

Media mogul George Malti dies in Sedona, Ariz.

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Malti owned Gallup's Millennium Media

The city lost an outstanding and accomplished member of the community when long-time resident George Malti, 78, died May 13 in Sedona, Arizona.

The cause of death was not announced. There will be a Celebration of George's Life on May 24 in Sedona, according to information distributed by the local media company that Malti owned.

Malti was born in Ithaca, NY, where he graduated undergraduate and law school from Cornell University. After graduation, Malti joined the law firm of Breed, Robinson and Stewart of Oakland, California. In 1969, Malti co-founded a law firm by the name of Farrand & Malti in San Francisco with his friend Steve Farrand.

Malti developed an interest in communications law after he purchased a radio station in the Bay area. He specialized in that field and bought stations in Gallup, Laramie, Wyoming, and Arcata, California. He started Millennium Media, Inc. in Gallup in 2003, which includes radio stations that broadcast country, rock, classics, and news.

Malti was the director and president of the William Knox Holt Foundation since 1978. The

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foundation supports higher education, science, battered families, food distribution, boys and girls clubs, and musical concerts.

“He was somebody that was respected by everyone,” Sen. George Muñoz, D-Gallup, said. Muñoz said he’d known Malti for a number of years. “He was somebody that helped you if you needed help,” Muñoz said.

Malti married Johanna Cousins in 1999. He is survived by Cousins and his four sisters, Helen Malti Oliver, Ruth Malti Marion, Emily Malti Wadsworth, Alice Malti Marshall and an adopted sister and brother, Fedwa and Constantine Malti, according to Millennium Media.

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