



## Bernadette P. Ahlstrom

October 22, 1926 - September 10, 2023

Bernadette Patricia Ahlstrom, 96, passed away at home peacefully while watching TV and reading the paper.

Bernadette was born on October 22 nd , 1926 to Michael Flynn and Anne McFadden, both Irish immigrants. She had an older brother Joseph and younger sister Dorothy. A woman ahead of her time, she earned a full scholarship to St. Joseph's College in Brooklyn. After graduation, she worked as an English teacher at Grady Vocational High School.

She met the love of her life Albert Ahlstrom at a Knights of Columbus dance. He was drawn to her beauty and wit; she was drawn to his dance moves. They were married on December 23, 1950 and remained married for 69 years until Albert passed in June of 2020. They later settled in Great Kills where they had four sons and raised them in the same house for the rest of their lives.

After raising all her boys to school age, she returned to the NYC Board of Education in 1969. She was assigned to PS 42 in Eltingville where she was a teacher and then librarian until retiring in 1990. While teaching, she earned a Master's Degree in Education from Richmond College. After retirement, Bernadette and Albert enjoyed traveling all over the world and spending time with their children and grandchildren. She attended mass regularly at St

Clare and would frequently go to breakfast with her friends afterward. She was a vivacious woman who enjoyed living her life to the fullest with her many friends and family.

Bernadette was kind, ambitious, and an avid reader with an incredibly sharp mind. She will be remembered fondly by her many students that she taught over her 20+ years of teaching and her family. Bernadette is survived by her four sons: Dr. Brian Ahlstrom (Renee Ahlstrom), Michael Ahlstrom, Dr. Albert Ahlstrom, and Captain Joseph Ahlstrom (Carolyn Ahlstrom), five grandchildren: Matthieu & Pierre Ahlstrom, Courtney Christy, and Emma & Brendan Ahlstrom, and two great grandchildren.

A Funeral service will be at 9:45 AM on Saturday at St Clare Church located at 110 Nelson Ave Staten Island, New York 10308.

The family will receive friends from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM on Friday, October 20, 2023, at The John Vincent Scalia Home For Funerals, Inc., 28 Eltingville Blvd. (at Eltingville Station), Staten Island, New York.

Online condolences may be made to the family at [www.scaliahome.com](http://www.scaliahome.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **20**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

The John Vincent Scalia Home For Funerals, Inc.  
28 Eltingville Blvd. (at Eltingville Station)  
Staten Island, NY 10312

## Service

OCT **21**. 9:45 AM (ET)

St Clare Church  
110 Nelson Ave  
Staten Island, NY 10308

# Tribute Wall



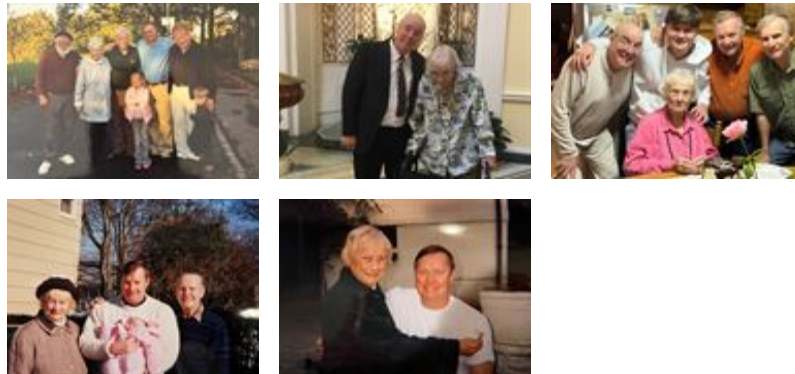
“ *John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Bernadette P. Ahlstrom*



John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals Inc. - October 20, 2023 at 04:11 PM



“ *78 files added to the album Life Tributes*



John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals Inc. - October 20, 2023 at 04:12 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Bernadette P. Ahlstrom.*



October 19, 2023 at 09:55 PM



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October 19, 2023 at 09:48 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Bernadette P. Ahlstrom.

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October 19, 2023 at 04:02 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms* was purchased for the family of Bernadette P. Ahlstrom.



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“ *Enchanted Cottage* was purchased for the family of Bernadette P. Ahlstrom.



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October 19, 2023 at 01:21 PM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Bernadette P. Ahlstrom.*



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October 18, 2023 at 04:57 PM



“ *Bernadette P. Ahlstrom*

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October 04, 2023 at 06:13 PM



“ *Bernadette was a beautiful person inside and out. My neighbor for fifty years and is going to be missed. She was also a very generous women when she went on vacation would always bring back something special for me. God you always.*

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**Joseph biggica** - September 19, 2023 at 12:05 PM