had been close friends for many years and shared a lot in common. We both believed in service to our communities but took different paths. He joined the Lions Club and I joined the Rotary Club. Nevertheless, our shared dedication and commitment led us to attend each other's respective events from time to time. It was politics, however, that brought us onto the same platform.

Carvin was a student of history and politics and he had managed to pull them together in a masterful way. It was always a pleasure to sit and listen to him give political speeches set in historical contexts. As we sat next to each other in the House of Assembly, he would often ask, "How ah come?". He took great pride in his research and delivery of his remarks in the House of Assembly and believed in the sharing of information for the edification of the people.

Carvin was always keen to emphasise that political advancement always leads to financial advancement and an improved standard of living for the people of the Virgin Islands. The One VI Agenda was a platform set up to provide relevant information and create stimulating discussions for critical decision making for the future of the Virgin Islands. He truly believed that education was the golden key for the success of the Territory.

Carvin had an appreciation for life and was fully committed to making the most of it. He spent a lot of time at his "beach office", swimming, walking or simply talking to persons at the beach. He ventured all over the Virgin Islands, from Jost Van Dyke to Anegada, calling each his second home. He was welcomed and comfortable no matter where in the VI he found himself. Carvin was a real people's person and most really appreciated him.

Persons from Jost Van Dyke to Anegada have reported being called by Carvin on the day before his passing. This was the kind of person he was—kind-hearted, caring, outreaching and engaging. On his last trip to Virgn Gorda on 30<sup>th</sup> December, 2023, he visited his "Golden Gems" and many other persons before his virgin visit to Winnie's Steak House. I will miss our many talks, our friendship, our work together and our time together taking pictures, my honourable colleague.

On behalf of my family and the entire Ninth District, I wish to express my sincere condolences to the family and many friends of Mr. Carvin Malone.

May his soul rest in peace and rise in glory.

Honourable Vincent O. Wheatley

Minister for Health and Social Development

Representative for the Ninth District



## A Library of Knowledge and a Legacy of Service

In the hallowed halls of Virgin Islands history, a chapter has closed with the unexpected departure of the late Honourable Carvin Malone—a man whose legacy stands as a library of knowledge, forever etched in the annals of our beloved territory. Much like a guardian of the past, he recalled and championed the story of the Virgin Islands with unwavering dedication.

Honourable Malone was a family man who cherished his dear wife Pernis, daughter Kirsten, and his entire family. He was the glue that bound them together, steadfast in his belief in the strength and unity of family. Honourable Malone was not merely a politician; he served as the President and face of the Virgin Islands Party for many years, toiling tirelessly to ensure the legacy and vision of the party's founders were not only understood but executed with precision. He bled the colour of the party—green, a hue that symbolises growth, harmony, resilience and loyalty.

Beyond politics, Carvin Malone was an honourable man long before he carried the title in 2019. As the President of the Lions Club for years, he volunteered his time and talents, making a significant difference in the community and countless lives. An innovative businessman, he was a symbol of entrepreneurship in the Virgin Islands.

During his tenure as the Minister for Health, especially amid the challenging times of the COVID-19 pandemic, Honourable Malone worked assiduously to ensure the health and safety of all in the Territory. In the tapestry of his advocacy, one thread stood out prominently—his unwavering support for the "golden gems" of our community, the seniors.

A staunch believer in the quest for self-determination, Honourable Carvin Malone, through his One VI Agenda initiative, sought to educate the populace on the historical journey of the Virgin Islands and the path to further autonomy. A testament to his wisdom, his speeches were laced with idioms about popcorn, rodeos, woods, cows, cats and kittens that vividly illustrated his points and strengthened his arguments.

A stalwart Virgin Islander who has left an indelible mark on the Territory, Honourable Malone's absence leaves a void, much like a soldier unexpectedly leaving his post. In the trenches, his voice, resonating like a trumpet on the battlefield as he fought with the fervour of a seasoned warrior, defending the causes he held dear. The responsibility now lies on all of us to carry on his legacy, to remain loyal to the cause and to fight in unity for the future of the Virgin Islands.

May Honourable Malone rest in peace. His spirit will continue to inspire us in the battles that lie ahead.

Honourable Sharie B. de Castro Minister for Education, Youth Affairs and Sports

Territorial Representative



### In Tribute to Mr. Carvin Malone: A Legacy of Service and Commitment to the Virgin Islands

On behalf of the Public Service, it is with profound respect and admiration that I pay tribute to a distinguished leader and dedicated public servant, Carvin Malone.

Carvin's remarkable journey of service began with his tenure as President of the Virgin Islands Party from 1999 to 2016, a period during which he demonstrated unwavering commitment to the advancement of our islands. His leadership and vision have been instrumental in shaping the political landscape of the BVI, leaving a legacy that continues to inspire future generations.

For 37 years, Mr. Malone served with the Lions Club of Tortola, embodying the essence of community spirit and the power of collective action. His various capacities within the Club have not only showcased his versatile leadership skills but also his sincere passion for humanitarian work. Through his efforts, the Lions Club has made significant strides in community development and in providing aid to those most in need.

As the Territorial Representative and later as the Minister for Health and Social Development, Carvin faced challenges with a steady hand and a compassionate heart. His four-year tenure as a representative was marked by his attentive approach to his constituents' needs and his dedication to the Territory's progress.

Perhaps one of Mr. Malone's most defining moments came as the Minister for Health and Social Development during the unprecedented global crisis of the COVID-19 pandemic. In one of the Territory's most trying times, his leadership was characterised by resilience, innovation, and a deep-seated concern for the well-being of every resident. His actions during this period were a testament to his ability to lead with both strength and empathy.

Mr. Malone's commitment to the BVI's progress has been evident in every role he has undertaken. His contributions extend beyond the positions he has held, as his influence has touched the lives of countless individuals and has helped to shape a brighter future for our territory.

It is with immense gratitude that we honour Carvin Malone for his years of service, his contributions to our community, and his unwavering dedication to the British Virgin Islands. His legacy is one of true public service—a beacon that guides us toward a collective aspiration for a better, more united BVI.

We thank Mr. Malone, for his service, his sacrifice, and his love for our islands. May his example continue to inspire us all.

David D. Archer, Jr. Deputy Governor



#### In Tribute to Mr. Carvin Malone

A former Member of the House of Assembly; a former Member of Cabinet; a son of these Virgin Islands soil; an avid advocate for change and the constitutional advancement of these Virgin Islands; a dedicated civic leader; and an ardent defender of these Virgin Islands – Carvin Malone has touched the lives of many in these Virgin Islands.

I have known Carvin for most of his life, as we shared many ties as friends and colleagues. He loved people and was always willing to serve. His distinguished record of public service was evident through his long and outstanding tenure with the Lions Club of Tortola where he served for many years as member and President.

His love for people was also demonstrated through his active involvement in politics from a very early age. He literally grew up into politics, as his father, the late Randolph (Mose) Malone, was a founding and passionate member of the Virgin Islands Party. Carvin loved politics and whenever an opportunity presented itself, he took advantage of it to speak to persons on issues relative to the advancement of our Virgin Islands.

Carvin was the head of the family business up to the time of his untimely passing. He was the patriarch of the family and the family looked to him for guidance.

Carvin would officially enter frontline politics in 2019 as an At-Large-Territorial candidate on the ballot of the Virgin Islands Party. He was successful, became a Member of the Fourth House of Assembly of the Virgin Islands, and was also appointed as the Minister for Health and Social Development. He was party to many pieces of legislation. As the Minister for Health, he also had responsibility for leading the Territory through the turbulent and challenging time of the COVID-19 Pandemic. He faced the challenges during this time head on and did his utmost to protect the people of this Territory.

His official life as a Member of the House of Assembly lasted one term, as he was unsuccessful in his bid for re-election in the 2023 General Elections. Despite being unsuccessful at the polls, Carvin did not retreat in his advocacy for change and the constitutional advancement of these Virgin Islands. He remained steadfast and unrelenting and he took every available opportunity to engage the people of this Territory about the importance of constitutional advancement, be it at social gatherings, informal meetings, and through the media.

His tireless advocacy for progress and change will remain his legacy. It is my hope that his legacy will continue to inspire generations of Virgin Islanders.

On behalf of my wife, Janice and my immediate family as well as the entire Skelton family, I extend deepest condolences to Carvin's wife Pernis, his daughter Kirsten, as well as his wider family, especially his brothers Meade, Keith and Guy, his sisters Jane and Jacqueline and his nieces and nephews.

I pray that Jehovah, the Great Comforter, will comfort you during this difficult time

Honourable Ronnie W. Skelton Leader of the Opposition Territorial Representative



#### **Tribute to the Late Honourable Carvin Malone**

The late Honourable Carvin Malone will be remembered for his unwavering love for the Virgin Islands and his significant contributions as an elected representative. Carvin was a dedicated leader who fearlessly expressed his opinions on matters of national development. His presence and contributions in the House of Assembly and the wider public will be greatly missed. His sudden death has sent shockwaves through the entire Territory, leaving a void in many circles of our society.

I recall his love for nature, as well as the candid photos he shared with many of us at events. His support and words of encouragement for fellow members of the House of Assembly exemplified his cross-party dedication to the development of the Virgin Islands. His passion for community development was evident from his early days as a member of the Tortola Lion's Club. Furthermore, his passion for the betterment of his birthplace, coupled with his jovial spirit, love for nature, and photography, left an indelible mark on the community.

During this time of reflection, I offer my deepest sympathies to his family and friends. His legacy as a man of many hats and a true advocate for the Virgin Islands will continue to inspire us all. The BVI mourns the absence of his voice for change, rooted in a deep understanding of the past and a vision for the future. Honourable Malone's courageous spirit and unwavering commitment to the Virgin Islands will be long honored and remembered.

Honourable Stacy Mather, MBE Deputy Speaker

Territorial Representative



#### Tribute to the Late Honourable Carvin Malone

It is with profound sadness that I write this tribute on the passing of the late Honourable Carvin Malone, a courageous, patriotic and humble man. On behalf of my family, the Virgin Islands Party's Fourth District Committee and the entire Fourth Electoral District, I extend sincere condolences to his wife Pernis, his daughter Kirsten, his siblings, nephews, nieces, extended family, his Lions Club family, his Virgin Islands Party family and his staff. I pray God's comfort will take you through this time of bereavement. Honourable Carvin will be truly missed; however, he will forever be remembered.

