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Dennis Oliva, 75, of Staten Island New York passed away on July 30, 2025, at Staten Island University Hospital.

Born September 9, 1949, in Brooklyn, New York he was the son of the late Arthur Oliva and Margaret Oliva. He was a devoted husband to Sophie Oliva, to whom he was married for 47 years.

In addition to his wife Sophie, Dennis is survived by his daughters Lisa Pizzuto and Diana Gambino, son in law Sal Pizzuto, as well as his grandchildren Gabriella Corradina Pizzuto, Salvo Pizzuto, Nina Rose Pizzuto and Sebastian Anthony Gambino, and his brothers Ronald Oliva and wife Claudia, and Arthur Oliva and wife Patricia.

He joined the FDNY in August 1981 and served in Manhattan and Staten Island. He retired from the FDNY in April 1991. He then went to work for Pioneer bus company, which he retired from.

Dennis enjoyed being with his family first and foremost. He lived for his children and grandchildren. He loved watching them play soccer, football,

lacrosse, baseball and hockey. In recent years Dennis enjoyed spending the winters in Florida with his wife Sophie.

Dennis made a difference in so many people's lives, he always had his hand out and ears opened. He gave his family and his friends the most important thing HIS TIME. He taught us all to live one day at time.

The family will receive friends from 3:00 - 8:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 3, 2025, at the John Vincent Scalia Home For Funerals, Inc., 28 Eltingville Blvd. (at Eltingville Station), Staten Island, New York.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, August 4, 2025 at St. Patricks Church located at 53 St. Patrick's Place Staten Island, New York 10306. Entombment will follow in Resurrection Cemetery, Staten Island, NY.

Cemetery Details

Resurrection Cemetery

361 Sharrot Avenue
Staten Island, NY 10309

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 3. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

The John Vincent Scalia Home For Funerals, Inc.
28 Eltingville Blvd. (at Eltingville Station)
Staten Island, NY 10312

Service

AUG 4. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Patricks Church
53 St. Patrick's Place
Staten Island, NY 10306

Tribute Wall

DM

“ Dear Sophie and family, I am so sorry to hear about the passing of your beloved husband Dennis. I knew Dennis and Sophie from Our Lady Star of the Sea days, he was a dedicated husband, father and grandfather. I use to see him on the soccer field at Miller field watching his grandson play. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. May he rest in eternal peace. Sincerely, Diane Misseri

Diane Misseri - August 06, 2025 at 07:50 PM

MB

“ Rest in peace my dear friend, you will be missed. Thank you for always being there for me. Marie B.

marie buonocore - August 04, 2025 at 12:31 PM

PM

“ Thank you Dennis for your service. You helped many people. Rest in peace.

Paula Miller - August 03, 2025 at 06:50 PM

PM

“ Paula M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dennis Oliva.

Paula M. - August 03, 2025 at 06:47 PM

AD

“ Dear Oliva family, i am an old friend of Dennys from 50 years ago. We use to hang out together in Brooklyn with our other friends especially Roseann Powers. Denny was a friendly funny guy and hearing of his demise was very very upsetting. I am very very sorry for your loss and know that he is at peace. I know he was a family man and often spoke of you with a full heart. He will be sadly missed. A soul taken too soon. Rest in peace my friend.
Love Antoinette

Antoinette Drozdeck - August 03, 2025 at 01:21 PM



“ *In Loving Memory of Dennis Oliva*

Before our cruise from Fort Lauderdale, my daughter Jennarose and I were lucky enough to spend some time with Dennis Oliva—time that we now hold especially close to our hearts. From the moment we arrived, Dennis welcomed us with open arms and genuine warmth. He had a way of making people feel instantly comfortable.

He took us out to dinner that night, and we laughed more than we had in a long time. His stories, his humor, his easygoing nature—they all reminded us of the simple joy of good company. There was something so sincere about Dennis. He didn't need to try to be kind or thoughtful; it just came naturally to him.

