

# NJCU HALL OF FAMER JOSEPH REILLY, 87, PASSES AWAY

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**JERSEY CITY, NJ...**JOSEPH G. REILLY, a member of the **New Jersey City University** Athletic Hall of Fame after a standout tennis and basketball career from 1934-38, passed away at his residence in Martinsburg, PA on Sunday, January 4. He was 87.

An October 30, 1982 inductee into the NJCU Hall of Fame, he is a 1939 graduate of then-Jersey City State Teachers College. **Reilly** played three years of varsity basketball and four seasons of varsity tennis in the infancy of the school's athletic program, and was regarded as one of the top athletes of the era for a program then nicknamed the Crows.

A playmaking guard, he was one of the first two lettermen in the school's history and was president of the JCSC Men's Club in 1936 and 1937. **Reilly** was captain of the tennis team, and recorded an astounding 40-4 record during his four seasons of competition. He was also president of his class.

After graduating, he received his master's degree from Rutgers University. He worked as a teacher for 12 years and an administrator for 25 more in Hackensack, NJ, where he was principal of the Fairmount School before retiring.

**Reilly** also served as a legislative aide to Assemblyman and Senator Robert Little, spending 20 years as his campaign treasurer.

He served in the Army during World War II and remained a reserve until 1963 when he graduated as a lieutenant colonel.

He was born in Hoboken, NJ, and lived in Vernon, Franklin, and Scenic Lakes, NJ before moving to Martinsburg. Funeral services were held in Franklin on January 8.