



Judge Spencer B. Seaton Jr.

September 4, 1958 - January 1, 2026

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Spencer B. Seaton Jr. was born on September 4, 1958 to the late Spencer B. Seaton Sr. and Bernice Mason-Seaton at Sacred Heart Hospital in Chester, Pennsylvania. His mother passed away when he was five years old. Following his mother's death Spencer's father was instrumental in providing the guidance he needed. He was an only child. His grandmother, Mary Ada Seaton also helped raise him and was an impactful presence during his formative years. In addition to his father and grandmother, Ella Geraldine Brown, whom he affectionately called "Mom" was a loving and indispensable part of the village that fostered Spencer's development. He was a lifelong member of Calvary Baptist Church. He entered into eternal rest on January 1, 2026.

Spencer was educated in the Chester Upland School District and was a proud member of Chester High School's class of 1976 ("76ers 4 Life"). He continued his education at Cheyney State College (now Cheyney University), where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in political science in 1980.

While attending Cheyney, Spencer met his college sweetheart, the former Jill Harris, in the summer of 1978. After dating for several years, they married in 1984 and into this union were born two sets of fraternal twins: Spencer B.

Seaton III, Jacqueline T. Seaton, Edward L. Seaton, and Jill B. Seaton (Baby Jill).

After completing his undergraduate studies, he found an interest in mortuary science. In an effort to advance this interest, Spencer attended the American Academy McAllister Institute of Funeral Service (AAMIFS) in New York City. While attending AAMIFS, he spent much of his early professional life working in Chester Pennsylvania under the tutelage of the late Earl L. Foster, at the Earl L. Foster Funeral Home.

His work in the mortuary business reflected a deep respect for dignity, life, and service. While he was working with Foster, Spencer's continued passion for uplifting the youth led him to obtain employment with the state-run Bensalem Youth Detention Center, where his focus was on rehabilitation, structure, and accountability for youth awaiting court proceedings or placement. He was also employed by Girard College, an independent boarding school in Philadelphia Pennsylvania.

In 1993, Spencer B. Seaton Jr. (Judge Seaton hereafter) was elected Magisterial District Judge for District Court 32-1-22 in Chester Pennsylvania. He served with distinction for four consecutive six year terms, retiring in 2021. His nearly three decades on the bench, made him one of the longest serving justices in Delaware County Pennsylvania. In his role, Judge Seaton was known for his fairness and deep compassion for the youth in the city of Chester. However, he was no nonsense and would give it to you "straight up and down like 6 o'clock!" and it was not uncommon to hear him occasionally shout "don't lean on my bench, it don't need ya help holding it up!" to defendants who had gotten a little too comfortable in the courtroom. Nonetheless, Judge Seaton used his position to offer guidance and hope to those given a second chance.

An avid sports fan, Judge Seaton had a lifelong love for the Washington

Commanders and basketball at all levels. In fact, he served as an assistant basketball coach at Chester High School and the Chester Police Athletic League (Chester PAL). Judge Seaton's dedication to Chester youth extended beyond sports, to his work with the Boy Scouts and mentoring youth at the Boys and Girls Club of Chester. He also served as Chairman of the Chester Community Charter School and was affiliated with several fraternal organizations.

Equally important, while he proudly claimed Cheyney University, often celebrated as "the nation's first HBCU", life had a sense of humor. Judge Seaton's heart, and his family legacy, kept him firmly connected to Lincoln University of Pennsylvania, the first degree-granting HBCU, where his father and children were all proud Lions, and where he later served as a member of the Board of Trustees.

In the long-standing debate over "who was first," Judge Seaton embodied the best answer: Both mattered. Thus, proving that loyalty and love for Black education and excellence never required choosing just one campus.

Moreover, Judge Seaton leaves a lasting legacy of public and community service, mentorship, and leadership; he lived by the mantra he carried close to his heart: "May the work that I do speak for me."

He was preceded in death by his mother, Bernice Mason-Seaton, father, Spencer B. Seaton Sr., his father's longtime companion, Ella Geraldine Brown, grandmother, Mary Ada Seaton, and his son Khalif Dennis.