Honourable Malone will be remembered for his sincere passion, love and patriotic commitment for his beloved Territory, The Virgin Islands. He played many roles in his lifetime. He was a family man, a community minded patriot, a businessman and a politician. He touched many, many lives throughout our Territory, from Anegada to Jost Van Dyke. He genuinely cared for people, especially his 'Golden Gems' and would often make a simple phone call to check on individuals. He was instrumental in encouraging me to enter the political arena. He was a source of support and advisor for me during my first attempt to be elected as the representative of the Fourth Electoral District in 2019 and a supporter of my continued pursuit of the same in between elections and up to the elections of 2023.

Honourable Carvin left behind a strong legacy, one we should all emulate so we too will leave indelible marks in our society. His zeal and high energy to participate in all aspects of the development of his beloved territory is commended. He was a perfect example of displaying unwavering commitment in putting country above self. My friend, the late Honourable Carvin Malone, now holds a special place in my memory. He was a good man, a friendly and caring man. May his legacy live on always. May his soul rest in eternal peace.

Honourable Luce Hodge-Smith, MHA Junior Minister for Culture and Tourism Representative for the Fourth District



#### **Tribute to the late Honourable Carvin Malone**

I am saddened to have to collect my thoughts to write a tribute to a great Virgin Islander and friend, Carvin Malone. I offer my sincere condolences to his wife Pernis, daughter Kirsten, siblings and other family members on this sudden loss. While his passing is no doubt felt most by those closest to him, his death has reverberated across the Territory and has caused sadness in every corner of the land.

Carvin will be remembered as a visionary across the spheres of life in which he was involved. He made an impact in service to the community, sporting organisations, Government organisations, and the Methodist Church, among others. Service to the community was always a high priority for Carvin. For many years he was central to the efforts and successes of the Lions Clubs in the British Virgin Islands.

Carvin also answered the call to serve on several public boards. My closest experience with him was when he served as a member of the Board of Governors of the H. Lavity Stoutt Community College during most of my 24-year tenure at the institution. Carvin was committed to the institution and the vision of its founder, H. Lavity Stoutt. Carvin brought a pragmatic approach to the Board, no doubt founded in his business background. He would be the one to ask the tough questions such as, "Is there a long-term plan for this or do the numbers support this?" He got along well with all members of the Board and was always well-received at each meeting. I fondly remember the objectivity and integrity that he brought to that role.

Personally, he was the key figure in my entry into electoral politics. He encouraged me for years before I offered as a territorial candidate in 2015. When the 2019 elections were approaching, he visited me in Anguilla to discuss my intentions, before finalising his decision to contest. He was successful in those polls and went on to serve as Minister for Health and Social Development when the Territory faced one of its greatest health challenges, the COVID-19 pandemic. His leadership during that critical period was pivotal in our Territory's ability to be resilient in that trying time. In the political arena, it is my regret, which I conveyed to him, that we were not able to serve together in the Fifth House of Assembly.

For many years, Carvin was the heart, soul and face of the Virgin Islands Party. He grew up in the party and seemed to know its pulse. In addition to advising leaders through the years, he was perhaps most proud of his role in revising the Virgin Islands Party Constitution, which he felt was key to governance of the party and by extension, the Territory. Carvin's contribution as a statesman was most evident in his development of the One VI Agenda, a movement that is above party politics and focuses on the good, growth and advancement of the Virgin Islands through public education and broad participation.

The Virgin Islands has lost a great son in Carvin Malone, but his impact will be felt for years to come. A paraphrase of Bazel Androzzo's song is appropriate here, "His living was not in vain". May his soul rest in peace and rise in glory.

Honourable Dr. Karl Dawson

Junior Minister for Agriculture and Fisheries

Representative for the First District



### A Tribute to past Legislator, Honourable Carvin Malone

I first got the terrible news of Carvin being rushed to hospital and in ICU at 8:00 a.m. on Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> January, and by 10:00 a.m., the worst happened. I learned he was dead. Admittedly, my intelligence is not cutting-edge, so the actual times for these events may vary. But nonetheless, I had fallen into a state of shock and have remained in denial ever since.

Without clear thinking, I called the Speaker and requested she arrange a visit for all Members of the House of Assembly, but that was unrealistic, because he had already passed.

How do you say goodbye when there is no notice, not even as much as a sign?

How do you view persons who leave you like that? Are they selfish, or are they considerate? We have all lost much in Carvin's passing, especially his family.

Carvin served in the last House of Assembly with me. He served in the capacities of Minister, Deputy Premier, Backbencher, Opposition Member, and Backbencher again, all in a single term. He was elected as an At-Large Member. He served his term admirably with distinction, considering that throughout the COVID-19 pandemic he was the Minister for Health and Social Development, with responsibility for ensuring the wellbeing of the Territory.

I know that Carvin did not quit. If you do not believe me, just check his files and you will see the many things he was working on, and the many things he had in the planning stages. Those are not the traits of a quitter.

Carvin was no stranger to me. I first met him over 40 years ago as a client, through my nephew, while I was living in New York. He later married into the family, as my family and I attended his wedding in Washington, DC. We attended family gatherings in Maryland and Louisiana when time permitted. We always promised we would do more.

In all this, I must give special, special mention to Pernis' sister, Mary and her husband Lyndley, who were instrumental in the formation of that union. I know they are devastated, but I urge them to pick up the pieces and go on. Remember God is in control.

On behalf of my wife, Kharid, my constituents of the Third District, I take this opportunity to express sincerest condolences to Carvin's wife, Pernis; daughter, Kirsten; brothers: Meade, Guy, Keith and Arden; sisters: Jane, and Jacqueline; nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, and other relatives.

I shall forever miss Carvin. May his soul rest in peace.

Honourable Julian Fraser RA Member of His Majesty's Loyal Opposition Representative for the Third District

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### Celebrating the Life and Legacy of Honourable Carvin Malone

Even though he has departed, his timeless words will live on forever. Death cannot extinguish the rich legacy of memories through his words of wisdom, love, compassionate acts, and visionary endeavours that help to shape our territory.

I was saddened to hear of the passing of Honourable Carvin Malone. The Virgin Islands have lost one of its great leaders. I had the opportunity to personally know and communicate with Honourable Malone many times, as he was a family member and a friend. We also shared the common goal of doing what was best for our territory. He was an advocate for positive change, growth, and development of the Territory.

Honourable Malone had a distinctive voice. He was a visionary. Apart from sharing the same legislative space with him on numerous occasions, I was privileged to be on a social media platform with him during the latter part of his political career. And, just hours before his death, through his astuteness, Honourable Malone demonstrated his passion and determination for advocating and encouraging others to fight for the cause of his people. The Virgin Islands have lost a brilliant statesman and a kind and compassionate human being who worked to bring people together.

Honourable Malone helped to shape the destinies of some of the most important events of the Territory and in various organisations. This was especially validated when he was the Minister for Health and Social Development, during the COVID-19 pandemic.

He exemplified the spirit of the Virgin Islands, as he tried to find ways to unite the growing geographical diversity of our territory. We are indeed grateful for his life of service.

On behalf of my family and all members of our District 8 community and the wider territory, I convey my deepest and sincerest condolences to his dear wife Pernis, his daughter Kirsten, his siblings: Jane, Jacqueline, Meade, Guy, Arden and Keith, many other relatives and friends. As we mourn, we should also take inspiration from his remarkable contribution to our territory. Let us continue to keep his family in our prayers as they go through this difficult time.

Nelson Mandela once said, "Death is something inevitable. When a man has done what he considers to be his duty to his people and his country, he can rest in peace." May my dear cuz sleep as he awaits the call of his Maker. May his soul rest in eternal peace.

Honourable Marlon Penn, MHA

Member of His Majesty's Loyal Opposition

Representative for the Eighth District



#### Tribute to the Life of the late Carvin Malone

Each of us is here today to pay our final respects and bid farewell to a remarkable individual, Carvin Malone. Carvin, was a light in our territory's political arena and has left an indelible mark on the hearts and minds of countless individuals. His legacy will continue to thrive in the lives he touched.

As the President of the Virgin Islands Party from 1999 to 2016, and later elected to the Government in 2019 and appointed as the Minister for Health and Social Development, Honourable Malone always exemplified unwavering commitment to his beliefs and a genuine concern for the well-being of the Territory and its citizens.

During the challenging times of the COVID-19 pandemic, his leadership and dedication were instrumental in ensuring that our territory was equipped and informed. His memorable catchphrase, 'We are not out of the woods,' resonated with many, reminding us to stay vigilant and united.

Although not re-elected in the 2023 general elections, Carvin was someone who sought to understand the pressing developments of the Territory and attended several House of Assembly meetings, a true testament to his commitment to the citizens of the Territory.

Today, we remember a son of the soil, a man who wholeheartedly wanted the best for our territory. His legacy of service, his unwavering dedication, and his genuine care for the people will forever be cherished and missed. May his memory continue to inspire us all.

May he rest in peace, knowing that his invaluable contributions to our lives and the Territory will forever be cherished and remembered.

Horiourable Myron V. Walwyn

Member of His Majesty's Loyal Opposition

Representative for the Sixth District



#### Remembering our Comrade Carvin Malone

Honourable Carvin Malone was a steward of the spirit of the Virgin Islands and a true son of the soil, who significantly contributed to building the Virgin Islands, both in his private capacity as well as his service to the Territory as an elected Representative from February 2019 to April 2023. Today I gather with the fraternity of men and women who have been honoured with the opportunity to be servant leaders of our beloved Virgin Islands, as we pay tribute to his life and legacy.

I got to know Carvin long before getting into politics when I returned from the United States and was employed as manager for his brother Meade's firm, MWM Financial Services Ltd. in 2005. I was introduced to Carvin, the philosophical businessman, who was never short on words, Meade the man with a million and five ideas, "88" the coolest of the crew, and Jane the "mother hen" for her brothers from their mother's side of the family.

Carvin was about his business, and between him and Meade, I still do not know who had the most businesses. I understood very early that he was deeply involved in following his father's footsteps by promoting the Virgin Islands Party, but outside of that, he loved and cared for his family. He ensured that his family was good. It must have been something instilled in him from their mom who loved family and genuinely loved and showed concern for people generally. He did his best in trying to convince me to join with the VIP for each election in 2015, 2019, and 2023 at which he did not succeed. After Carvin was elected to the Fourth House of Assembly, we became colleagues. Despite the fact that we were on opposite sides of the aisle, we always maintained mutual respect for each other because of shared love for the betterment of the Virgin Islands.

I remember the countless hours spent with Honourable Malone, working together on committees of the House of Assembly. We fought to see the Virgin Islands people rise and take their rightful place as leaders in this Territory and for the building of systems to further develop our BVI.

