



## Douglas V. Gapinski

June 23, 1953 - November 26, 2023

Douglas V. Gapinski, 70, of Eltingville, passed away peacefully on Sunday, November 26, 2023, surrounded by his loving family after a long and courageous battle.

Born on June 23, 1953, he was the son of the late Raymond and Dorothy Gapinski. He was a loving husband to the late Carol Gapinski.

Douglas was an A.S.E. certified mechanic for many years, willing to help anyone in the neighborhood. He was a jack of all trades, who could fix anything.

He was predeceased by brother Raymond, sister Cheryl, niece Rebecca and stepson Joseph.

He is survived by his companion of 20 years, Joanne, sisters Dorothy, Anne, and Myrtle, stepmother Myrtle, step-children John, Artie, Tammy, Dana and Tara, grandchildren Alyssa, Peter, Alexandra, Gianna, William, Jady and Angelina, nephews Gerald and Douglas Christopher and great nephews Silas and Arlo, Gerald Jr. and Thomas, and great niece Abigail.

Friends may visit with the family at the John Vincent Scalia Home for Funeral at 28 Eltingville Blvd. Staten Island, NY, on Sunday, December 10, 2023, from

1pm-4pm.

# Cemetery Details

## Rosehill Crematory

792 E Edgar Rd  
Linden, NJ 07036

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 10. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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

## Service

DEC 10. 3:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Douglas V. Gapinski*



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**John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals Inc.** - December 04, 2023 at 03:50 PM

TB

*Love you brother Doug. You are free of pain now. Enjoy heaven. RIP*

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**Thomas Butler** - December 07, 2023 at 04:14 PM

TB

“ *Miss you my brother. No more struggles because you are a good man and you are in HEAVEN. Rip, till we meet again. Love you*

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**Thomas Butler** - December 11, 2023 at 09:31 AM

DB

“ *What a beautiful memorial the family had for you, I know you were there with each of us. You are so missed already!! Don't forget the rockers we will share on the front porch!! Now in heaven!! Love you brother beyond words !! We shared sooo very much growing up together* 💕💕💕

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**Dorothy Gapinski Butler** - December 10, 2023 at 11:42 PM

MR

“ Dearest Brother, you were 8, going on 9 years old when I showed up on the Gapinski scene. I recently learned that my bedroom/nursery was right across the hall from you and brother Raymond. I told Mom, they must have hated being across the hall from a screaming baby! She said, no - they were more interested in the farm tractors! I will always remember having meals at the table and Dad would tell some goofy joke just as you were swallowing your food, and you would literally be choking; Dad thought this was hilarious! Then we would all be laughing...good times. Your voice was a carbon copy of Dad's. I used to ask you to yell at me at the top of your lungs (like Dad did); but you could never do it, like he did - you were too nice! Your kind and gentle personality will be forever missed. Save me a good seat up there! Love You Always, Myrtle Rae XO XO

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**Myrtle Rae** - December 09, 2023 at 06:02 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Douglas V. Gapinski.



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December 09, 2023 at 03:17 PM

MG

“ Dearest Doug, you are sorely missed. I am thankful for all our many happy times together. We first met when you were 3 years old. I recall when you were given any type of toy truck or car; the first thing you would do is take the wheels off, take the item apart, then put it back together. You were a born mechanic, just like your father. I always looked forward to picking you and your brother Raymond up to spend the weekend with your father and me. I always planned to make something you would like; your favorite was Borscht (Beet Soup). You and your brother loved driving the farm tractors around and around the apple orchard. When we ran the dairy, you loved being in the barn with the cows. We typically had 30 cows at a time (which had to be milked twice a day!) Summer was always great fun, taking you swimming at the Black River. Watching Jeopardy with you, I was always amazed that you quickly knew the answers to so many of the topics/categories. You were also a great history buff; just like your Uncle Joe Gapinski. You always helped us with car repairs, and anything that needed fixing. We miss you terribly. Your kind spirit will always be with us all.  
All My Love, Mom/Myrtle XO XO

Myrtle E Gapinski - December 08, 2023 at 04:54 PM



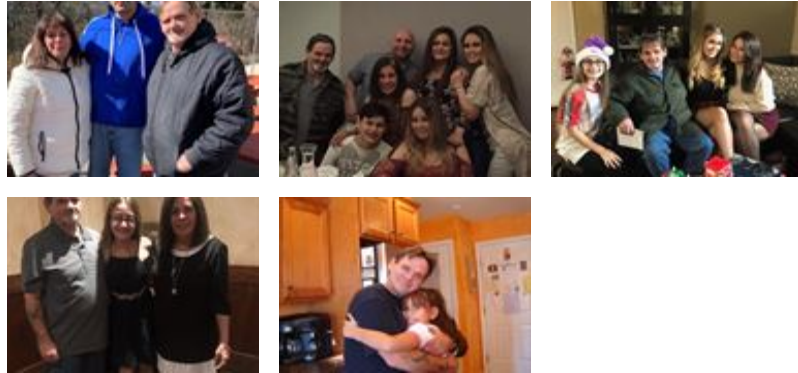
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John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals Inc. - December 06, 2023 at 04:22 PM



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**John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals Inc.** - December 04, 2023 at 03:52 PM

TB

*Till we meet again Douglas, my brother. RIP*

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**Thomas Butler** - December 07, 2023 at 04:27 PM

SG

“ *Doug and I were like Brothers when they lived in Gladstone NJ. Our adventures were epic and many. Checking traps on the Peapack Brook at midnight in the winter. Damming up the brook every spring to create fishing holes. Boxing. Swimming at “The Falls” I practically lived at the Gapinski house on Valley View. Loved his brother Raymond who taught me Guitar as a brother also. Rest well my dear old friend.  
Steve Gavurnik*

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**Steve Gavurnik** - November 29, 2023 at 10:27 AM

AV

“*Doug, you were the best grandfather a girl could ask for. I'm heartbroken that you aren't physically here anymore, but I will carry you in my heart forever. You fought for so long and so hard, and I'm forever grateful for the time I had with you. I only wish that time didn't have to come to an end. I know you're at peace now and with all our loved ones, rest now. I love you very much - Squeaker*

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**Alexandra Vorek** - November 28, 2023 at 11:01 PM

DB

*Dear Brother I hope your saving me a seat on the front porch!! i will join you at some future date. We always had a special connection growing up and through life. we shared MANY trials and tribulations together. You will be sorely missed, love you brother give the family a BIG hug from me. I'll see you on the other side. 🥺💕*

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**Dorothy Gapinski Butler** - December 09, 2023 at 12:24 AM

AV

“*I love you Dougie! Life just isn't the same without you here. I miss you so much. You were the best grandfather.*

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**Alyssa Vorek** - November 28, 2023 at 05:18 PM

DV

“*I love you buddy and miss you so much it hurts!*

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**dana vorek** - November 28, 2023 at 02:58 PM