He is survived by: Jill Harris-Seaton, his daughters: Kia Davis, Mercedes Dennis, Jacqueline "Jackeé" T. Seaton, and Jill B. Seaton, and his sons: Khalid Dennis, Spencer B. Seaton III, and Edward L. Seaton. Judge Seaton is

also survived by his grandchildren. He was a devoted grandfather, whose love was evident in the affectionate names he gave them: Makayla (Short Legs), Lael (Deuce), Kree (The Dream) and Nasir (Nas). Longtime childhood friend, William Badie (“Uncle Bill”).

Consequently, Judge Seaton is also survived by a plethora of extended family members, church family, former colleagues, mentees and friends.

Cemetery Details

Lawn Croft Cemetery

1000 Ridge Road
Linwood, PA 19061

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 30. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Calvary Baptist Church
1616 W. 2nd Street
Chester, PA 19013

Visitation

JAN 31. 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM (ET)

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Service

JAN 31. 9:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

TM

“ My deepest sympathy to my lifelong friend's family. Spencer and I met at Ms. Emily's nursery school , when we were 2 years old. My connection with him has been a lifelong one. Our Parents were friends and our families attended Calvery Baptist Church, together, forever! Sail on, my classmate of The CHS class of 1976! Well deserved, rest, my friend! Love, Terry Johnson

Theresa Moni - January 31 at 09:44 AM

TF

“ The Carter Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Judge Spencer B. Seaton Jr..



The Carter Family - January 30 at 09:09 AM

RF

“ Robin Williams and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Judge Spencer B. Seaton Jr..

Robin Williams and Family - January 28 at 11:02 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Judge Spencer B. Seaton Jr..



January 28 at 11:02 PM

Jl

“ *Travel well my lifelong friend. You will truly be missed*

Joseph Kane III - January 27 at 05:16 PM

BM

“ *Barbara Muhammad lit a candle in memory of Judge Spencer B. Seaton Jr.*



Barbara Muhammad - January 27 at 04:47 PM

AM

“ *Sending my deepest and sincerest condolences to the family and all who loved Spencer. I've known Spencer what seems like forever. A great person to know. Thank you for sharing him with the City of Chester, PA. He will be a part of Chester's legacy. May God give you the comfort you need during and after this difficult time. Sending a special hug to Makayla (SDA/Ms Williams).*



Angela Mitchell-Williams - January 27 at 02:10 PM

VF

“ *Vince / Vida and the Seaton family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Judge Spencer B. Seaton Jr..*



Vince / Vida and the Seaton family - January 21 at 10:10 PM

VC

“ Judge Seaton was very genuine. He cared about the people he was especially good and caring with young people. He married me and my husband. I will never forget his kindness. He will truly be missed. My condolences to his his family. May he R.I.P.

Vanessa Craig-Wilson - January 19 at 04:10 PM

RM

“ My sincere condolences are extended to the Seaton Family. Spencer was a kind, compassionate and very close friend...always willing to help others...RIP.....Rhoda Simms Majors

Rhoda Majors - January 18 at 04:04 AM

SB

“ I remember us working together on a bible skit " The woman at the well" and you portrayed Jesus. You stepped out of one robe into another and did a phenomenal job! I enjoyed working with you at the Calvary Baptist Church! 🙏🙏 Sharon L Brown

Sharon L Brown - January 17 at 05:08 PM

JP

“ He was one of the best judges that Chester had. I respect the talks he gives cause you knew he cared. He going be well missed and I send my blessings to his family

Joshua Pulliam - January 16 at 11:36 PM

BT

“ To my dear friend and classmates 76ers I am going to miss you 💔 Rest in paradise and I will always love you forever.

Bernadette Thomas - January 16 at 12:08 PM

JY

“ Prayers of Comfort & Sincere Expression of Condolences to the Seaton Family&Friends. Remembering Fondly and with Love growing up with Spencer at Calvary Baptist Church and continuing this friendship into adulthood. Spencer always could make you smile. "Earth Has No Sorrow That Heaven Can Not Heal". Sending Much Love to the Seaton Family from Chris Willis, Curtis Willis, Jean Willis Youngblood & Jackie Willis Paige

Jean Youngblood - January 16 at 09:45 AM

SB

It was a very fair judge and gave you a chance to change your life for real you will truly be missed rest in peace

Sharon Brooks - January 27 at 05:00 PM