



Elaina M. Pecora

March 21, 1945 - February 17, 2024

Elaina Maria (Napolitano) Pecora

Beloved Wife, Mother, Grandmother "Dee" and Friend passed away peacefully on February 17, 2024, surrounded by her Family.

Born on March 21, 1945, to Carmela (Melato) Napolitano and Pelegrino Edward Napolitano in Brooklyn New York. She attended St. Francis De Chantal parish and school. Elaine graduated from Bay Ridge High School and received her Master's Degree in Early Childhood Education from Hunter College.

Elaina was a New York City Public School Teacher for many years. Later, she founded and directed the Holy Child Pre-school program which she ran for over 30 years. She produced and directed the Holy Child Dinner Theater from 1970 - 2002 and was a significant fund raiser for the Parish.

Elaina was the owner of the Flower Loft Floral Shop located in New Dorp, Staten Island. She was a member of the Society of Creative Designers where she was a Certified Profession Teacher, and Certified Decorating Masters Instructor. She authored numerous articles that were published in their trade magazines. Elaine also coordinated multiple fundraisers for the Breast Cancer Society and Veterans Charities over the years.

Beloved wife of 57 years to John Pecora. Loving Mother to John, Matthew, and Joseph. Loving Mother-in-Law to Michele, Kathleen, and Jennifer. Cherished "Dee" to Amanda, Jonathon, Elaina, Carmella, Katherine, Anna, and Lucy. She survived her siblings Joanna Roura (2014), Rosalinda Cozzi (2000) and Andrew Napolitano (2011).

The Family will receive friends and family from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. on Wednesday February 21, 2024, and 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. on Thursday February 22, 2024, at John Vincent Scalia Funeral Home.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 9:45 am Friday at St. Clare's Parish 110 Nelson Ave., Staten Island, NY, followed by Interment at Mount Olivet Cemetery Middletown, NJ.

In Lieu of Flower the family requests that donations be made to St. Jude's Childrens Hospital, Wounded Warrior Project, or Tunnels to Towers Association in Elaina's memory.

Cemetery Details

Mount Olivet Cemetery

100 Chapel Hill Road
Red Bank , NJ 07701

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 21. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

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

Visitation

FEB 22. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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Visitation

FEB 22. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

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Service

FEB **23**. 9:45 AM (ET)

St Clare Church
110 Nelson Ave
Staten Island, NY 10308

Tribute Wall



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



John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals Inc. - February 21, 2024 at 11:02 AM

DA

We just found out about Elaina's passing and are so sad. We wish we had known. She was one of the kindest, most loving and giving people we have ever had the pleasure of calling our friend. With deepest sympathy and love- Diana and Álvaro 💕

diana abreu - August 04, 2025 at 10:03 AM

MF

“ *So sorry to hear of Mrs. Pecora's passing. I've known her since I was in grammar school and when I first met her, I always knew she was a special lady. A true angel on earth and always with a smile. Sending sympathy and condolences to her family, and everyone that knew her. May the memories you have of her bring you comfort and joy always.*

Michele Fischetti - February 24, 2024 at 09:07 PM

RR

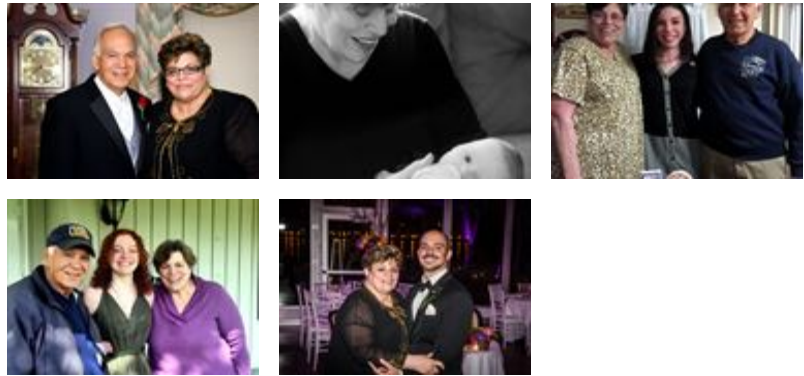
“ I will miss our chats our fun times crafting when i shld have been at work. Those days we Wld order chines take out and john bringing us breakfast
Truly an angel with wings



rosemarie rodriguez - February 23, 2024 at 11:45 AM



“ 165 files added to the album LifeTributes



John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals Inc. - February 21, 2024 at 10:58 AM

