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Hawthorne Resident and Former Sewerage Commissioner, Robert Davenport Dead at 87



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HAWTHORNE, NJ - Resident and former Passaic Valley Sewerage Commissioner Robert Joseph Davenport died on January 10, 2025. He was 87.

Davenport, who was born in Paterson, moved to Hawthorne where he lived for more than 55 years.

In a statement released on January 15, The Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission (PVSC) said the following: "The PVSC mourns the passing of our distinguished former colleague and dear friend Robert Davenport on Friday, January 10, 2025.

"Bob served the Commission for 32 years, from 1972 to 2004, in the roles of Commissioner, Chairman, Deputy Executive Director, and finally as Executive Director. His contributions to PVSC were as significant as they were numerous. A lifelong public servant, Bob also worked in multiple roles at the Passaic County Sheriff's Department before retiring as Chief in 1989. He was also appointed as a Commissioner of the North Jersey District Water Commission in 1970, subsequently serving as the Commission's Chairman. A United States Army veteran, Bob served our country in Germany during the Cold War."

Davenport graduated Summa Cum Laude from William Paterson College in 1977 at the age of 40. He was a member of Elmwood Park/Paterson Elks #60, VFW Hawthorne Post 1593, American Legion Post 199 Hawthorne, PBA Local 197 and Emerald Society Chapter#7.

"Our thoughts and prayers are with Bob's family at this difficult time, including Bob's son Brian Davenport, who served as PVSC's Superintendent of River Restoration and Facilities prior to his retirement in 2023," PVSC officials said.

Funeral service will be at 1 p.m. on Saturday, January 18, 2025 at the Browning-Forshay Funeral Home, 557 Lafayette Avenue, Hawthorne. Friends may visit with the family at the funeral home on Saturday from 1-4 p.m.