



## Eric Richard Welle

December 14, 1938 - October 1, 2015

Eric Richard Welle, 76 of Great Kills passed away on Thursday, October 1, 2015, at his home in Staten Island, New York.

Born Wednesday, December 14, 1938 in Bronx, New York, he was the son of the late August Welle and the late Martha Welle.

He was the loving husband of 53 years to Lenore Welle.

Devoted father of Eric, Scott , Jeannine and Kim Welle.

Beloved grandfather of 7 grandchildren.

A Funeral service will be held at 9:45 AM on Monday at St Clare Church located at 110 Nelson Ave Staten Island, New York 10308. Interment will follow in Resurrection Cemetery, Staten Island, NY.

The family will receive friends from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM and 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM on Saturday, October 3, and Sunday October 4th, 2015, at the 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](http://www.scaliahome.com)



# Cemetery Details

## Resurrection Cemetery

371 Sharrot Avenue  
Resurrection Cemetery, NY 10309

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 3. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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

## Visitation

OCT 3. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

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## Visitation

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

John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals, Inc.  
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## Visitation

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OCT **4**. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

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28 Eltingville Blvd  
Staten Island, NY 10312

## Service

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OCT **5**. 9:45 AM (ET)

St Clare Church  
110 Nelson Ave  
Staten Island, NY 10308

# Tribute Wall



“ *Eric Richard Welle*

October 04, 2023 at 06:13 PM



“ *Coach,*

*Words aren't enough. Coach was one of a kind. The moments I got to spend with coach were mainly on the phone but the best thing about coach was I felt like he was right next to me. Talking to him each day made me a better person. I'll never forget his laugh and how he would greet me... "Heya der Johnny!" My first business trip to NYC, coach insisted that I come visit him in Staten Island, I will never forget that cold night. The second I walked in the West Shore Inn and saw coach, he made it feel like home. One dinner with coach left an everlasting impact on my life and I am so grateful that I got to share a moment with Him talking about friendships, life and of course basketball.*

*To the family, I know you already know this, but he was a special friend to so many. I hope that I can enjoy life half as much as coach did.*

*Coach, I will see you one day on the hard wood in heaven (most likely gold instead of wood). Can wait to play a pick up game with you! See you soon my friend.*

**John Alcalá** - October 07, 2015 at 08:29 AM



“ *Too a great man, and a better friend. Will not be forgotten in my life. Thank you Coach. Sean*

**Sean Conroy** - October 05, 2015 at 07:35 AM



## “ Coach

*Five little letters...COACH. Eric coached people on and off the basketball court. He was a coach through and through. I started getting to know Eric in my early 30's and by my late 30's he was a go to trading partner for small cap stocks, but, more importantly, he was this enthusiastic, upbeat, friend who I talked to every day. He had a distinctively funny way of saying Barb. He always took on my orders and took on my stress of trading difficult securities. He always made me "look good" on the job I did and made me feel like I was a better trader than I actually thought i was. He had a way of giving people confidence and seeing in them more than they can see in themselves.*

*One said day after 911 Eric told me that he was going to speak at the funeral for a young fireman who died in the Twin Towers, who he had coached basketball to years earlier, named Scott Davis. Here this big man who exuded confidence that for once in his life didn't know what to say. Gigi told him he should call me and ask if I could help. We spoke for over an hour and I just asked him to tell me about Scott. All I did was to organize his words and I was so grateful to be able to somehow help Eric for a change and to help at a time when it was so easy to feel helpless. Now I am doing the same thing - putting words on paper in honor of someone who made a difference in this world.*

*Eric was always so interested in my kids. One year we went to New York for Thanksgiving and Eric insisted in taking us out to dinner. Of course we went to a steak place. Gigi ordered some fancy Godiva chocolate martini with melted chocolate on the rim and Eric insisted on ordering a special one without alcohol for my daughter Karin, age 7. We would never had spent money on something so extravagant - our kids were just in the practice of only ordering water. Karin had a smile from ear to ear. Then he ordered oysters on the half shell - something my famiy had never had and none of us wanted to try except for Sam, age 12. Eric proceeded to give him*

*lessons on how to eat them and Sam did. Eric made such a big deal out of it and it was a special moment. Eric got so much enjoyment from teaching people how to "dive in" to life. At the end of the meal, he gave the waiter a big tip. On the way back to the hotel, the kids went on and on singing praises of my buddy Eric.*

*Eric, today I know you are in heaven and the angels are singing your praises. You lived life full and well. You spent all of who you are on earth and you taught us to do the same. Heaven is a little brighter today. Rest in Peace, but have fun. If heaven doesn't have a basketball court, build one. I will play when I get there. Thanks for being my friend. Love, Barb & Steve Claussen; Sam & Karin, too!*

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**barbara claussen** - October 04, 2015 at 10:10 AM

MF

“ *To Eric's Family and Friends,*

*What a guy Eric was! I knew him at Jefferies & Company for many years - so glad I did. He was a complete gentleman and mentor in many ways. They don't make them like Eric any more -*

*Please accept my heartfelt condolences..*

*Maureen Filmer*

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**maureen filmer** - October 02, 2015 at 04:47 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Eric Richard Welle.*



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October 02, 2015 at 03:56 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Eric Richard Welle.* ”



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October 02, 2015 at 12:15 PM

JS

“ The news of Mr. Welle's passing is terrible news to many people , his family I'm sure is devastated as he will be dearly missed by many . I haven't seen him in about 5-6 years but knew that he wasn't in the greatest of health . It's hard to imagine because to any of us who grew up around Mr. Well , Mr. Welle , coach or whatever u wanted to call him you always sort of thought of this guy with the military crew cut and loud piercing holler - the guy that wore shorts in the winter before anyone else around here did - always looked anything but healthy . Training at courts of appeal where my dad would always see him and then ny sports club where the guys would always run into him when they started lifting . "Hey there's Mr. Well" ... "Seen Mr. Well at they gym again" ...

*Im a father and a coach now like Mr. Welle and it's tough to see someone from your past who in a way you admired for things they did on the court or in the field pass away . We take things from people in all walks of life and carry them with us as we go .*

*I can guarantee every single person who stepped on the basketball court to play for Mr. Welle has memories today that they will never forget . I know I do . Some of the best memories of my childhood were spent in that gym and I'm still very close with friends I have since then . Mr. Welle was part of that bond . From the simplest things like leaving the gym open til what seemed like all hours of the night for kids and then piling them all into his station wagon for endless rides home . Or maybe to deninos or to Fordham to st Peters basketball games Farrell football games , st Johns university ... "we have to support the cheerleaders at Wagner college" ... C-A-R-V-E-L ... let's go Mr well ... u will be missed !*

*Condolences ,  
James Speciale*

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**James Speciale** - October 02, 2015 at 08:45 AM

JR

“ *Jerry&Ruth Rogers purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Eric Richard Welle.*



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**Jerry&Ruth Rogers** - October 01, 2015 at 05:39 PM