



Benita Callo

October 9, 1942 - October 10, 2021

Benita Callo, 79 of Great Kills, passed away on Sunday, October 10, 2021 surrounded by her loving family.

Benita was born in Manhattan, where she lived for 22 years before moving to Queens. She came to Staten Island in 1970 (Bay Terrace) and settled in Great Kills in 1986. She and her husband, Domenico also had a seasonal home in Saylorsburg, Pennsylvania, where they would travel back and forth on a regular basis.

Benita graduated from St. Anthony School in Manhattan in 1960. Over the years she took various courses to further her education. These courses included New York University Administrative Assistant Course, Wagner College Human Resource Course, St. John's University Human Resource Course in Professional Counseling and St. Lukes Bethlehem PA Home Health Aid Course.

She was an Executive Secretary to Presidents and Vice Presidents in various Manhattan companies, some of which included South Street Seaport, Nedloyd Shipping Lines, Thomas Publishing Company, St. Vincent Catholic Medical Center and Depository Trust and Clearing Group. After her retirement, Benita enjoyed working at Macy's and Mikasa.

Benita's family recalls what a smart, witty and talented woman she was. She was fluent in reading and writing Italian, and a wonderful party coordinator and decorator. She took pride in hosting family gatherings where she would decorate with taste and beauty.

She also had a love of travel - domestic and international. Some of the Countries she enjoyed going to were Italy and Mexico and she and her husband would often take cruises with friends and visit friends in Florida.

She was also a very giving person, sponsoring children for over 25 years for Children International and also supported St. Anthony and St. Jude charitable organizations.

Benita was resilient, independent and strong, a stunning beauty that could capture the attention of all when she walked into a room. She had a classic elegance to her and a brilliant smile. She had a generous heart and always had an open door policy. She was a devoted wife, mother and grandmother, who treasured time spent with family.

She was predeceased by her parents, Domenico and Mafalda Gianardi from Italia.

Benita was the beloved wife of 56 years to Domenico, who passed away in 2017. Loving mother to Elizabeth Conroy, Mark Callo and Stephanie Freeo. Dear mother-in-law to John Conroy, Judith Lopez and Russell Freeo. Devoted grandmother to Christopher Callo, Danielle Fox, Jonathan and Dilaura Morales, and Anthony, Jessica and Vanessa Callo. Cherished great grandmother to Layla Morales, John Fox, Carter and Aria Callo, and soon to be Leah Morales. Fond cousin to Grace Glussich, who was like a sister to Benita.

The family will receive friends from 2:00 - 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 16, 2021 and 10:00 -11:30 a.m. on Sunday, October 17, 2021 at the John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals, Inc., 28 Eltingville Blvd, Staten Island, New York. Arrangements include private cremation.

In lieu of flowers the family kindly asks that donations be made in Benita's name to the Brain Tumor Foundation. (<https://new.braintumorfoundation.org/donate/>)

Cemetery Details

Rosehill Crematory

792 E Edgar Rd
Linden, NJ 07036

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **16**. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals, Inc.
28 Eltingville Blvd
Staten Island, NY 10312

Visitation

OCT **16**. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

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Service

OCT **17**. 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Benita Callo*



John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals Inc. - October 16, 2021 at 12:03 PM



“ *Benita Callo*

October 04, 2023 at 06:13 PM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Melanie , Diego, & Adriana Cisneros - October 16, 2021 at 04:14 PM



“ 174 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals Inc. - October 16, 2021 at 11:30 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Benita Callo.



October 16, 2021 at 07:50 AM



“ *Love Eric, Rino and Gloria* purchased the *Countr y Basket Blooms* for the family of Benita Callo.