One of the memories that will stay with me is what I was able to witness on Thanksgiving night, November 23, 2023. While celebrating my father in law's 80th birthday, Carvin was celebrating his wife's birthday. I admired the way he took things to another level and at dessert he had a violinist end the night for the celebration. I walked over to him and said in my Meade voice, "You ain't easy yuh nuh Brodda!" His reply was, "Now you have something to reach for in your journey as a married man..." Carvin loved his wife Pernis and daughter Kirsten immensely and would have given his all to ensure that they were happy.

As we mourn the loss of a fallen Member, father, husband, brother, uncle, mentor, and friend, on behalf of my family, the Second District Community and the wider Virgin Islands, we offer our deepest condolences to the Malone family.

Honourable Carvin Malone's legacy will not be forgotten, and his impact on the Virgin Islands will continue to be felt for generations to come. May his memory be a blessing, and may his spirit continue to guide us as we strive for a better future for our Territory.,

Honoyrable Melvin M. Turnbull Representative for the Second District

# **The Family Man**

Carvin with his wife Pernis and daughter Kirsten



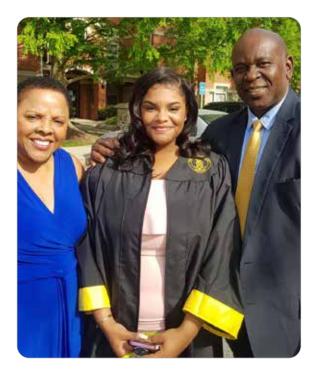












### To My Dear Husband

It is so hard to say goodbye. Your last breath was so sudden and my heart is broken. I miss you my dear beloved. It is said that time heals all wounds, but your transition from flesh to spirit has shaken my foundation and those words of wisdom will be tested. You always said, "God knows best." So I will trust His will and look to the heavens for my strength. Every morning as I drink my coffee alone, I will lean on God for his grace and mercy and cherish our memories. God has called your name. Yes, it is a journey that we will all have to take someday, and I must come to terms that you are no longer here. Life without you is my new normal.

You loved your territory. You loved its people. You were the eternal optimist and independent thinker. Your joyful optimistic personality and smile were infectious. You were the historian, always acknowledging the pain, the sacrifice and fortitude of your ancestors who made a way out of no way. You knew that it was their ancestral seed that gave way to a bountiful harvest that bore fruit for the generations that followed. You were the photographer documenting our triumphs and tribulations. Reminiscent of the griots who passed on generations of history and culture with storytelling, you often talked in parables, "cows in the road," a reminder that things are not always what they seem. You challenged difficult circumstances with love and humour. You stood up for what you believed, even if you had to stand alone. You were generous, not out of obligation or ambition, always giving because you cared. Your One VI Agenda is the voice of the Territory's future.

During your time as Minister for Health, you endured and navigated the Territory through the COVID-19 Pandemic. The world had shut down and every country experienced unimaginable human loss. Fatigued and overwhelmed, you fought the good fight anew with every sunrise and every sunset. I watched as you answered the calls. Each call carried details of a new case: someone severely sick with the virus, a loved one dead. I saw your tears and heard the pain in your voice when family members asked, "Please do not let my loved one die." You had the world on your shoulders, yet you managed to smile.

You believed in service and cherished your membership in the Lions Club. You exemplified the Lions Club mission, volunteering to fulfill community needs, one person at a time. The start of the Christmas season was especially joyful, providing food baskets for those in need and the annual Christmas Tree lighting. Service did not stop with the Lions Club. You loved your Golden Gems, community centre events, birthdays and house visits. You loved the people of the Virgin Islands and believed service was kindness in action.

You had a close relationship with your brothers, sisters and extended family, always making sure we had quality time together. You insisted we record our memories on video, so that we would always have those precious moments to share. My Louisiana family loved your gentle and kind self. You were officially titled the family photographer, taking pictures at all the family events. Kirsten and I will always be comforted with those memories; our hearts are full.

You were a good, loving, caring father and husband. Thank you for holding Kirsten's hand each day. The time together was too short, but your love will forever remain in her heart. When we met in 1983 in Maryland, you purchased a photograph with a red rose and said, "This will hang in our house," and in 1984 it did. I always loved hearing you tell that story. I cherish our life journey, our years around the sun, under the moon, under the stars. I cherish our time in the mornings full of coffee and fellowship. January 13, 2024 was a gift from God; it was our last day together. Saturdays were usually spent with your family in East End, but on Saturday January 13, you decided to stay home. You requested your favourite meal (chicken soup) and suggested we watch a movie. We had not watched a movie together in a long time. Funny how time and tasks can rob us of the simple things.

I love you my beloved. The memories and love we shared will forever live in my heart.

Your loving wife, **Pernis** 

### To My Dad

Today, I find myself grappling with several emotions—grief, love, gratitude, and pride for you, my father, who was a light for us all. Whether it was your infectious laughter or your comforting presence, you had a way of making everyone around you feel welcome. As I think of the years that have gone by, I remember moments of admiration and awe at the determination you put into all aspects of your life. I wish I could tell you just how much your struggles and hard work were appreciated.

In the twilight of your life, I am happy you found solace in simple pleasures. Moments such as quiet evenings watching movies at home or admiring the departing cruise ships while sitting on the porch became your peace. Although it seems you were taken too soon, it is clear that your legacy will continue to resonate in our hearts and minds—not just in the actions of your family, but in the lives of those you touched along the way.

Your loving daughter,

Kirsten

### **To My Loving Brother**

How do you say goodbye to someone, who from the age of two, you followed everywhere he went? We were four siblings, and being the only girl, I followed him everywhere. From going to our grandfather's shop in East End to carry his lunch, from attending Baugher's Bay School, East End School, Road Town School and high school, we were always together. During our years away from the BVI, all four lived together.

Carvin was more than my brother. He was my first best friend, my buddy, confidant, but most of all, he was my disciplinarian, and I was his visionary board. Whatever he was doing or whatever he was thinking, be it personal or vision for his much-loved territory, he would always call or come see me and voice it. His frequent quote to me was, "Jeanne girl, Ruth our dearly departed mother always told me, my son, you have more or equal faith than Job in the Bible." Can I say that Carvin had more than that. He was ridiculed and mocked for expressing his patriotism towards these Virgin Islands, the territory he loved so, but he always told me, "My dearest sister, they will understand one day why I fought so hard". He would say, "If not me, then who?"

For love of his country and people, Carvin fought hard and cared so deeply. As Carvin my brother is laid to rest, may the work he did continue to speak for him in each and everyone he held dear to heart. Until my dearest Carvin, sleep on! Your candle will always be burning.

Love forever, **Your Jeanne girl** 

## A Tribute to My Brother

My dear brother, friend, leader, I find myself lost for words to begin to express all of the emotions and feelings I have in the wake of your sudden and unexpected passing. You were for me the Abraham, the patriarch of our family. When there was a battle to be fought, you valiantly took the lead, seeking God's direction, mapping out the strategy, doing the necessary research, laying out the battle plan, communicating the plan to all involved and gathering the resources and troops necessary to win the war. You were relentless and resilient; you never gave up until the battle was won. Once you took up the fight, I was confident that all I needed to do was follow the instructions given and all would be well. At the time of your passing, you were in the midst of many battles on behalf of our Territory and our family and the impact of the loss of your leadership is indescribable.

In your role as family patriarch, you were the family's advisor, counsellor, confidant, cheerleader, bridge builder and so much more. No matter how big or small the event, if you knew about it, you could bet your last penny that you

would be there. Your presence provided strength, reassurance, approval, and so much more to our family. When I looked at you and you gave that nod of your head with your eyes fixed on me... it meant the world... tears of love fill my heart just remembering. I miss you dearly.

In your role as father and husband, you set the standard of integrity, commitment, and loyalty for all of us to follow. I will never forget the report of that violin serenade of Pernis during her last birthday celebration and the impact it had on all those who were witnesses. It set a whole new level for expressing love and public affection. Little did we know that it was one of your ways of saying goodbye to your lovely wife while leaving behind another high standard for each of us to reach. You were truly one of a kind.

Last but not least, you were a man of deep faith and love of God. Your faith served you and served your family well during some of the most difficult times. That faith and trust provided you with private audiences with God that resulted in insights about the future that propelled you into action on behalf of your family and the wider BVI community. We will miss gathering up the popcorn to watch the upcoming episodes that God would tell you were on the way. I know the God you loved and served has welcomed you home and that assurance gives me great comfort and the strength to say farewell my brother, my friend. Farewell on behalf of my wife Sandra, daughter Marisa, and son Timothy, who are also grieving deeply for the loss of their brother and uncle. May your soul rest in eternal peace.

#### Meade Malone and Family

## **Tribute for a Legend**

I am saddened and shocked by the untimely passing of my brother Carvin. Much has been said of his dedication to his territory and for the contributions he has made to the Virgin Islands from a young age. He had a larger vision for the Territory and worked tirelessly towards accomplishing his dreams. He stood on the shoulders of our father Randolph Malone and others, and made it his life's purpose to make a positive impact on all who he connected with in his political and personal life. He was a statesman, but more importantly, he was also the patriarch of the family and performed both duties with honour. Carvin will be missed by all who knew him. On behalf of my family, I extend sincere condolences to his wife Pernis and daughter Kirsten. May he rest in eternal peace.

## Jacqui and Family

#### To My Brother, Gone Too Soon

Letting go can be one of the hardest things to do, especially when it comes to someone you love so dearly - someone who has been your big brother and role model all your life; your friend, your adviser, your ride or die, your decision maker, your biggest supporter in whatever you are doing. My brother was all that and so much more. Carvin was one of the most loving brothers that I could have ever asked for. He was the accountant, the lawyer, the problem solver, and the person to lean on when you were not strong.

My brother was "a lot of boy", a great man, and I can say with conviction, a family man who set and paved the way that made it easy for you to follow. Carvin was laser-focused with anything he set out to do and did it with a passion like only he could do it. Words cannot express how much I am going to miss my brother, especially Carvin's laugh. He was my beach partner in his beach office. When I was leaving the beach, he would say "I am going to stay in my beach office and get some work done" and later on he would send pictures showing himself still at the office doing work.

Carvin's heart was made of pure gold when it came to family. He cared and looked out for all his brothers, sisters and their families. If we needed help, he would drop whatever he was doing to help; that's the kind of brother he was. My family and I are going to miss him so much, but he will always be present in my heart, mind and soul. We will hold on to the Scripture, Isaiah 41:10-13 for the strength I need to cope with the void that his leaving has created.

Love always

Keith "88" Malone and Family

### To My Brother, "Its Not An Easy Road"

My Brother, it is not an easy road, because of this curve ball you threw that hit me up against my head on January 14, 2024, 9:54 a.m. to be on point.

