



Catherine O'Handley

November 3, 1942 - February 3, 2025

Catherine Convey O'Handley, 82 years old, of Great Kills passed away unexpectedly, but peacefully on Monday, February 3rd, 2025. Catherine was born November 3, 1942, in Brooklyn, New York. She was the daughter of the late Joseph Convey and the late Catherine Gertrude Convey.

Catherine grew up in Brooklyn, New York surrounded by three brothers, Joseph Convey, Thomas Convey, and Raymond Convey. She attended Our Lady of Angels Elementary School and St. Joseph's High School in Brooklyn, NY. Eventually, Catherine attended St. John's University in Queens, NY where she met the love of her life, John "Jack" O'Handley. Jack and Cathy married in 1963, began having children, and moved to Great Kills in Staten Island, NY in 1968, where they raised 4 children. In addition to raising four children, Catherine was an active member in St. Clare's parish in Great Kills.

Catherine loved children and helping others. Her faith and love of children led her to volunteer countless hours with St. Clare's CCD program for over 30 years. She also worked with the children's liturgy group and served as a Eucharistic Minister. Spending time with family and friends was Catherine's greatest joy in life. Her door was always open for a long chat over a cup of tea and a sweet treat. She had an amazing way of listening to others. Catherine was patient, kind, and accepting of everyone. She was strong, resilient, and overcame some of life's greatest challenges with grace. Catherine loved

sitting near the ocean or outside on her deck with a good book. Catherine's sense of humor and calming presence will be greatly missed by all who loved her.

A loving mother, grandmother, and great grandmother, Catherine was predeceased by her husband, John "Jack" O'Handley and her brother Thomas Convey. She is survived by her two brothers; Joseph Convey and Raymond Convey. Catherine is also survived by her four children, Tim, Michael, Eileen (Browne), Maureen (LaPenta), their spouses, Donna, Angela, Pete, and Joe, along with 16 grandchildren, 2 great grandchildren, and countless nieces and nephews.

Friends and family are invited to pay their respects on Thursday February 6th, 2-5 pm and 7-9 pm at John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals located at 28 Eltingville Blvd, Staten Island, NY. A Mass will be held on Friday at 10:00 am at St. Clare's Church in Great Kills. Interment will follow at Resurrection Cemetery, 361 Sharrott Avenue, Staten Island, NY. In lieu of flowers, please consider a memorial donation to help others at Meals on Wheels Organization or the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research.

Cemetery Details

Resurrection Cemetery

361 Sharrott Ave
Staten Island, NY 10309

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 6. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

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

Visitation

FEB 6. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

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Service

FEB 7. 10:00 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 Catherine O'Handley



John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals Inc. - February 06, 2025 at 02:12 PM

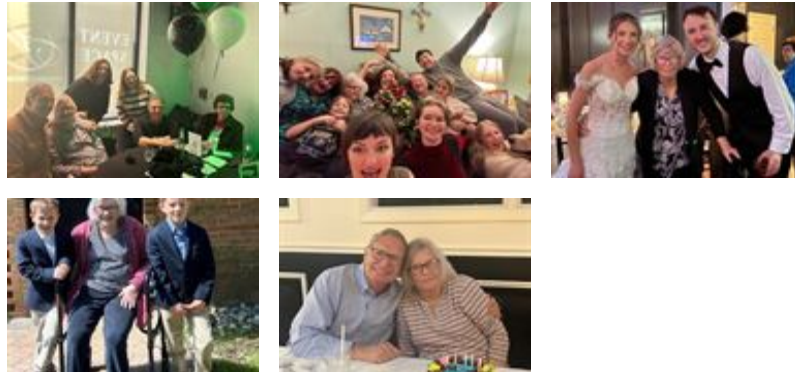


“ Samantha C. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Catherine O'Handley.

Samantha C. - February 06, 2025 at 03:10 PM



“ 114 files added to the album LifeTributes



John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals Inc. - February 06, 2025 at 02:10 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Catherine O'Handley.*



February 06, 2025 at 01:29 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Catherine O'Handley.

February 06, 2025 at 01:29 PM



“ *Brian Thomas purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Catherine O'Handley.*



Brian Thomas - February 05, 2025 at 09:30 PM



“ *The Bononno Family purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Catherine O'Handley.*



The Bononno Family - February 05, 2025 at 03:56 PM

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“ The Bononno Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Catherine O'Handley.

The Bononno Family - February 05, 2025 at 03:56 PM

DM

“ I was blessed to aide Cathy for a number of years in Class 1A at St. Clare CCD. She was wonderful with the children. I loved getting together with her to write the report cards which we did at her kitchen table. Cathy was a kind and gentle person who had love for everyone. She will be very much missed by all who knew her. Condolences to the O'Handley family.
-Debbie Macdonald

Debbie Macdonald - February 05, 2025 at 02:50 PM

ML

Thank you Debbie! She loved those times with you at her kitchen table 😊

Maureen LaPenta - February 05, 2025 at 06:10 PM

SR

“ Sal & Terry RizzoCascio purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Catherine O'Handley.



Sal & Terry RizzoCascio - February 05, 2025 at 02:15 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Catherine O'Handley.*



February 05, 2025 at 10:57 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Catherine O'Handley.*



February 05, 2025 at 10:39 AM