Love Eric, Rino and Gloria - October 15, 2021 at 02:30 PM



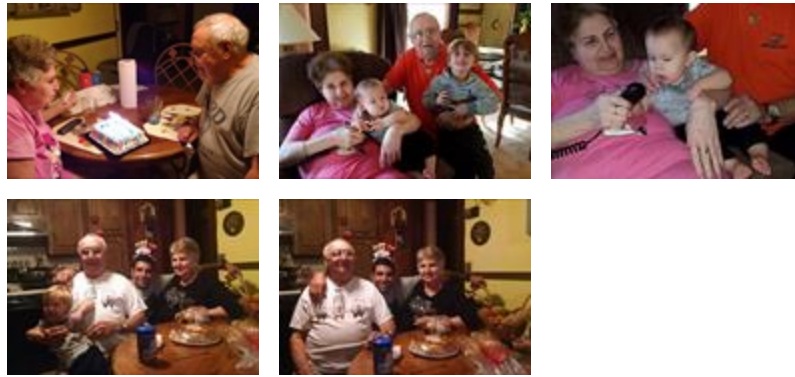
“ *Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Benita Callo.*



October 15, 2021 at 01:43 PM



“ *7 files added to the tribute wall*



Danielle - October 15, 2021 at 01:19 PM



“ *With love zia Grace purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Benita Callo.*



With love zia Grace - October 14, 2021 at 10:09 PM

MD

“ Morton Family Deborah, Cyrus, Kim purchased the Heavenly Heights Bouquet for the family of Benita Callo.



Morton Family Deborah, Cyrus, Kim - October 14, 2021 at 08:31 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Benita Callo.



October 14, 2021 at 06:04 PM

MC

“ 3 files added to the album Benny pictures



Mark Callo - October 14, 2021 at 12:19 PM

MC

“ You will always be forever in my heart mom. I have been blessed to have beautiful mother as you. I know you're in peace now, no more suffering. I love you very much and miss you dearly....



Mark Callo - October 14, 2021 at 12:08 PM

MC

“ *Mark Callo lit a candle in memory of Benita Callo*



Mark Callo - October 14, 2021 at 12:00 PM

JO

“ *4 files added to the tribute wall*



Jonathan - October 14, 2021 at 11:55 AM

JM

“ *Jonathan Morales sent a virtual gift in memory of Benita Callo*



Jonathan Morales - October 14, 2021 at 11:27 AM

JM

“ We love you Nana Always & Forever. Big Hugs and Kisses. Love the Morales Family. I know your my angel watching me from above now.



Jonathan Morales - October 14, 2021 at 11:26 AM



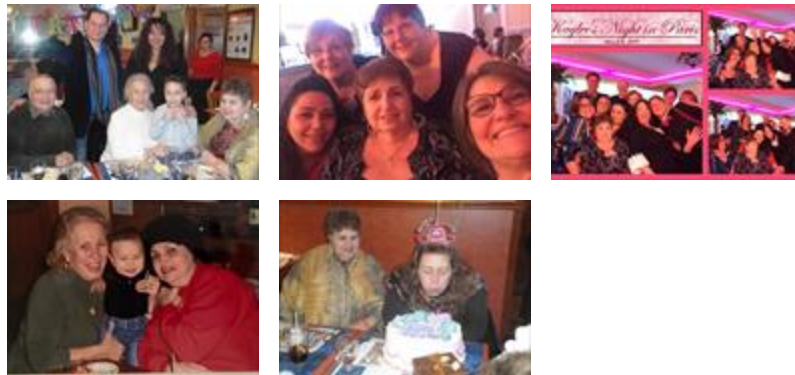
“ Majestic Heart was purchased for the family of Benita Callo.



