



Elizabeth Cavanagh Karsa

June 28, 1934 - July 16, 2018

Elizabeth was born and raised in Windsor Terrace, Brooklyn and attended Holy Name Grammar School & Bishop McDonnell HS. After attaining her Master's Degree in Education at New York University she began her teaching career. She joined the Home Economics Department at JHS 201 in Dyker Heights, Brooklyn and retired from that position after 29 years. While a full time teacher she also maintained a full time position in the Hotel Industry working in the Food & Beverage Department at the Vista Hotel at the World Trade Center. With the events of 2001 and the destruction of the hotel she chose to retire.

She then joined her daughter in the family insurance business and remained there until the time of her death. She loved travel, fine food, the theatre, books, poetry all of which she enjoyed whenever possible.

She is survived by her loving daughters, Deborah Elizabeth Killoran and Deirdre Elizabeth Doherty, her

four Granddaughters, Casey Killoran, Elizabeth, Linda & Kathleen Doherty and her adored sister,

Genevieve (Debby) Martello, her cherished Niece & Nephew, Kim Mazzella & Jimmy Burke. She was also

"Grand Aunt" to nieces, Maggie, Leigh, Gen, & Frances and her nephews, Kevin & Sean all who lovingly referred to her as "Grant Betty".

A gathering of Family and Friends will take place on Friday, 2- 5 & 7- 9 pm at the John Vincent Scalia Funeral Home Mass of Christian Burial Saturday at 11:00 am at Our Lady Help of Christians Church. Arrangements Include Private Cremation.

Because of her lifetime love of animals, especially her "Westies" , she would appreciate, in lieu of flowers, a donation be made in her name to P.L.U.T.O. Rescue of Richmond County, P.O. Box 140889, Staten Island NY 10314.

Cemetery Details

Rosehill Crematory

792 E Edgar Rd
Rosehill Crematory, NJ 07036

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 20. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

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

Visitation

JUL 20. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

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Service

JUL 21. 11:00 AM (ET)

Our Lady Help of Christians
7396 Amboy Rd
Staten Island, NY 10307
(718) 317-9772

Tribute Wall



“ *John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Elizabeth Cavanagh Karsa*



John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals Inc. - July 19, 2018 at 06:01 PM



“ *Elizabeth Cavanagh Karsa*

October 04, 2023 at 06:13 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Elizabeth Cavanagh Karsa.*



July 19, 2018 at 11:21 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Elizabeth Cavanagh Karsa.*



July 19, 2018 at 07:54 PM



“ 80 files added to the album Life Tributes



John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals Inc. - July 19, 2018 at 04:58 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Elizabeth Cavanagh Karsa.



July 19, 2018 at 04:54 PM

VS

“ I had the good fortune of meeting Elizabeth while working at the Vista Hotel, where she already knew my future husband, Tom. Tom and I were often in awe of Elizabeth--not only because she worked two full-time jobs and raised a wonderful family, but she had such an adventurous spirit. I smile remembering the stories of her travels and escapades with her dear mother, Mrs. Cavanaugh, and her cousin, "Jinx." I find comfort that she will be joined by many beloved family members that have gone before her, and my husband, who loved her dearly. We were blessed to have known her and will cherish the memories.

With heartfelt sympathy

Virginia Spielman and daughters

Virginia Spielman - July 19, 2018 at 04:14 PM

GM

“ Betty loved Emily Dickinson and her favorite stone was Amethyst so I thought this poem would please her and, Lord knows, we always wanted to please her!

I held a Jewel in my fingers and went to sleep.

The day was warm and the winds were prosy, I said "Twill keep"

I woke and scold my honest fingers, The Gem was gone!

And now an Amethyst remembrance is all I own.

RIP - Love, Debby

Genevieve Martello - July 18, 2018 at 05:00 PM



“ *Finest Farewell Spray was purchased for the family of Elizabeth Cavanagh Karsa.* ”



July 18, 2018 at 04:52 PM