You eased on down the road without making much noise which has left me speechless. I am holding on to the phone call I got from you on January 8, 2024, and your words were, "My brother we need to talk, what is your schedule like?" I responded, "You say it, and we will play it"! We met that same day, discussed, laughed, agreed, and reminisced on the good old days which gave me a sense of purpose.

Who would have thought or known that you were planning your grand exit. "What a ting!" This surprise move has left all of us to pick up the pieces of our lives and take a page or two from all the memories of your extraordinary journey in your book of life, and if I may say so myself, "what a journey!"

It will be a while before I will manage to pick up my pieces and move forward, but I know you will be that voice in my head saying, "Time is everything - so keep on moving."

We maintained a very special bond like no other over the years which I will cherish and hold dear to my heart. I could talk to you about anything and after our conversations, I always walked away knowing a little more than I did before. A special memory I have cherished is when I returned from Barbados after completing my first set of Electronics studies in the summer of 1984. That was when I met Wandamae, and we started dating in December of that same year. Wandamae lived at Zion Hill and I in Lower Estate. Getting to Zion Hill was challenging because of course, I did not have and could not afford a car. As usual, I talked to you about it and your big brother instincts kicked in. You said, "It is not safe for you to be catching a ride all hours of the night going and coming from seeing Wandamae; therefore you can come on occasions and use Pernis' car. The rest is history.

My brother Carvin, I don't know, but for now, it is not an easy road.

Rest easy in eternal love!

Guy (The General), Wandamae, Nejma, Damari, Darier, Jalen and Zuri Malone

#### A Tribute to Our Brother

My dear brother Carvin, mere words could not express what a special person you were. It is an honour to call you my big brother. I will forever hold dear the fond memories I had with you. I thank God for the times we were able to spend as brothers and a family in the past couple of years. I always bragged about how my big brother Carvin swims the length of the beach at Cane Garden Bay. You will be dearly missed but never forgotten, my dear brother. Rest well, Carvin until we meet again.

### **Arden Malone and Family**

#### A Tribute for My Brother

I am still struggling with the reality that you are no longer with us, but, each passing day and the many memories of the times we shared bring more healing. From growing up in Fat Hog's Bay where your mom nurtured me; to living with my dad and I in New York during college where his legendary humor inspired yours; to returning to BVI to join you in a life of service. I cannot imagine what my life would have been like had you not been in it.

Your laughter and optimism lit up the rooms! Your legendary sense of humour brought laughter to every situation and your wit was matched only by your love for people. You were the one who always had the advice we needed, who always had a joke to ease our pain, or a word of advice to help us through a demanding situation.

You lived the way Christ did: unselfishly serving others, loving unconditionally, going out and lifting others up, no matter where they were in life or place. You led by example, not talk. You acted and stood on conviction and principles. You maintained your integrity. You used every ounce of talent and ability God gave you for the greater good of your family, the community, and the territory!

You left each of us with an example of a life well lived and you left this territory with a blueprint for its salvation rooted in our ancestors' values and strength. The spirit of your vision will only get stronger as did the message of Christ after his departure from this earth. Perhaps God felt you had accomplished the mission and that is why he called you home. That brings us some solace and gives us inspiration to continue, and we shall!

Farewell my beloved brother! I thank God for the privilege of having you in my life. I pledge to continue your rich legacy and support the family as best I can, especially your wife Pernis and daughter Kirsten. You will live in our hearts forever! Rest in eternal peace, my beloved brother!

Kedrick and immediate Family (Debbie, Kevin, Rudy, Jiali) and extended New York Family (Stepmom Clarencia, sisters Clarita and Celeste)

## To a Close Friend who was more than Family

Our hearts are broken. Carvin's departure from this world was so sudden. Words cannot express the pain caused by the void in our hearts as we face the coming days, knowing we will be without his kind and joyful presence.

He was our family member but also a dear and loving friend. Sunset, Louisiana visits will never be the same; this was our special meeting place. Our visits to beautiful Tortola will never be the same, because Carvin will not be there to greet us with his beautiful smile and quick-witted conversations. While he will not be with us now, these two places will always hold a special place in our hearts as we remember him.

Carvin was a brilliant man with so many natural gifts. He was curious, creative, innovative, kind, sweet, generous, soft-spoken and full of energy and life. Carvin will be so greatly missed, but we are so thankful for having known him. We will not mourn like those who have no hope.

#### Lyndley & Mary Turnbull, Hyattsville, MD

#### From Louisiana In-Laws

On Sunday morning, January 14, we received a phone call that shook our family to its core. Our beloved brother-in-law, Carvin, had passed away. The news was poignantly unexpected and devastating. We knew our lives would be changed forever. It was beyond our understanding or comprehension at the time, so we questioned how could this happen now? What a human response! However, it gives us comfort knowing the character of the God we serve. He is all loving and all knowing. His timing is perfect. Therefore, by faith we must believe that Carvin's passing is within His unmitigated plan and purpose.

We cherish the precious memories of Carvin. We will miss sitting around the table at the big house eating gumbo, one of his favourite southern foods, talking about our plans for the day. Carvin was a talented photographer. He was meticulous in his documentation of graduations, weddings and other special events in our family. He was always so positive and saw the bright side to difficult situations. He was a comedian and a fun loving person. He also worked hard. Working while on vacation was not unusual for him. He loved his work. He loved the BVI.

Carvin was loved and respected by all of us. He was our brother-in-law and our brother-in-love. We are at a loss for words to express how much he will be missed. Until we meet again.

Love,

Roland, Peggy, Janice, Chris and Tyrone

#### To a Cousin I will remember with admiration

Carvin's presence has always been strongly felt by all around him. He touched many lives, including my own. On many occasions during my early teenage years, he generously picked me up in his car on the way down McNamara hill and dropped me off to Road Town. He also did the same when he saw me walking back home. During these pleasant rides together, he was always friendly, kind and humourous. He always answered my questions and took a keen interest in how I was doing. As I grew into manhood, I greatly admired Carvin as I listened to him on radio programmes in the evening. He was in his element when he discussed politics, national development and matters of state. Over the years, our relationship matured as I progressed in my professional career. I was always happy to see him when he visited London during my tenure in the United Kingdom.

When he became Minister for Health and Social Development, I worked very closely with him on several critical issues. Carvin was always a consummate professional and always had the best interest of the Virgin Islands at heart. He did many great things in his life, but his finest hour was during the COVID-19 pandemic when he successfully guided the Territory through that two-year crisis. I told him, on several occasions, that in time history will judge him as one of the Virgin Islands' greatest Health Ministers. He had my utmost respect as a Minister, businessman, and citizen who understood his civic duty and responsibility which he continued through the creation of the One VI Agenda.

I thank God for that last sit down with him on a wonderful summer morning in Silver Spring, Maryland where we talked about a great many things and enjoyed a few good laughs. He was a cousin who I admired and loved dearly, and the relative who was the glue of the Malone family.

My deepest condolences to his wife Pernis, daughter Kirsten, and the wider Malone family. May his soul rest in eternal peace.

## Benito Wheatley

### A Tribute to my Dear Friend and Brother

It is so great to see many people here today to honour our beloved friend, brother, mentor, and father, Honourable Carvin Malone. Even though we are of many different ages and have all kinds of jobs and interests, it is certain that we all have one thing in common: our admiration for a man who tried to help everyone within his means.

I can vividly remember, in our boyhood days as we grew up together, he would take me to Pockwood Pond on Saturday mornings when he had to go down by the family business to work and sell. Those were very fond memories that I will never forget.

In my early time of construction, he was the one who would prepare my estimates for any construction I had to do and draft whatever contracts needed to be drafted. It was like he was my right hand at the time. He took pride in doing those tasks for which I very much appreciated. He was always a person who helped anyone who needed assistance. With that trait, over the years one could tell that he was inspired and destined to be a politician. How fitting it was that he ran for the first time in 2019 with the VIP as an At Large candidate and was successful. He was named Minister for Health where he performed his task at a very difficult juncture in the Territory as a result of the dreaded COVID-19 pandemic. He worked tirelessly to keep the country safe and informed. This spoke volume of a man I knew and grow up with, using the opportunity to help and touch the lives of many across the Territory in his capacity. Honourable Carvin Malone will be missed by many, but his legacy will live on. May his soul rest in eternal peace.

Friend and brother, *James Todman* 

## **Family**



Keith, Guy, Carvin, Jane, Meade and Kedrick



Carvin and his Uncle, former member of the House of Assembly, Leslie Malone



Meade, Carvin, Jane, Uncle Joe, and Keith



B - Jane, Meade, Carvin, Keith; F - Ruth and Randolph Malone



Ruth, Carvin, Jane, Meade, Randolph (and his Goddaughter) and Keith

## **Tributes from Former Legislators**

#### Tribute to the Life of the Late Honourable Carvin Malone

This is one of the most difficult tributes our family has ever had to write. Honourable Carvin Malone was more than a son, brother, uncle, advisor; most importantly, he was a friend. He was a straightshooter. He said what he meant, and he meant what he said. You always knew where you stood on any issue and where you stood with him. His famous scripture, 2 Chronicles 20:15, "For the battle is not yours, but God's".

Carvin loved a good joke. His unique laughter was sweeter to laugh at than the joke itself. He had a natural and genuine love for mankind, especially his family and friends. We will always remember him as our Minister for Health who went above and beyond the call of duty to ensure the safety of all the people of the Virgin Islands during the dark days of COVID. In our view, he was a modern-day hero and legend. His love and dedication to God were also known. Carvin was a perfectionist. Once he was involved in anything he believed in, he would work extremely hard to develop it so future generations would benefit.

It is still so unreal that he is gone... all too soon. However, God has a reason for everything. Even when it is difficult for us to understand, we still must trust and believe in Him. During his political campaigns he could always be heard saying "you wouldn't forget me now...would you?" He turned out to be correct; you could never forget him. He will always be remembered and dearly missed. The many fond moments of him will always live on forever in our hearts. May the soul of our dear brother and friend, Carvin, rest in eternal peace. Our deepest sympathies are extended to his dear wife, daughter, and the entire family. God bless.

#### Iris, Andrew, Sheila and the entire Fahie family Former Premier and First District Representative

#### **Tribute to a True Virgin Islands Patriot**

My family and I are deeply saddened by the sudden passing of a true Virgin Islands patriot, former legislator, Carvin Malone. He was a man who loved not only his people, but his territory and was clear about the way ahead.

We believe it is not the length of his life we should focus on, but the depth of it we should never forget. Mr. Malone was kind and caring. His word meant something and when going to fight, he was the man to be in the foxhole with.

