



Ernest Brescia

January 2, 1935 - January 14, 2024

Ernest Brescia, Sr., age 89, of Bridgewater, NJ, passed away Sunday, January 14, 2024. Ernest was born in Naples, Italy to his mother Luisa and his father Giuseppe Brescia. In 1957, Ernest married Ada Ebro of Brooklyn and he emigrated to the United States. Ernest spent nearly 40 years working for Polly-O dairy, starting his career as a truck driver and ultimately serving as a plant manager at the Long Island City warehouse. He retired in 1997 and began exploring interests such as golf.

Other things Ernest (or Ernesto as many of us called him) was passionate about were opera, cooking, finely-tailored clothes and his strong Italian heritage. He was also concerned that he "talked funny" because English was his second language, but the truth is he spoke perfect English and people enjoyed hearing his stories. No matter who he came in contact with - from cashiers at the local market, to the many doctors who cared for him, to the neighbors in his Bridgewater apartment building - every single person described him as being "nice and pleasant." Even as his age advanced and his health declined, he remained pleasant and courteous to everyone he met.

Ernest is survived by his son Ernie Brescia and his life-partner Bill Zwaskis, his daughter Louise Brescia, his granddaughter Liana Oreskovich, and his great granddaughter Giana Riesch. He was predeceased by his wife Ada Brescia (nee Ebro), mother to his children, and his wife Filomena Brescia (nee

Moscatiello). While he lived a long, rich life, his passing with leave a void in the lives of so many who grew to know and love him.

The family will receive friends from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 18, 2024, at John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals, Inc., 28 Eltingville Blvd, Staten Island, New York.

A Funeral service will be held at 9:30 a.m. on Friday, January 19, 2024, at John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals, Inc. located at 28 Eltingville Blvd Staten Island, New York 10312. Interment will be in Oceanview Cemetery, Staten Island, NY.

Cemetery Details

Oceanview Cemetery

3315 Amboy Rd
Staten Island, NY 10306

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 18. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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

Service

JAN 19. 9:30 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

LB

“ Goodbye, Dad

Today you are returned to the earth. Almost two decades have transpired since we had contact, but I wanted to leave you with some parting thoughts.

While I assimilated most of my modus operandi from my mother, it's your face I see in the mirror. My mother may have given me courage, but you gave me the physical strength to back it up. She shaped my vocabulary; you provided the formidable delivery. You're part of the reason I am fearless in the kitchen. Your genes gave me hair that is frequently described as a "lion's mane," or as my mother put it, my "crowning glory."

To say our relationship was tumultuous is a patent understatement. That's what happens sometimes when two people are a great deal alike. As you take your leave of this earthly life, I wanted to acknowledge and express my gratitude for the traits I indisputably acquired from you. Rest in peace.

Louise



Louise Brescia - January 19, 2024 at 10:15 AM

PC

“ I remember when Uncle Ernest came with his new wife Aunt Ada to live in the lower level of my parents house when he came over to the US from Italy. I was 10 years old and so excited to meet my new uncle.

He was so tall and very very handsome. I told this to my Aunt Ada and she laughed and laughed.

I would come home from school and run downstairs to visit him. He wanted to practice

English so he could get the job for Polio that was waiting for him.

Aunt Ada was out at work at 3pm so we would talk and watch cartoons

together. He said the cartoons helped him

with his English. In a while he got the job

and they moved to 66th St.

He was always very protective of me and when

I turned 16 and started to date he told my father I was too young. I

told him he was old

fashioned.

Last time I saw him he was still the Senor

dressed up nicely standing tall and still a handsome man

Rest in peace Uncle Ernest

Patricia LaTorre Cruz

Patricia LaTorre Cruz - January 17, 2024 at 06:50 PM

SH

“ Stacey H. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ernest Brescia.

Stacey H. - January 17, 2024 at 10:50 AM

SH

“ *my condolences on your loss. much love,
stacey*



stacey hazard - January 17, 2024 at 10:47 AM



“ *Love's Journey was purchased for the family of
Ernest Brescia.*



January 16, 2024 at 06:24 PM

BZ

“ *Barbara Z purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the
family of Ernest Brescia.*



Barbara Z - January 16, 2024 at 01:49 PM