



Denise D. Whorton

December 5, 1948 - March 7, 2026

With deep love and gratitude for a life well lived, we announce the passing of Denise D. Whorton, who died peacefully on March 7, 2026, at the age of 77. Born to the late Charles and Agnes Diffley, she grew up with a strong sense of family, faith, and dedication that shaped the life she would go on to live and the many people she would inspire.

She was the devoted wife of 53 years to Gerald Whorton, whose partnership and love were the foundation of a beautiful life together. She was a loving and proud mother to Kevin (and his wife Donna) and Deirdre Cesario (and her husband John), and her greatest joy was being “Nanny” to Aidan, James, and Alexa, who brought endless pride and happiness to her life.

She was a graduate of Marymount Manhattan College, where she earned her degree in History, and later received her Master’s Degree in Education from St. John’s University. Education was not just her profession—it was her calling and passion.

She began her teaching career at Our Lady Help of Christians, where she first discovered the profound impact a caring teacher can have on young lives.

She later spent 20 dedicated years teaching at Our Lady Star of the Sea, where she became a beloved educator, mentor, and role model to countless students. Her classroom was a place of encouragement, curiosity, and kindness, and she left an enduring mark on generations of students who will always remember the difference she made in their lives.

Above all, she will be remembered for her warm heart, gentle wisdom, and

unwavering devotion to her family. Her legacy lives on in the lives she shaped, the lessons she taught, and the love she shared so generously.

She will be deeply missed and forever remembered by her family and friends and all who were fortunate enough to know her.

The family will receive friends from 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM and 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM on Thursday, March 12, 2026, at John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals, Inc., 28 Eltingville Blvd, Staten Island, New York.

Mas off Christian Burial will be offered on Friday, March 13, 2026, at Our Lady Star of the Sea Church at 10:00 AM

Internment will follow in Resurrection Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Resurrection Cemetery

361 Sharrot Avenue
Staten Island, NY 10309

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 12. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

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

Visitation

MAR 12. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

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Service

MAR 13 (ET)

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

Tribute Wall



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Denise D. Whorton.*



March 12 at 10:37 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Denise D. Whorton.

March 12 at 10:37 AM



“ *Joyful Memory was purchased for the family of Denise D. Whorton.*



March 12 at 07:29 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Denise D. Whorton.

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“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Denise D. Whorton.



March 11 at 02:43 PM



“ *Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses* was purchased for the family of Denise D. Whorton.



March 10 at 10:00 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Denise D. Whorton.

March 10 at 10:00 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Denise D. Whorton.



March 10 at 08:28 PM



“ Robert and Doreen Garrigan purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Denise D. Whorton.

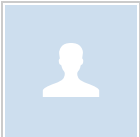


Robert and Doreen Garrigan - March 10 at 05:23 PM



“ Deirdre, Sending our heartfelt condolences to you and your family. We are thinking of you and are here to support you. With deepest sympathy. LDCM TCG planted a grove of 5 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Denise D. Whorton.

Deirdre, Sending our heartfelt condolences to you and your family. We are thinking of you and are here to support you. With deepest sympathy. LDCM TCG - March 10 at 04:49 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Denise D. Whorton.



March 10 at 03:20 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Denise D. Whorton.

March 10 at 03:20 PM



“ *Rose Remembrance was purchased for the family of Denise D. Whorton.*



March 09 at 08:13 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Denise D. Whorton.*



March 09 at 03:05 PM



“ *Mrs. Whorton was our beloved OLSS teacher for many years. She was also the amazing mom to our beautiful friend, Deirdre. We will miss her very much. Our condolences to the Whorton and Cesario families. May she rest in peace. Prayers and hugs to all of you. Love - Amy Lynn Paturzo & Family*

Amy Lynn Paturzo - March 08 at 07:58 PM



“ *Dorothy, Allison, Amy Lynn & Families purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Denise D. Whorton.*



Dorothy, Allison, Amy Lynn & Families - March 08 at 07:52 PM

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“ Dorothy, Allison, Amy Lynn & Families planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Denise D. Whorton.

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