Today is difficult for his wife Pernis, daughter Kirsten, siblings and other immediate family and friends, as we all say our goodbyes, but the great memories of Carvin will forever remain in our hearts. The brother has transitioned, but joy comes in the morning, because we who believe know we will see Carvin again.

We trust that Carvin's soul finds rest in God alone, for he has run his race. May his legacy live on in all of us who love our territory.

Julian Willock and Family
Former Speaker of the House of Assembly

#### **Tribute to the Life of the Late Honourable Carvin Malone**

In remembrance of the Honourable Carvin Malone, a beacon of patriotism for the Virgin Islands, we mourn the immense loss of a dedicated soul. His boundless love for our homeland was truly incomparable. Though we feel the void left by his daily messages, let us honour his legacy by persisting in the fight for self-determination and the ability to shape our destiny.

Carvin Malone was actively educating us about this crucial process, and it is our responsibility to carry forth his vision for the future of the Virgin Islands. In continuing his work, we ensure that the freedoms our ancestors fought for remain steadfast. Gone but never forgotten – Carvin's tireless efforts for these Virgin Islands will forever be etched in our hearts. Rest in peace.

Shereen Flax Charles Former Territorial Representative

## **Tributes from Former Legislators**

#### In Remembrance of Carvin Malone

It is with great sadness I write this tribute on behalf of my colleague and very good friend, Carvin. I am still in a state of shock over the news of his passing. It was only two days before he died that we spoke at length about him being honoured by the League of BVIslanders in St. Thomas.

We would always check in with each other on a Friday or Saturday to talk about which church we would attend on Sunday. Our schedule did not always allow us to be at the same church on Sundays. I will always remember our last church service together at Belle Vue Methodist Church, a couple weeks before he died.

Carvin was a true friend and the gentle giant in my life. He loved life and loved to dance. That smile and those gentle hugs will remain in my memory. He would always remind me that he promised Emmett he would look out and take care of me, which he did. No, I will not forget about him.

To the family, I pray for your strength through this journey. There is no comfort like the comfort God can give. I know Carvin will be missed by everyone who came into contact with him. We surely lost an unsung hero. May he rest in eternal peace.

Alvera Maduro-Caines Former Sixth District Representative

#### In Memoriam: the late Honourable Carvin Malone

With heavy hearts and profound sorrow, we bid farewell to a dear friend, esteemed colleague, and an unwavering force within the Virgin Islands – the Honourable Carvin Malone. His departure leaves an indelible void in our hearts, for Carvin was not just a political figure, but a beacon of wisdom, love, and unwavering dedication.

My family and I extend our deepest condolences and heartfelt sympathies to Pernis, Carvin's beloved wife, their cherished daughter Kirsten, and the entire family circle. The pain of losing a loved one is beyond unimaginable, and our thoughts and prayers are with you as you navigate through this difficult journey of grief. In the midst of sorrow, we hope that you are comforted by the beautiful memories you shared and the love that bound your family.

I have had the privilege of knowing Carvin for many years, watching him evolve into the stalwart and devoted member of the Virgin Islands Party that he was. His commitment to the Party, its principles, and the betterment of our community was unwavering. Carvin's presence was not just felt within the political realm; it transcended into the lives of those fortunate enough to call him a friend.

Carvin was not just a man; he was a visionary. His mind housed a myriad of ideas and plans, particularly for the establishments he held dear. His dreams were not limited by boundaries but soared to heights that reflected his ceaseless pursuit of progress and prosperity, not only for himself, but for our community. Carvin's catchphrase "You won't forget about me...would you?" resonates in our hearts; his memory will forever be etched in our minds. His impact, kindness, and the love he shared with Pernis and Kirsten will not be forgotten; instead, they will serve as a source of inspiration and reflection.

As we mourn the loss of a leader, friend, and man of remarkable vision, let us also celebrate the legacy he leaves behind. Let us strive to emulate the resilience, kindness, and dedication that defined his remarkable journey.

May the Honourable Carvin Malone rest in eternal peace. With heartfelt condolences,

Neville Smith Former Deputy Speaker and Territorial Representative

## **Tributes from Former Legislators**

#### **Tribute to my Colleague**

Carvin Malone was like a brother, always a friend, my colleague, a servant of the people, community man, activist, businessman, husband, father, man of God and more.

Carvin, growing up in two neighbourhoods, Huntum's Ghut and East End, got his firm moral and Christian principles from the "villages that raised him." In Huntum's Ghut, he was part of a small family community of Malones, Smiths, Hodges, Vanterpools, Ritters, Todmans, Blydens, Samuels, Parsons, Benjamins, and others. We grew up together playing marbles and all the other outdoor activities (including climbing the fruit trees when we were not supposed to) enjoyed in the pre-television era.

Completing the BVI High School with the Class of 1976, Carvin's business acumen and training began with his brief accounting employment before pursuing a business degree in the USA. He returned to the BVI to help his parents manage their business pursuits, including VI Block and Admiralty Estate. The development of R & R Malone Complex of Pockwood Pond was a work in progress right up to his passing.

During this period and up until his untimely passing, Carvin engaged in many community activities benefiting the youths and the entire community. He served many years in the Lions Club, including President. As Vice President of the basketball association, he served many years contributing to the growth of the sport, professing to be a great player with the supposedly best 15-foot jump shooter you could find. He was also an avid tennis player and a swimmer for exercise and enjoyment.

Carvin's unending fight for the BVI spanned many decades. He was integral in the 2007 Constitution talks and negotiations at home and in the UK. He followed his late father, Randolph "Mose" Malone, in leading the Virgin Islands Party, advising the late H L Stoutt, Chief Minister and the late Premier Ralph T. O'Neal and many other leaders in the BVI. He was a master negotiator and broker behind the scenes and out front.

It was a crowning moment in February 2019 when he won an At-Large seat to the House of Assembly. As Minister for Health, his legacy would be his unwavering emergency management of the COVID-19 pandemic between 2020 and 2022.

His "One BVI" fight for self determination was unwavering right up to his untimely passing. Carvin was a man who loved his family. His wife Pernis and daughter Kirsten were always at his side supporting his efforts and engagements over many years. His wife Pernis' family and Louisiana home were his second home which he frequented often for vacations, especially at Christmas time. (Blame Dr. Stevens, his special family and friend for this great union).

The late Mrs. Ruth Malone and Mose Malone raised Carvin in a Christian home and the Methodist Church. Carvin followed these Christian principles right up to his passing, as he always called for prayers and supplication. Carvin is in the right place now as we mourn his untimely passing. So, on behalf of my wife Judith and my children who knew him as Uncle Carvin, condolences to Pernis, Kirsten and to the siblings, Jane, Meade, Keith "88", Guy General, Jackie, and others.

May his blessed soul rest in peace, and may we continue his pursuits and legacies.

Mark H. Vanterpool Former Fourth District Representative



#### In Loving Memory of Carvin Malone

It is with deep sorrow that we pay tribute to the life and legacy of the late Carvin Malone, an exceptional individual who dedicated himself to the betterment of the Virgin Islands. Carvin passed away on 14<sup>th</sup> January, 2023, leaving behind a profound impact on our community.

Carvin served as President of the Virgin Islands Party (VIP) from 1999 to 2016, where he demonstrated unparalleled leadership and unwavering commitment to the ideals of the Party. His tenure saw the VIP flourish and grow, and his contributions were instrumental in shaping the Party's trajectory.

Beyond his political achievements, Carvin was a multifaceted personality, donning various hats throughout his life. A distinguished businessman, he was the founder of Caribbean Basin Enterprises Inc and R & R Malone Complex, among other successful ventures. His entrepreneurial spirit and vision left a memorable mark on the economic landscape of the Virgin Islands.

Even after an unsuccessful bid for a second term in the 2023 General Elections, Carvin remained actively engaged in the public sphere. His 'One Virgin Islands Agenda' platform exemplified his dedication to educating the public about options for self-determination and advocating against anything that would compromise our earned progress. Carvin's commitment to the wellbeing and future of the Virgin Islands was truly commendable.

Carvin's impact extended far beyond the political and business realms; he was community minded. His involvement in the Lions Club of Tortola and his close relationship with seniors all across the Virgin Islands spoke to the servant leader that he was. He genuinely cared about others and strived daily to assist in making their lives better. He was a devoted family man. Survived by his wife Pernis and daughter Kirsten, Carvin leaves behind a legacy of love, compassion, and resilience.

As a VIP Member and long-time President, Carvin was a true champion for the Virgin Islands. His vision, dedication, and passion for our community will be remembered fondly by all who had the privilege of knowing him. In this time of grief, let us celebrate the life of a remarkable individual who left an indelible mark on the Virgin Islands and its people.

As he would often say, "You wouldn't forget me, would you?" The Virgin Islands Party most definitely will not. We are still grappling with this tremendous loss. Yet, we feel an even greater responsibility to carry on. Together, we will honour his memory and continue to uphold the values he cherished so deeply.

May his soul rest in peace.

Sharia de Castro President

"where there is no vision, the people perish" - Hamilton Lavity Stouts

## **Carvin with Chief Ministers and Premiers**



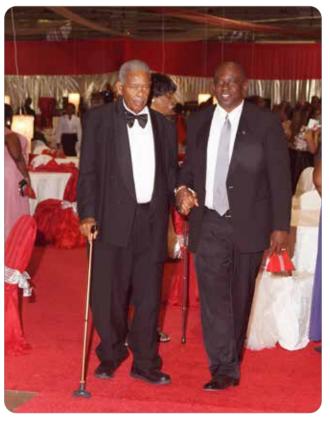
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Carvin with Dr. D. Orlando Smith, OBE and Members of the Constitutional Review Commission



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Carvin and Ralph T. O'Neal, OBE



Carvin and Andrew A. Fahie



#### Tribute in Memory of the late Mr. Carvin Malone

Today we remember the late Carvin Malone, who served in the Fourth Cabinet of the Virgin Islands from 2019 to 2022. His contributions as Minister for Health and Social Development are chronicled by significant policy decisions taken during one of our Territory's challenging periods, the COVID-19 pandemic.

In the Cabinet, it was evident that his maturity, business and political acumen, and his diverse life experiences helped him to effectively navigate the Cabinet policy process. What ensued was his significant influence on policy decisions for the betterment of our Territory. He made robust contributions to the Cabinet's deliberations, and members' appreciation of his insightful points earned him their ministerial respect. Considered lengthy at times, he was determined to put matters in a historical and political context, lest we forget. And it was customary for him to interject his familiar phrase: "let's not kick the can down the road".

