



## Clifford M. Besett

July 29, 1950 - January 27, 2022

Clifford M Besett, also known as "Wizard" by those who loved and knew him, passed away with his loving family by his side on Thursday, January 27, 2022, at Maimonides Medical Center in Brooklyn, New York. He was 71 years old.

Born Saturday, July 29, 1950 in Staten Island, New York, he was a proud son of the late Cliff and Helen Besett.

He was employed as a blacksmith for the NYC Department of Sanitation.

He was a most devoted father to his two points of light in the Universe, daughters Heidi and Melanie Besett. His loving partner, Debra Lipp, will mourn the immense loss of Wizard for all her remaining days. Wizard was an amazing and dear brother to siblings, Sandra and Louis Saccone, the late Richard and Marybeth Besett, and the late DeeAnn LaCross. His cherished grandchildren, Kyla Ilyse Besett and Alexander Michael Baez, will carry on the legacy of their grandfather forever. Anyone who came into contact with Wizard knew that they were with a man whose heart was the size of his smile. He will be immeasurably missed by legions of family and friends, forevermore.

The family will receive friends from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 1, 2022, at John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals, Inc., 28 Eltingville Blvd, Staten Island, New York.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, February 2, 2022 at Holy Family Church located at 366 Watchogue Road, Staten Island, New York 10314.

A Private Cremation will follow.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 1. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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

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FEB 1. 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

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## Service

FEB 2. 10:30 AM (ET)

Holy Family Church  
366 Watchogue Rd  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Clifford M. Besett*



John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals Inc. - February 01, 2022 at 11:22 AM



“ *Clifford M. Besett*

October 04, 2023 at 06:13 PM



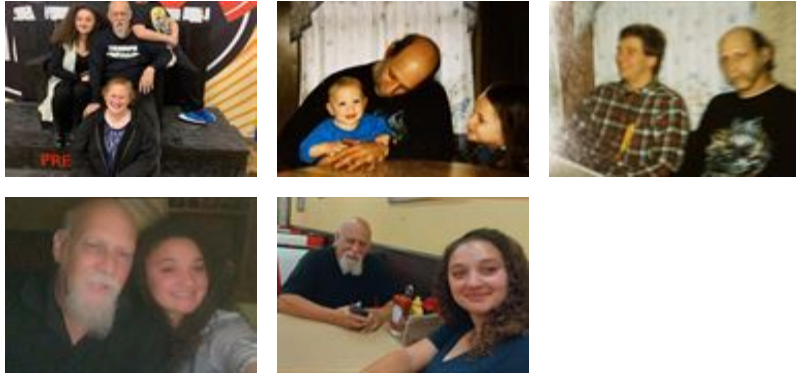
“ *On behalf of the Positive Earth Drivers Club (PEDC) in Central New Jersey, we offer our heartfelt condolences to Cliff's family and to his friends from the New Jersey Triumph Association (NJTA). Cliff was a friend of the PEDC for many years. Attached are three photos of Cliff taken at "Brits on the Beach," our annual British car show in Ocean Grove, NJ, which Cliff enjoyed attending and where he won many awards for his 1974 red Triumph TR6. RIP, friend. Ken and Carol Kyle*



Carol Kyle - February 05, 2022 at 09:11 AM



“ 24 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



**John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals Inc.** - February 01, 2022 at 11:22 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* was purchased for the family of *Clifford M. Besett*.



January 31, 2022 at 05:01 PM



“ *Gabby, RJ, Lila, Emma, Shane and Sophia* purchased the *Magnificent Life Spray* for the family of *Clifford M. Besett*.



**Gabby, RJ, Lila, Emma, Shane and Sophia** - January 31, 2022 at 01:01 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Clifford M. Besett.*



January 31, 2022 at 11:48 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Clifford M. Besett.*



January 31, 2022 at 10:58 AM



“ *Maria & Ray Rodriguez purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Clifford M. Besett.*



**Maria & Ray Rodriguez** - January 31, 2022 at 10:39 AM

RL

“ Our deepest condolences to the Besett Family. We are truly saddened to hear of our friend Wizard's passing. Wizard was a man of respect, integrity & honesty. He always spoke the truth when no one else dared to. Wizard believed respect was earned not given- My friend we respected you highly as did so many others that knew you.

*May your spirit ride to your next journey with Angels always guiding you!!! We will miss you dearly..*

*Love & Respect Always*

*Mr. & Mrs. Iggy Ratz SW FLORIDA*

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**Rosemarie Lorentz** - January 31, 2022 at 08:30 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Clifford M. Besett.



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January 30, 2022 at 04:13 PM

SA

“ You have held my hand since I have been born....

*So I held yours as you took your last breath....*

*All my love until we meet again.....*

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**Sandy** - January 30, 2022 at 01:53 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Clifford M. Besett.*



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January 30, 2022 at 12:20 PM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Clifford M. Besett.*



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January 29, 2022 at 06:15 PM



“ *We all have memories of Cliff, so think of them and smile that you touched each others lives. Fly with the eagles.*

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**Mel O.Hansen** - January 29, 2022 at 03:09 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Clifford M. Besett.*



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January 29, 2022 at 12:50 PM

BL

“ *Bette and Allan Lipp purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Clifford M. Besett.*



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**Bette and Allan Lipp** - January 29, 2022 at 11:54 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Clifford M. Besett.*



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January 29, 2022 at 10:55 AM

LI

“ *My heart goes out to the Besett family and Debra My God watch over them all..*

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**Linda** - January 29, 2022 at 09:54 AM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Clifford M. Besett.*



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January 29, 2022 at 09:49 AM

LI

“ Wizard ..My heart is broken my lifelong friend is gone. But in my heart you will live forever. We go back so many many years with so many good memories and I am so happy I have so many memories in my heart to last a lifetime.

But it will still not be the same..

I prayed every day that you would be ok but God had other plans for you.

He took you into his arms to keep you safe now .

And to rest .

Rest in internal peace my friend I will miss you so so much And I will love you forever. Ride that Harley but keep the peace up there..

Now rest peacefully with your brother and your sister and mom and dad..💔💔💔💔 Linda



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Linda - January 29, 2022 at 09:46 AM

DH

Cliff was such a good guy. Rest easy Cliff 🙏🙏

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Denise Hernandez-Kempe - January 31, 2022 at 12:01 AM

CG

“ Thoughts, prayers + respect to Cliffs daughters , his lady friend Deb, his family + friends. God bless all reading my words. Curt Metalman Giventer

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Curt Metalman Giventer - January 28, 2022 at 10:28 PM

EB

*A man with a heart of gold. Each year during my annual fundraiser, Cliff, without even asking, would donate to Port Richmond's track team. He always would let me know what state, city or town he would be showing off his prized cars. He will be missed. Now him and Richie can ride their bikes together!*

*Eileen*

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**Eileen Braxton-Mitchell** - January 29, 2022 at 09:00 AM