October 14, 2021 at 09:02 AM

SF

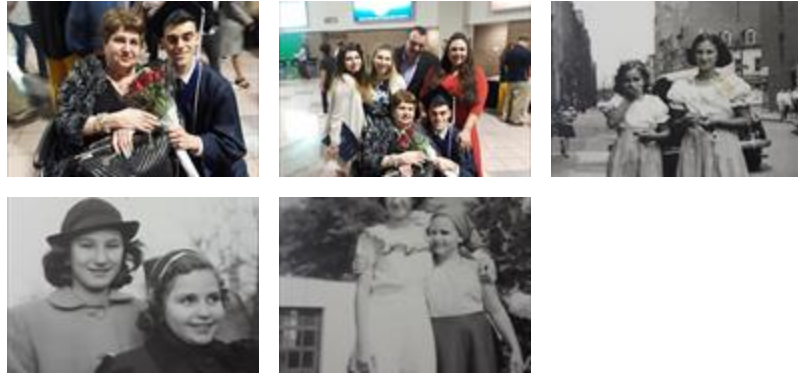
“ 26 files added to the album Benny pictures



Stephanie Freeo - October 13, 2021 at 10:23 PM

SF

“ 12 files added to the album Benny pictures



Stephanie Freeo - October 13, 2021 at 09:23 PM

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“ Stephanie Grace Freeo sent a virtual gift in memory of Benita Callo



Stephanie Grace Freeo - October 13, 2021 at 09:09 PM

CF

“ Campanelli Family lit a candle in memory of Benita Callo



Campanelli Family - October 13, 2021 at 07:27 PM

AF

“ *Andrysiak Family lit a candle in memory of Benita Callo*



Andrysiak Family - October 13, 2021 at 07:25 PM

JA

“ *Jennifer Andrysiak lit a candle in memory of Benita Callo*



jennifer andrysiak - October 13, 2021 at 07:23 PM

MC

“ *Melanie , Diego, & Adriana Cisneros lit a candle in memory of Benita Callo*



Melanie , Diego, & Adriana Cisneros - October 13, 2021 at 03:52 PM

MC

Rest in eternal peace.

Melanie , Diego, & Adriana Cisneros - October 13, 2021 at 03:55 PM

HF

“ *Heaning Family lit a candle in memory of Benita Callo*



Heaning Family - October 13, 2021 at 02:10 PM

GF

“ *Ti ricorderemo sempre con affetto. ❤️
Giovanna Claudio Francesco e Federico*



Giovanna Figoli - October 13, 2021 at 11:12 AM



“ *Rose Garden Heart was purchased for the family of Benita Callo.*



October 13, 2021 at 10:40 AM



“ *Massimiliano Argilla lit a candle in memory of Benita Callo*



Massimiliano Argilla - October 13, 2021 at 09:22 AM

NB

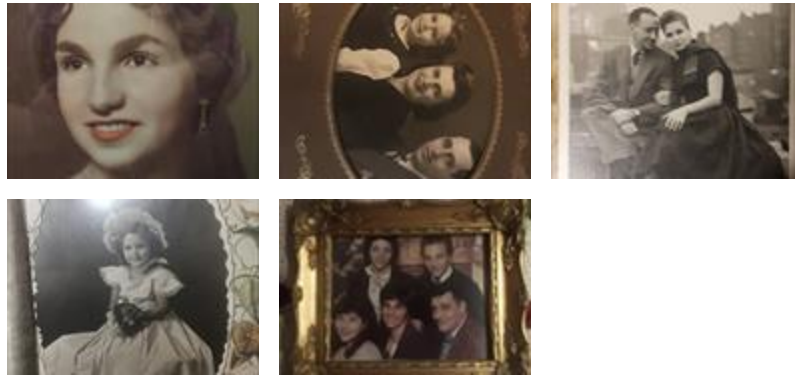
“ *Rimarrai sempre nei nostri cuori.* ❤️



Nora Basso - October 13, 2021 at 09:02 AM

SF

“ *22 files added to the album Benny pictures*



Stephanie Freeo - October 12, 2021 at 06:24 PM

SF

“ *Stephanie Freeo lit a candle in memory of Benita Callo*



Stephanie Freeo - October 12, 2021 at 06:09 PM

SF

Per la mia mama sempre nel mio cuore.

Stephanie Freeo - October 12, 2021 at 06:10 PM