Of the record 94 Cabinet meetings held in 2020; 52 emergency meetings were held because he needed the Cabinet to approve urgent COVID-19 related policy decisions.

It was for him that we kept cream of wheat on the weekly catering menu. It was for him that we ensured early access to the Cabinet room because he was punctual. It was for him that we continued working into the late hours, following marathon Cabinet meetings, so that he could sign Public Health (COVID-19 Control and Suppression Measures) Orders to be gazetted, and for him to provide updates to an eagerly awaiting public.

He has left us with memories of his contributions to the National Security Council, when he served as Deputy Premier from December 2019 to May 2020. We will always remember his infectious laughter, and we will fondly remember another familiar saying, "outstanding".

The Cabinet Office joins with the Territory in paying tribute to a Virgin Islands patriot. We extend our sincerest condolences to his wife Pernis, daughter Kirsten, his siblings and extended family. May you be comforted by his outstanding policy contributions to the land that he deeply loved.

Sandra Ward
Cabinet Secretary
Government of the Virgin Islands

#### Tribute to Mr. Carvin Malone

What words can be found worth to utter when Virgin Islanders lose someone who has always been a guiding light for our entire territory, those at home and the tens of thousands of us abroad? Until his last day on earth, he inspired us to educate ourselves, prepare ourselves and unite ourselves, in order to stand up for ourselves.

Our big cousin, our big brother, our mentor. We cannot repay him for what he has sacrificed for Virgin Islanders and the entire Caribbean region. There are no words worthy besides promising the following: he will live on through us; we will remain vigilant and we love him.

Honourable Thomas Christopher Famous JP, MP Ambassador to CARICOM and Overseas Territories Government of Bermuda





### THE UNITED STATES VIRGIN ISLANDS

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR GOVERNMENT HOUSE

#### A Message from the Governor of the US Virgin Islands

I express my deepest condolences on the passing of Carvin Malone, former Minister of Health and Social Development of the British Virgin Islands. Mr. Malone's contributions to the Virgin Islands were truly remarkable, and his loss is deeply felt by us all.

I had the privilege of working closely with Mr. Malone during our joint efforts to combat COVID-19, and I can attest to his collaborative spirit and dedication to the well-being of our communities. His leadership and commitment significantly strengthened the ties between our islands, addressing shared matters of vital importance. It was truly an honour to work alongside such a distinguished statesman and a pleasure to witness his passion for serving others.

As we mourn the loss of Mr. Malone, it is important to honour his legacy and the impact he has made on the British Virgin Islands. His profound commitment to the wellbeing of our communities will always be remembered, and his contributions will continue to inspire us.

My most heartfelt condolences go out to Mr. Malone's family, the Virgin Islands Party, and all the people of the British Virgin Islands. During this difficult time, may we find solace in the memories we shared and in the legacy he leaves behind.

Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you all as you navigate through this period of grief and remembrance.

Albert Bryan Jr. Governor

**US Virgin Islands** 



#### To the Family of Mr. Carvin Malone

"Good people pass away; the godly often die before their time. But no one seems to care or wonder why. No one seems to understand that God is protecting them from the evil to come." (Isaiah 57:1, NLT)

Carvin Malone was a good person. He was God-fearing. He was loyal to family, friends and to his beloved Virgin Islands. He was compassionate in his zeal to serve others, especially when needed most in times of great distress. Carvin was steadfast in his commitment to make a positive impact. He will be remembered as a true Virgin Islands hero, whose life inspired others to aspire to be better personally and collectively.

Carvin valued his deep and abiding ties with family and friends throughout the Greater Virgin Islands. He demonstrated his love and commitment to the Virgin Islands communities through his tireless involvement in numerous community and philanthropic organisations aimed at improving the quality of community life. As the Virgin Islands celebrates his life, contributions and memory, I pray that each member of his family, especially his wife, daughter and other immediate family members, along with a grieving community, find comfort in knowing that he was dearly beloved by all of us.

We are reminded that God is Master of all things and that He, and He alone, controls the mystery called life. We are called to His infinite understanding and abundant grace for comfort and meaning.

On behalf of the membership of the League of British Virgin Islanders, as well as my family, I extend to the entire Malone Family circle our sincerest condolences, in addition to our prayers for God's richest and abundant blessings of comfort and peace. May you continue to find solace and support in close friends, family members and other loved ones. Above all else, may the soul of Carvin Malone rest in God's eternal peace.

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President, League of British Virgin Islanders

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and

Former Chairman, British Virgin Islands Health Services Authority



#### Tribute for Honourable Mr. Carvin Malone

On behalf of the Ministry of Health and Social Development, we would like to offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Carvin Malone, former Minister for Health and Social Development (February 2019 - April 2022). He will be remembered for his strong work ethic, great character, and contribution to our Ministry and the Territory.

Mr. Malone set an example that will continue to be an inspiration to us all, and although we are all saddened by his loss, we are all very proud to have been a part of his life.

We hope the family takes comfort in knowing that Mr. Malone was loved by the people he spent his entire life serving and also take comfort in the words of our Lord via Romans 8:38-39, "For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Permanent Secretary and Staff Ministry for Health and Social Development



#### A Message From US Virgin Islands Health Commissioner Justa Encarnacion

On behalf of the entire United States Virgin Islands (USVI) Department of Health team, I hereby extend our deepest and most heartfelt condolences to the people of the British Virgin Islands, as well as to the family and cherished friends of the former Minister for Health and Social Development, Mr. Carvin Malone.

In his capacity as the Minister for Health and Social Development, Mr. Malone demonstrated exemplary leadership during the challenging period of the global COVID-19 pandemic. Our collaborative efforts, as partners in the endeavour to safeguard lives amid the pandemic, resulted in further solidifying the profound bond of kinship. Together, we diligently worked to ensure the safety and well-being of our residents in both the USVI and the BVI. We are eternally grateful to Minister Malone for his unwavering commitment to serving others.

Minister Malone's impactful contributions have left an indelible mark on the people of the United States Virgin Islands, and we know that his legacy of devoted public service will endure and inspire generations to come.

During this trying time, our thoughts and prayers are with his wife, Pernis, and his daughter, Kirsten. May they find solace and strength in God's grace and mercy.

May Minister Malone rest in peace.

Justa Encarración &

Justa "Tita" Encarnacion, RN, BSN, MBA/HCM

US Virgin Islands Health Commissioner



#### Tribute to the Life of the late Honourable Carvin Malone

The BVI Health Services Authority (BVIHSA) Board of Directors, Executive Team and entire staff extend their deepest condolences to the family of Honourable Carvin Malone.

The passing of Honourable Malone has sent shock waves through the organisation. He became our Minister for Health and Social Development in 2019. He embraced the challenges with both hands. For the BVIHSA, he was our Minister for Health in the best of times when we were surveyed and successfully accredited in 2019. He was open to ideas that would bring value to improved health care for the Territory. He was cognizant about what having international accreditation meant and was boisterous in helping the BVIHSA promote and garner support for this initiative, both locally and internationally.

As the year 2020 loomed, he became the best Minister for the BVIHSA and the entire territory in the worst of times, during the COVID-19 pandemic. As the BVIHSA prepared for the pandemic, Honourable Malone made sure that whatever was needed to ensure that the Territory would be ready, was done. Along with his fellow elected officials, he stayed alert and open to recommendations and suggestions made by the health care professionals. He ensured that necessary equipment were sourced and procured.

His passion for the safety of the community and healthcare workers was evident, as he would be a leading voice on the need for the community to stay abreast with the rapidly changing pandemic related information and cautionary advice. His many Facebook and WhatsApp postings kept everyone aware and "in the know". His support and encouragement were readily available when we needed it most. As the pandemic began to impact the Virgin Islands more negatively, Honourable Malone ensured he was accessible to the staff of the BVIHSA.

It is important to recognise his forward-thinking nature, as while many were caught up in the hysteria of the pandemic, Honourable Malone was already looking toward the future. It is a testament to his swift actions and ability to pivot in real time that the Territory was celebrated as one of the regional success stories. However, Honourable Malone's focus by this time was to put the Territory in a position of readiness in the event something of this nature should happen in the future. As such, he lobbied on behalf of the BVIHSA and secured the funding for the new 14-bed Isolation Unit at the Dr. D. Orlando Smith Hospital along with a 40-bed field hospital and a state-of-the-art laboratory. He was a man with vision and action.

Even after the Virgin Islands and the wider world moved beyond the pandemic, Honourable Malone remained diligent in his stance on what health care should look like for the people of the Virgin Islands. His commitment went beyond his role as Minister for Health, as even after his role changed, and after he was no longer an elected representative, he remained a constant advocate for the BVIHSA and healthcare in the Territory. His usual saying was always "Let's do this for LOVE OF BVI".

In honour of his memory our hope, prayer and wish are that we take up and embrace his vision of a better more unified Virgin Islands in all aspects.

The BVI Health Services Authority (BVIHSA) Board of Directors Executive Team and entire Staff



#### Honourable Carvin Malone - Son of the BVI Soil

We, together with all the Virgin Islands are deeply saddened by the passing of Carvin Malone, a visionary leader and a compassionate advocate for mental health and a founding member of the Association.

Carvin's contribution and dedication to the Alzheimer's Association should not go unnoticed. When Carvin was President of the Lions Club of Tortola in 2015-2016, he along with Ryan Geluk, as President of the Rotary Club of Road Town, played a pivotal role in formalising the structure and having it recognised as an association in the Virgin Islands. The Association has grown over the years, thanks to his support. In his various capacities, he has assisted to raise awareness and support for persons living with Alzheimer's and other dementia-related diseases in our community. He was instrumental in getting September recognised as World Alzheimer's Month in the BVI, and organised many events and campaigns to educate the public and empower the caregivers. As the Minister for Health, he also championed the cause of mental health and ensured that adequate resources and policies were in place to address the needs of those affected by Alzheimer's and other mental disorders.

Carvin was a man of integrity, generosity, passion and kindness, who touched many lives with his wisdom and warmth. He will be dearly missed by all of us who had the privilege of knowing him and working with him.

As the author Mitch Albom wrote, "Death ends a life, not a relationship." Alzheimer's may end a memory, but not a bond. Carvin will be missed by all of us. May he rest in peace and may his memories last forever.

#### Members and Advocates of the VI Alzheimer's Association (VIAA)



#### To the Wife and Family of the late Honourable Carvin Malone

We are extending most heartfelt condolences to the family of Mr. Carvin Malone. His life exemplified the truth of the statement that dedication is not what others expect of you, but it is what you can give to others. Mr. Malone certainly gave to others. He gave of his time, effort and finances, but what we appreciate most of all was how much he gave of his heart.

