



Dennis Bentsen

July 24, 1947 - July 30, 2024

Dennis Bentsen was born July 24th, 1947, and died on July 30th, 2024. He was born in Brooklyn, and moved to Staten Island in 1959, where he spent the remainder of his life. While attending Tottenville High School, he showed an uncanny aptitude for electronics and the sciences, and often utilized a self-built ham radio to communicate with radio users in other countries. He always had a genuine curiosity about the world and how things work. He attended college where he studied engineering, psychology, and liberal arts, and he received a certification from the Cleveland Institute of Electronics. He went on to become a repairman with Sears for 28 years, where he fixed VCR's, beta-max, televisions, and computers. He continued this activity even after retirement. He was a lover of science fiction, literature, and the arts. He was immensely devoted to his family, whom he dutifully captured on film and video, always having the latest technology handy. He was married to his wife Denise for 53 years. He is survived by his wife Denise Bentsen, and his daughters Julie and Sandra Bentsen.

A Funeral service will be offered at 11:00 AM on Saturday at John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals, Inc. located at 28 Eltingville Blvd Staten Island, New York 10312. Arrangements include private cremation.

The family will receive friends from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM and 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM on Friday, August 2, 2024, at John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals, Inc.,

28 Eltingville Blvd, Staten Island, New York.

Online condolences may be made to the family at www.scaliahome.com

Cemetery Details

Rosehill Crematory

792 E Edgar Rd
Linden, NJ 07036

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 2. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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Visitation

AUG 2. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

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Service

AUG 3. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



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



John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals Inc. - August 02, 2024 at 04:56 PM



“ *I knew Dru for many years in Second Life. He was part of the Electric Brit band, also animating my avatar during the performance. He had a great sense of humor, and a wonderful part of the music community in SL. His videos of performances will live on. I met him in person at a jam, and he was as much fun to be around in person as he was in SL. Rest in Peace Dru.*

Steve Griffiths - August 05, 2024 at 10:11 AM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Abby Jaidov - August 05, 2024 at 07:39 AM

RJ

“ I would occasionally jam with Dru as we played with Grif Bamaisin. He shot over 2600 videos of Second Life performances. You can see them here: <https://www.youtube.com/@DrutimBates>

Robert Carteaux Jr - August 04, 2024 at 10:48 PM

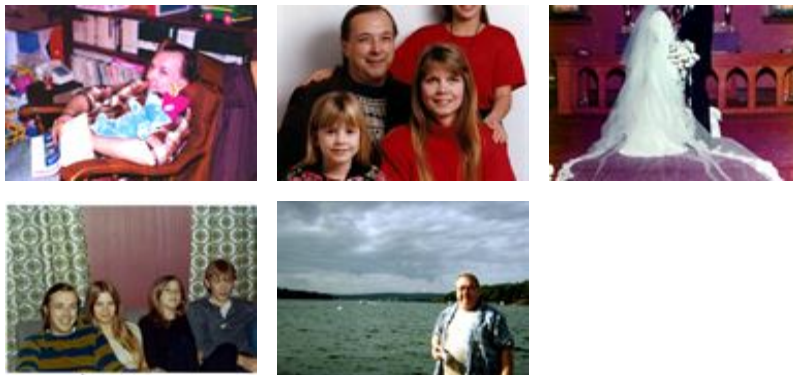
EL

“ My deepest condolences to you Denise and your family. I am so sorry that I could not be there for his memorial. Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers. 🌸💕 Ellen Harty Lindsay.

Ellen Lindsay - August 02, 2024 at 03:46 PM



“ 56 files added to the album LifeTributes



John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals Inc. - August 02, 2024 at 12:54 PM

AB

“ Abbie & Gabe Beckerink purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Dennis Bentsen.



Abbie & Gabe Beckerink - August 01, 2024 at 10:40 AM

MM

“ Mike & Dez Malleo purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Dennis Bentsen.



Mike & Dez Malleo - July 31, 2024 at 10:17 PM



“ *Serene Retreat* was purchased for the family of Dennis Bentsen.



July 31, 2024 at 09:22 PM

LB

“ Love, Joyce, Deanna & Bianca planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dennis Bentsen.

Love, Joyce, Deanna & Bianca - July 31, 2024 at 09:22 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Dennis Bentsen.



July 31, 2024 at 06:54 PM



“ Love cousin Linda Handlowitch planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dennis Bentsen.

Love cousin Linda Handlowitch - July 31, 2024 at 06:54 PM