LD

“ I am so saddened to hear of Ms.Elaina’s passing. I first met her when I enrolled my son Ray in preschool back in 1993. When it came time for my daughter Angela to enroll I was unable to attend the registration because I was on bed rest for my third pregnancy and she put Angela on the waiting list. I figured she’d never get in until Ms. Elaina called me one August morning telling me a spot opened up. I was there in 20 minutes with soaking wet hair apologizing for looking like such a mess. When I explained my new baby was colic and I hadn’t slept more than 5 hours a week she took me aside and gave me some of the best advice on how to deal with him and it actually worked! It also saved my sanity. She was always the voice of reason and I truly respected her as an educator and one of the kindest people I’ve ever known. She genuinely loved every one of those “babies” who came through the doors of Holy Child Preschool. I would see her from time to time in the neighborhood over the years and she’d always greet me with the best hug. Rest gently Ms. Elaina.
Linda Dauge

Linda Dauge - February 20, 2024 at 06:29 PM

AC

“ AIA Staten Island Chapter purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of Elaina M. Pecora.



AIA Staten Island Chapter - February 20, 2024 at 03:26 PM

RL

“ Dear Elaina

The heavens have been looking for a director. Together with Maryann and all our departed fellow cast members, the show will now be a blockbuster

Thank you for all the wonderful years of shows at Holy Child. You will always be the true STAR of our shows.

With great sadness we mourn the loss of our director

Save me a spot in your heavenly production

Rest In Peace

Richard



Richard Larkin - February 20, 2024 at 11:24 AM

MB

Miss Elaina,

The “glue” in all the families that passed through Holy Child parish. From loving each of our children and their parents (us), to running the Holy Child Dinner theater (Staten Island’s best variety show) each year, to crafting and creating... the list goes on. Elaina was our friend, our “mother,” our mentor and advisor, grandmother to all the babies who passed through the Holy Child preschool halls. She was a script writer, and producer...Let’s not forget that she was a wife and mother in her spare time. I say that with a chuckle in my heart. She was extraordinary and we were blessed. Through our association at Holy child pre school (where we all had to volunteer) and the dinner theater (where we all performed), we made the friends of a lifetime. We could have made friends anywhere but through Elaina we became so much more than friends. We became family.

Elaina was a pillar of strength and togetherness for so very many. Her legacy will live on in each of our hearts forever. May she Rest in Eternal Peace. ❤️🙏

Mary Bisignano - February 21, 2024 at 07:57 PM

GO

*Our dear Miss Elaina,
I just heard today of your passing. I was so sad to hear this. I first met you in 1978 when I registered my son for preschool. It was the best program because of you and your wonderful staff. 2 more of my children ended up going there as well. They all loved it and they loved you. The dinner theater was the best. We were a family. We had many years of friendship. Thank you for that. You will be missed. May you rest in peace. Til we meet again my friend. 💔🙏*

Gail O'Brien - March 27, 2024 at 07:47 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Elaina M. Pecora.



February 19, 2024 at 06:26 PM

LA

“ Love, Anthony, Linda, Chris, Jason, Alex planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Elaina M. Pecora.

Love, Anthony, Linda, Chris, Jason, Alex - February 19, 2024 at 06:26 PM

GS

“ GeGe Setteducato lit a candle in memory of Elaina M. Pecora



GeGe Setteducato - February 19, 2024 at 06:21 PM

GS

“ I am heartbroken about the news of Elaina's passing. I worked with Elaina at Holy Child Pre-School for well over 11 years. She had enough faith in me to give me the opportunity to teach classes in each of the programs she created. The Pre-school programs she created and nurtured for so many years. Elaina was a no-nonsense type of person and always meant what she said. She was my mentor, my voice of reason, especially when I was going through a tough time in my personal life, but most of all she was my friend. I was blessed to work with her and the Holy Child family that she created and even more blessed to call her my friend. Rest in Heavenly Peace Elaina. You will be missed by many. Condolences to John, John, Matthew and Joseph, and the entire family, and to all those who had the pleasure of having her in their life.... GeGe Setteducato

GeGe Setteducato - February 19, 2024 at 06:19 PM