In January 2020, as then Minister for Health and Social Development, the honour was ours to have him as the first ever Minister of Government as our guest speaker. He was very pleased with our programmes and encouraged us to continue striving towards our quest of providing education to our community regarding diabetes. His cheerful smiles will always be fond memories of ours. May his wonderful soul rest in eternal peace.

#### President and Members of the BVI Diabetes Association



#### Tribute for Honourable Mr. Carvin Malone

The Virgin Islands may have lost a son of the soil, but the prison feels the loss of a friend and staunch supporter. Honourable Carvin Malone, spent years working with His Majesty's Prison and eventually that support was elevated as he took responsibility for the Prison as the Minister in charge, alongside His Excellency the Governor. His face and presence were not a strange sight on the grounds, as he would visit and participate in various activities where he would sit and engage inmates and staff in vivid conversations. His support for turning around lives was evident, as under his stewardship, the first week of religious services in the night was held.

He once made the comment that addressing problems for the prison was not "a two-step dance", and whenever opportunity permitted, he would be in the fight to resource the needs of the prison. He even provided air conditioning units to have cooler classrooms to allow the inmates to focus on learning and not the discomfort of hot and uncomfortable learning environments.

To his family, we are alongside you in this your time of grief and we also feel your loss. We pray you realise the warm hand of Almighty God's presence and comfort, and that of your friends here at the prison. On behalf of the staff, I extend deepest condolences. His was a life lived impactful and determinate in building his territory and leaving a legacy from which you can stand tall and proud.

Jay Kendall, Superintendent of Prisons HM Virgin Islands Prison Service (HMVIPS)

#### In loving Memory of Carvin Malone

As I pen these words, I find it challenging to capture the essence of a person who was not just a boss but evolved into a dear friend and an integral part of my extended family and me.

It was evident that Carvin carried a love for these Virgin Islands like no other. His patriotism was not merely a sentiment but a guiding force that permeated his actions and inspired those around him.

Today, as we bid farewell, I reflect on the cherished moments, the laughter shared, and the wisdom imparted. His generosity extended far beyond the professional realm, as he willingly shared his time and wisdom. The memory of Carvin sitting down with my son, patiently guiding him through the intricacies of accounting concepts to ensure the successful completion of his assignments, remains a testament to his caring nature. Carvin's impact is immeasurable, and his legacy lives on in the lives he has touched.

His kindness, friendship, love for people and these Virgin Islands will forever echo in the hearts of those privileged to have known him. May he rest in eternal peace.

Tashi O'Flaherty-Maduro Former Private Secretary

## **Minister for Heath**



Carvin with Rotary and Health Officials to discuss plans to combat and prevent chronic non-communicable diseases



Attending consultation on the Waste Management Strategy



The WE RECYCLE Programme in partnership with Green VI



opening of the Nurse Iris O'Neal Medical Centre





Opening of the Nurse Iris O'Neal Medical Centre with Dr. Ronald Georges and Dr. Joel Stevens



Preparing scrap metals for shipment

## and Social Development



Engaging with the Director and staff of the Autism Centre



Approving applications for social homes



Presenting keys for social homes





Spending time with his "Golden Gems"





### **BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS**

#### INVESTMENT CLUB

#### A Tribute to a Visionary

It is with heavy hearts and profound sadness that we pay tribute to a man whose sudden departure has reverberated through the veins of our community, our beloved Carvin Malone. A former Minister for Health and Social Development and a stalwart of unyielding dedication to the public good, his absence leaves an irreplaceable void, not only within the circles in which he moved, but at the bedrock of our territory.

Carvin's journey was not one marked by the pursuit of personal glory; his was a path guided by an unwavering commitment to service. His work in health services demonstrated his empathy and cognizance of the societal heartbeat. As Minister for Health, Carvin's journey through the pandemic and the challenges posed by COVID-19 further underscored his dedication to the public good. He took the responsibility for the public's protection and care very seriously.

In meandering through the rich tapestry of Carvin's life, one cannot overlook his vibrant participation in society after his political tenure. When the tides of politics shifted, when others might have stepped away, Carvin stood steadfast by his principles. His resolve did not wane with electoral outcomes, for his compass always pointed toward the people, their aspirations, and their needs.

As a charter member of the BVI Investment Club, Carvin, along other visionaries, was part of leading a pivotal assembly some three decades ago at Admiralty Estate. These gatherings filled with dreams and determination, became the crucible for a transformative endeavour which brought together a group of 26 Virgin Islanders and Belongers to form the BVI Investment Club. It was Carvin and his peers, fueled by their unyielding spirit, who sowed the seeds of change. Every Sunday, they huddled, strategized, and eventually formed the BVI Investment Club, with its goal to empower Virgin Islanders and Belongers.

Carvin's legacy also gleams brightly through his involvement in the Lions Club—a testament to his dedication to humanitarian service. With the Lions Club, he championed initiatives that enhanced lives and bridged societal gaps, embodying the truth that to serve is to touch the future truly.

As we gather to honour Carvin Malone, a man of fortitude, benevolence, and incalculable influence, we are compelled to echo his ethos in our daily lives. To do any less would be a disservice to his memory. We are entrusted with the joyful spark of his laughter, the gravity of his counsel, and the indelible impact of his deeds. May the resolve and spirit that Carvin taught us never wane. May we embrace each day with his sense of purpose, kindness, and undiminished love for this community. As we bid farewell to this giant among men, let us renew our commitment to the ideals he held dear and pledge to continue the nurturing of the seeds he so affectionately planted in our Virgin Islands soil.

May Carvin Malone rest well. His mission here is complete, but his legacy is just beginning to bloom.

Margaret A. Penn, Vice President

On Behalf of the Members of the BVI Investment Club



#### Tribute to Mr. Carvin Malone

The BVI Olympic Committee/Commonwealth Games Association Executive and BVIOC/BVICGA member National Federations are deeply saddened by the sudden passing of Mr. Carvin Malone, former Minister for Health and Social Development, on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> January, 2024 at the age of 64. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to his family and friends.

Mr. Malone was a strong supporter and promoter of the Long Term Athlete Development Programme [LTAD] and the Physical Literacy and Movement for All initiatives. As the Minister for Health and Social Development and a supporter of the LTAD movement led by the former Health Promotion Coordinator Ms. Ivy George, he signed an agreement with the non-profit organisation, Canada Sports for Life, to bring the Physical Literacy Programme to schools in the Territory. This groundbreaking agreement laid the groundwork for developing a lifelong habit of movement, starting from pre-school age, to improve overall health and prevent non-communicable diseases.

Mr. Malone was a passionate tennis player and sports enthusiast who established a collaborative relationship with the BVIOC in the Olympism movement of sports for all. He will be remembered for his legacy of establishing the LTAD movement in schools and creating positive changes to the way of adopting a healthier lifestyle for current and future generations.

Mr. Ephraim Penn, President of the BVIOC/BVICGA and Mr. Carvin Malone were close relatives as first cousins. Condolences to the extended family of Mr. Carvin Malone.

#### The BVI Olympic Committee



#### **Tribute to Carvin Malone**

On behalf of the BVI Red Cross, I convey my deepest sorrow at the passing of the former Minister for Health and Social Development, Mr. Carvin Malone. My heartfelt condolences go out to his wife, Pernis, his siblings, and his extended family.

Mr. Malone stood as an unwavering advocate for the Virgin Islands, and his unexpected departure has left us in profound shock and sorrow. As we mourn his passing, we take a moment to contemplate the exceptional qualities that defined his character. Carvin dedicated his entire life to selflessly serving his community. As a proud and devoted member of the Lions Club of Tortola, he consistently demonstrated unwavering support also to the BVI Red Cross. His commitment, especially during his tenure as the Minister for Health and Social Development, was unparalleled. We collaborated closely during the challenging times of the COVID-19 pandemic, working hand-in-hand on initiatives such as food distribution, PPE dissemination, vaccination drives, and providing cash voucher assistance to vulnerable families severely impacted by the pandemic's repercussions. Mr. Malone also played a pivotal role in endorsing our Home Care Basics Programme and Men's Prostate Screening and Health Fair. We remain profoundly grateful for his enduring and steadfast support.

Above all, Carvin was a patriot with a generous heart. His love for the Virgin Islands and its people was profound, and he consistently endeavoured to make a positive impact in his community. Our dear brother Carvin's legacy will endure. We thank him for his dedicated service. May he rest in eternal peace.

Ms. Rennea Powell Chair of the BVI Red Cross



The Lions Motto, "We Serve", was exemplified in the life of Lion Carvin Malone PMJF. From the very beginning, his enthusiasm and dedication set him apart. Lion Carvin proudly served our club and community with great passion and commitment. He approached every task with a sense of purpose and a genuine desire to make a difference.

Lion Carvin was a visionary, a mentor, and a friend to the BVI Lions Family, both locally and in the wider District. His tenure as a Lion was one of distinction that spanned 37 years from May 1, 1987 through to the date of his passing. During this time, he served in every post within the Club and as President for an unprecedented five times, first in 1992-93, again in 2008-09 and then for three consecutive terms from July 2016 through to June 2019. At the time of his passing, he was an active member of the Lions Den Restoration & Signage Committees and Board Advisor.

Being the visionary he was, the Club and community benefited from his proposal and execution of a number of major projects and activities, namely, the construction of the restroom facility at the Noel Lloyd/Positive Action Movement Park, introduction of the Lions Quest programme, Village Welcome signs and assistance with securing funding for numerous other projects.

Lion Carvin had a major passion for youth development and played pivotal roles in the formation and development of the Lions Club of Tortola Club Branch, the Virgin Islands School of Technical Studies (VISTS) Alpha Leo Club and the revitalisation of the Tortola Omega Leo Club. This led to him serving as Leo Advisor for four terms and at District level as Leo and Youth Associate Chairperson.

In recognition of his distinguished achievements in fulfilling the mission of Lions Clubs, Lion Carvin was recognised throughout the Zone, Region, District and Lions International with the following awards:

- International President's Certificate of Appreciation awarded by Lions International President Chancellor Bob Corlew 2016-17;
- District 60B President of the Year 2008-09 & 2016-17 awarded by District Governors, Lion Joan Jordan MJF & Lion Errol Lee MJF respectively;
- District 60B Club of the Year 2008-09 awarded to Lions Club of Tortola by District Governor, Lion Joan Jordan MJF. That year the Club received seven of the top ten district awards;
- Region 2 President of the Year awarded by Region 2 Chairperson, Lion Claudio Buncamper MJF 2016-17;
- · Zone 2A President of the Year awarded by Zone 2A Chairperson, Lion Beverly E. Smith; and
- Zone 2A Club of the Year awarded to Lions Club of Tortola by Zone 2A Chairperson, Lion Beverly E. Smith.

