



## Betsy Dubovsky

November 12, 1951 - February 9, 2021

Betsy Dubovsky, who served as the first executive director of The Staten Island Foundation in a career that would span 22 years and who managed the operations and the annual allocations of the \$75 million foundation, died Tuesday afternoon from complications of pancreatic cancer. She was 69.

The Staten Island Foundation, a champion of results for the least advantaged people on Staten Island, focuses on efforts aiming at population-level improvements in health, education and financial security.

Dubovsky's entire professional life, after receiving a master's degree in social work from Rutgers University, has been in service to the not-for-profit community.

A graduate of the Columbia Business School Institute for Not-for-Profit Management Executive Education, she formerly held positions for the American Red Cross in Greater New York, the Community Agency for Senior Citizens, the Visiting Nurse Association, the Eger Health Care & Rehabilitation Center, the Staten Island Branch of the YMCA of Greater New York, and Wagner College.

Dubovsky gained extensive knowledge of community needs, as well as in the non-profit sector and its issues, from experience as a social worker providing services as a director and manager of services, as a fundraising and public

relations professional, as an adjunct lecturer and as a board management volunteer.

Elizabeth was the devoted wife of 45 years to Bill Dubovsky, spending more than 50 years together. Beloved mother of Neal Dubovsky (Kristin MacDougal) and Allison Dubovsky (Stefano Bernardini). Cherished twin sister of Martin Sheil his wife Cathy and son Dylan Sheil. Loving grandmother to Gavin and Connor Dubovsky.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be offered at 10:15 AM on Monday at Our Lady Star of the Sea Church 5411 Amboy Road, Staten Island, NY. Private cremation will follow.

The family will receive friends from 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM on Sunday, February 14, 2021, at John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals, Inc., 28 Eltingville Blvd, Staten Island, New York.

Please be mindful due to the current State mandate that a mask must be worn at all times in the funeral home and social distancing requirements must be followed during the services. Due to the current Pandemic a strict 40-50 person in room policy is in effect. Please adhere to this policy and allow others to pay their respects as well.

Due to the current pandemic circumstances please note:

We do not accept deliveries from outside vendors for bakery products, fruit baskets, and floral arrangements until further notice.

Floral Arrangements can be purchased from our in house floral designers who work under the most stringent sanitary conditions which include temperature

checks, mask wearing, distancing and protective clothing. You can call 718-948-2016 and place your order.

We must protect the families we serve, our own families and staff who operate the funeral home.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB **14.** 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

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

## Service

FEB **15.** 10:15 AM (ET)

Our Lady Star Of The Sea Church  
5411 Amboy Rd  
Staten Island, NY 10312

# Tribute Wall



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



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**John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals Inc.** - February 14, 2021 at 10:59 AM



“ *Betsy Dubovsky*

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October 04, 2023 at 06:13 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Zoom Videos*



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**John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals Inc.** - February 19, 2021 at 04:08 PM

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“ I was saddened to hear about Betsy's passing. She was a champion for advancing issues that concerned residents of Staten Island in her role as the Executive Director of the Staten Island Foundation--and a partner in the field of philanthropy. Her tenacious, passionate, and well-placed advocacy to ensure the broader philanthropic field considered Staten Island in their programming was acritical part of her being both a champion for the borough and a colleague in the world of philanthropy. Condolences to her family and colleagues. She will be missed--but her legacy to improve life for residents of Staten Island continues in the form of the many projects and programs she supported.

*With sympathy,*

*Irfan Hasan (The New York Community Trust)*

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**Irfan Hasan** - February 16, 2021 at 09:58 AM



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Betsy Dubovsky.



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February 14, 2021 at 06:45 PM

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“ Dolores Morris lit a candle in memory of Betsy Dubovsky



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**Dolores Morris** - February 14, 2021 at 01:09 PM



“ 132 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



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**John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals Inc.** - February 14, 2021 at 10:58 AM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Betsy Dubovsky.*



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February 13, 2021 at 01:43 PM



“ *I spoke to her just before the pandemic when she addressed the Wagner College Guild and thanked her for all the work she had done for Staten Island- little did I know she would be leaving us so soon. I feel very sad for the family's loss.*

*Father Anthony DeLuca, Chaplain, Wagner College*

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**Anthony DeLuca** - February 13, 2021 at 12:12 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Betsy Dubovsky.*



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February 13, 2021 at 11:51 AM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Betsy Dubovsky.*



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February 13, 2021 at 09:10 AM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Betsy Dubovsky.*



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February 12, 2021 at 04:22 PM



“ *Joseph S. purchased the Sweet Solace Spray for the family of Betsy Dubovsky.*



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**Joseph S.** - February 12, 2021 at 03:26 PM

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“ *Condolences from Joe Belan and BTQ Financial purchased the Sweet Sincerity for the family of Betsy Dubovsky.*



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**Condolences from Joe Belan and BTQ Financial** - February 12, 2021 at 09:30 AM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Betsy Dubovsky.*



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February 11, 2021 at 09:40 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Betsy Dubovsky.*



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February 11, 2021 at 08:44 PM