That evening in Fort Lauderdale, filled with laughter and light conversation, is a memory Jennarose and I will always cherish. Dennis left an impression not just with his generosity, but with the spirit he brought into every moment.

He was a good man—a kind and welcoming soul—and he will be missed more than words can say. We'll carry his memory with us, grateful for the time we had and the laughter we shared.

Rest peacefully, Dennis. You'll always be remembered

Jennifer Venditti - August 03, 2025 at 09:59 AM

MO

“ *I'm so sorry Sofie, Lisa and Diana. I'm so sad. He was one of the best friends I had for the last 30 years. He was beyond wonderful. He will be missed by so many.*

Mary O - August 02, 2025 at 11:39 PM

RG

Sofia Lisa & Diana, I'm so sorry for your loss there really no words to ease the pain he was a great friend For 50yrs and Loved his family Sofia you & his children where his world He will be missed Roseann

Roseann Guagliardo - August 03, 2025 at 02:36 PM

DA

“ *Diane Allocca lit a candle in memory of Dennis Oliva*



Diane Allocca - August 02, 2025 at 04:25 PM



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

August 02, 2025 at 03:21 PM

FF

“ *From The Buompane Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Dennis Oliva.*



From The Buompane Family - August 02, 2025 at 03:17 PM

HT

“ Heinz L, Mukhtar A, Julian P, Lejla T purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Dennis Oliva.



Heinz L, Mukhtar A, Julian P, Lejla T - August 02, 2025 at 02:13 PM

DN

“ Our heartfelt condolences to Sophie and Dennis’s entire family. Deauville friends will share happy memories of Dennis. His wonderful sense of humor will live on in our hearts.

Dave and Linda Nichols - August 02, 2025 at 02:00 PM

JD

“ Sophie, Lisa and Diana so sorry for your loss. Our condolences and prayers are with you all. Dennis was the best neighbor for over 35 years. He was kind, helpful and a pleasure to talk to. Lucy and I will always treasure the special times we had with you all. May he Rest in Peace.

John & Lucy D’Orazio - August 02, 2025 at 12:32 PM

IT

“ Very sad to hear of his passing, a wonderful neighbor always smiling and caring, he will be missed, may his memory be eternal !

Irene Tragares - August 02, 2025 at 10:44 AM

KA

“ Dennis was a kind and gentle man. I met Dennis while working in physical therapy. The man was a bull. Then my husband Paul told me was talking about this man Dennis he worked with and lie and behold it was this gentle man. We will always remember Dennis as this person❤️❤️May he rest in peace❤️❤️🌹🌹

kathy - August 02, 2025 at 10:23 AM

JC

“ Ice cream at 9:00! I'll always remember your loving and giving spirit. Truly one of a kind.

Love cousin Janie

Jane Caudullo - August 02, 2025 at 09:57 AM

JF

“ Jane Caudullo and family purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Dennis Oliva.



Jane Caudullo and family - August 02, 2025 at 09:53 AM

TF

“ The LoGerfo Family purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Dennis Oliva.



The LoGerfo Family - August 02, 2025 at 08:31 AM

LJ

“ Love, Joanne & John purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Dennis Oliva.




Love, Joanne & John - August 01, 2025 at 09:07 PM

LJ

“ Love, Joanne & John planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dennis Oliva.

Love, Joanne & John - August 01, 2025 at 09:07 PM


Paulette
Carlo

“ We are so sorry to hear of Dennis's passing...He always had his hand out to help anyone in need and he will be sorely missed....Love Louisa and Paulette

Paulette Carlo - August 01, 2025 at 08:31 PM

HS

Dennis was a great guy. I have many fond childhood memories of us cousins playing together at family gatherings. My deepest condolences to the family at his passing. Love and prayers to each of you. . . Susan Spannagel

H. Susan Spannagel - August 02, 2025 at 06:51 AM

AC

“ Artie, Patti, Ronald and Claudia purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of Dennis Oliva.



Artie, Patti, Ronald and Claudia - August 01, 2025 at 06:17 PM