His most notable recognition was that of becoming a Melvin Jones Fellow (MJF) and later a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow (PMJF).

Lion Carvin was a true humanitarian, a giant in his own right, a man of principle and a "Lion at heart" with an infectious laugh. He loved to remind us of the quote "Where there's a need, there's a Lion". Not only the community benefited from his service, but being the knowledgeable and experienced Lion he was, members valued his opinion and guidance. Lions in the Club were regular recipients of his wise counsel and we were always guaranteed his support, even with a little chiding! We find solace in his 37 years of impactful and dedicated service to the BVI community, to the members of our club and to the extended Lions District. Lion Carvin took great pride in being a Lion and would be the loudest when reciting the Lions ROAR.

Our sympathy goes out to his Partner-in-Service, Mrs Pernis Malone, his daughter Kirsten, siblings Jane, Meade, Keith and Guy, his extended family, the BVI community and all who knew and loved him. On behalf of the Lions Club of Tortola, we sincerely thank you for sharing Lion Carvin with us on this noble journey of service to humanity.

While we join you in mourning his loss, we also celebrate the legacy of service and compassion he leaves behind and pray that his leadership and vision will be an inspiration to us. His memory will live on in our hearts forever.

May our Lion brother rest in peace and rise in glory.

Regards,

Lion Daphodil A. Sampson, MJF President of Lions Club of Tortola Lions & Leos Clubs of Tortola

#### The International Association of Lions Clubs







### "Take a Stand: Make it Right Through Service"

#### A Message from MD60 Past Council Chairman to the Relatives, Family & Friends of the late Lion Carvin Malone PMJF

I am devastated by the sudden passing of Lion Carvin Malone, a distinguished member of this noble organisation, Lions International. Words cannot express the profound lost I feel.

Lion Carvin was like a brother, counselor, mentor, advisor and guide and most important, a true and loyal friend to his BVI Lions Family and beyond. He was unyielding in his commitment, dedication and passion for service, as is evident by his 37 years of distinguished service as a Lion and participation in many other civic groups and organisations. It was indeed an honour to have worked and served with him for over 20 years.

To me, his personal motto was, "Get it Done". Whenever there was a project to be executed, he would say "Lions, let's get it/this done". If his assistance was sought, his reply was always "Consider it done". This was always followed by a call or WhatsApp message that read "Done" with the relevant proof attached. At the completion of a task, he always complimented others with the words "Well done Lions, well done". I am certain, that this experience was no different for the many organisations where he served and for the many who have worked and interacted with him.

My Lion Brother has gained his wings and transitioned onto higher service amongst the angels. Thus, while his time with us here on earth is now done, he has left us a remarkable legacy that we should only strive to emulate and carry on.

On behalf of my family and MD60 Lions Family, I offer deepest condolences to his beloved family and friends during this time of grief. We sincerely thank you for sharing Lion Carvin with us for all these years.

May my dear departed Lion Brother Carvin rest well in the arms of the angels and rise in glory on that beautiful resurrection day. Well done my Brother! You have Served! Sleep in peace!

Lion Marvin O. Grant MJF, PCC



#### A Tribute to past BVICCHA Chairman, Mr. Carvin Malone, MHA

The Board and members of the BVI Chamber of Commerce (BVICoC), formerly known as the BVI Chamber of Commerce and Hotel Association (BVICCHA), extend our deepest condolences to the family and friends of our esteemed colleague, Mr. Carvin Malone. As we gather to contemplate his life, we pay homage to a man whose unwavering commitment and service have left an enduring imprint on our community.

Carvin dedicated his life to the service of others, embodying the principles of leadership, compassion, and reliability. Serving as the Chairman of the BVI Chamber of Commerce and Hotel Association from 1989 to 1991, he was a visionary who believed in the transformative power of business to uplift communities and enhance the quality of life in our society. His forward-thinking and dedication significantly influenced the economic landscape, fostering growth and opportunities for all.

May his legacy endure through those whose lives he has touched and enriched.

Shaina M. Smith-Archer Chairman, Board of Directors



#### Honourable Carvin Malone - Son of the BVI Soil

When we remember our classmate, these are the qualities that quickly come to mind.

- C Classmate, Clever, Compassionate, Committed
- A Articulate, Ambitious
- R Refined and Real
- **V** Visionary, Vicarious Valiant
- I Intelligent, Industrious, Impactful
- N Noble

M - Meek, Mentor, Motivator

A - Astute Entrepreneur

L - Leader, Lovable

O- Outspoken, Opinionated

N - Nurtured Nature

E - Easy Going, Excellent Mathematician

We, the members of *BVI High School Class of 1976*, are extremely saddened by the untimely passing of our beloved classmate, Carvin. He served as President of our class and was very instrumental and committed to keeping the class members unified. He was a proud member of the Class of 1976, and despite his busy schedule, he always took the time to attend our special class events. We referred to him as the "life of the party" and our "paparazzo," always ensuring that every event was documented. Whenever we met, he would always stop to share an affectionate hug, a brief conversation, and, of course, his kind advice. His infectious smile, unique chuckle, and charming personality will be forever cherished in our hearts.

During our high school days, he was a good sportsman and one of the best volleyball setters. His role was to set up the play to enable spikers to finish the set well. This trait propelled him throughout his entire life, where he would always put things in motion, which made it easier for others to finish. This was evident right up to his last days, where he was putting things in motion for the future generation. Therefore, we remember him for his aspirations to achieve positive changes for his beloved Virgin Islands. He had a strong desire to witness a united VI and demonstrated great passion, contribution, and commitment to his territory. The profound impact he has left behind will endure in our hearts, and as Virgin Islanders, we must not allow his legacy to die.

We admired his tenacity as Health Minister and Deputy Premier during an unprecedented period in which he was challenged to keep BVIslanders safe during the COVID-19 pandemic. His level of professionalism and significant contributions to his community will no doubt leave an indelible mark on his legacy.

A limb has certainly fallen from our class reunion tree, but we remain grateful and privileged to have played a role in his journey. We extend our deepest sympathy to his wife Pernis, his daughter Kirsten, and the entire Malone family. We will miss him dearly. May his soul rest in eternal peace!

#### **BVI High School Class of 1976**

#### Tribute to Mr. Carvin Malone

Where do we begin to talk about someone whom we have come to love and appreciate over the last few years? It is an arduous and emotional challenge. Honourable Carvin Malone was a strong, influential gentleman with a kind and caring spirit. He was a man of his word and if he made you a promise, rest assured, he was going to come through for you. He had a passion for the seniors and showed much interest and love in their well-being. Very often, he would find time to just stop by, and as he would say, "Check on his Gems." He loved his Gems and always found it a great pleasure to contribute to events and trips. The death of a loved one always brings grief, pain, and sorrow, but let us take comfort in the precious memories that we all shared with him. We will miss him dearly.

To his entire family and friends, we pray that God will continue to bless you and keep you grounded. Find peace in the words of Revelation 21:4, "And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away". May Honourable Carvin Malone soul rest in eternal peace.

#### East End, Long Look, Long Trench and Road Town Seniors



#### Tribute in Memory of the late Mr. Carvin Malone

We pause at this time to express our sincere sympathies to the family of Mr. Carvin Malone, a stalwart in our Virgin Islands community who left us suddenly on 14th January. On Sunday morning, his passing reverberated throughout the community, and no doubt sent shock waves, as we all heard the sad news.

We lean on the comforting words from 2 Corinthians 1:3-4 which states, "Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God." We, therefore, share in the family's grief during this difficult time.

Today, we remember Mr. Malone in a pleasant way because it is who he was as a person: very hospitable, always filled with laughter and a wise word to share.

As the former Minister for Health and Social Development, it was his voice that we looked forward to with bated breath as he navigated us through the COVID-19 pandemic. He was passionate about his leadership commitment. He genuinely cared for and about people.

We remember him as a patriot. He was community and civic-minded, always focused on sharing information for a better Virgin Islands. He believed in bringing the social issues to the forefront. He would exhaust every medium to encourage us to live and move as one Virgin Islands people, protecting our forefathers' and ancestors' legacy and vision.

He loved to give back and did so through his commitment as a member of the Lions Club, who ensured that the annual Lighting of the Christmas Tree always came to fruition. This event often brought families and friends together.

You could depend on him to bring you live coverage of any event he attended because he valued the importance of communication.

On different occasions, he patronised our church and always gave well wishes. We are forever grateful for his dedication and zest for a better Virgin Islands community. May he rest in eternal peace,

From Senior Pastor, Reverend Dr. Michael A. Turnbull and First Lady, Minister Shondrea N. Turnbull and the family of the Cane Garden Bay Baptist Church.

Rev. Dr. Michael A. Turnbull Senior Pastor



#### To the Wife and Family of the late Honourable Carvin Malone:

With great sadness, we express our deepest condolences to the wife and family of the late Honourable Carvin Malone. He was no stranger to the Hispanic community, especially the Church of God of Prophecy (Spanish) and Community of Love on Main Street. Occasionally, he would honour us with his presence, and when greeting the congregation, he would often say with a great smile that he felt at home. Honourable Malone shared many moments with us and was committed to assisting various ministries within our church. He was indeed a special person to our community.

The Community of Love will dearly miss him, and our prayers of strength are with Mrs. Malone. May you find the source of strength in Jesus Christ, and may the Holy Spirit comfort you and your family during this time of grief.

Rafael Del Rosario Pastor

## **Youth Outreach**



Little Rainbow students



Elmore Stoutt High School students



Bregado Flax Educational Centre students



St. George's Secondary School students



Althea Scatliffe Primary School students



Cheque presentation for elite athlete

# The COVID-19 Fight













## **Thanks and Appreciation**

The family of the late Carvin Malone wish to express our thanks and appreciation to the many friends, family, supporters and well-wishers for all your expressions of condolences and prayers at this difficult time. Your kind words and gestures were of great comfort to our family.

We appreciate and acknowledge your sympathy and heartfelt messages expressed through prayers, cards, flowers, calls and visits. We also appreciate the many tributes and photographs that have been sent to the family and shared on social media, which have helped us to reflect on and celebrate how much Carvin was loved, his passions, and the indelible impression he left on those whose lives he touched along his journey.

We would like to thank the management and staff of Davis Funeral Home Tortola Memorial Service for their kind and thoughtful service. Gratitude is extended to the Honourable Speaker, Members and Staff of the House of Assembly; and the Government of the Virgin Islands.

May God's love shine upon you and be gracious to you always..

The Malone Family

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