



## Frances J. Ruggiero

June 10, 1945 - March 30, 2016

Frances Ruggiero, 70

Beloved Wife, Mother, Grandmother, Sister, and Aunt

Frances Ruggiero passed away on March 30th. She was born on June 10, 1945 in Elizabeth, NJ, to parents Helen and Thomas O'Connor. She grew up with her three siblings, oldest brother Tommy, younger brother Jimmy, and youngest sister Patti. At the age of 18, she married her loving husband John Ruggiero of Staten Island and moved to Eltingville. She moved and for the last several years has lived with her husband and brother-in-law Santo. She was a devoted and loving mother to her two children, her daughter Fran and her son John. Her life was all about family. As a homemaker, she was a fabulous cook. Every Saturday, she welcomed her family over for a delicious home-cooked meal. Every Sunday, she went to New Jersey to visit her mother. During those years and more, she spent every Friday with her mom and sister for lunch and a day of shopping.

Once her children were grown, she worked as a telephone operator at Verizon for 15 years. With her friends from work, she went bowling and attended Bingo.

Her greatest joy was when she became a Grandmother. She was a loving, generous, thoughtful, caring, and supportive Grandmother to her five grandchildren: Alix, Danielle, Anthony, Erica, and Ronnie.

Her most favorite times were when she was surrounded by her family. She never missed a game, performance, or ceremony for her grandchildren. Her blue eyes would sparkle with pride for their every achievement.

Vacations with her children and their families were something cherished by all. She enjoyed trips to Turks & Caicos, Puerto Rico, Jamaica, Mexico, Punta Cana, Las Vegas, Costa Rica and more. Each were filled with adventures, smiles, laughter, and memories for a lifetime.

In July, she started to plan for Christmas. Many holiday traditions were started with her. Although she didn't like seafood herself, she made an annual fish stew that was anticipated by all. Everyone got the gifts they wanted and every year, she found pleasure in gifting her daughter and daughter-in-law a custom made Lennox ornament. Their trees are a gift of love and sweet memories.

When the holiday came she would bring so many dishes and was praised as the most terrific cook. The dish she was most famous for and requested the most was her Dirt Pie.

Her daughter Fran has the fondest memories of their power shopping trips, sitting next to her on the beach on vacations together, phone calls, and having her there for all of her sons' activities.

Her son John recalls how his mother was always there for him and supported him and his family throughout everything his entire life.

She was a beautiful, happy, and fun-loving woman. She was extremely talented at crocheting. Her doilies and afghans are stunning family heirlooms. It made her so happy to crochet for her family and friends. Another hobby she enjoyed was reading books that were given to her by her dear friend Barrie.

She looked forward to the weekly gatherings with her nephew John and nieces.

She had many of fun times going to the casino with her best friend, her sister Patti. Patti's husband Joe and their children Gina and Michael were especially close to her. We are all so grateful that she was able to meet the newest addition to our family, Angelina.

She was married to her husband John for 52 years. They shared a life of love and took very good care of each other. Frances often took her husband John hunting with their dog Cookie. They were both at their happiest every weekend sharing the tradition of going out to eat with their children and grandchildren.

She loved her family so much and they loved her too. She will be deeply missed.

Visitation will be from 2-5 and 7-9 on Friday, April 1st at John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals, 28 Eltingville Blvd, Staten Island, NY 10312. Her funeral mass will be held at 11am on Saturday, April 2nd at Our Lady Star of the Sea Church. She will be laid to rest at Resurrection Cemetery.

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

APR 1. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

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

## Visitation

APR 1. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

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

## Service

APR 2. 11:00 AM (ET)

Our Lady Star of the Sea  
5411 Amboy Road  
Staten Island, NY 10312



# Tribute Wall



“ *John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Frances J. Ruggiero*

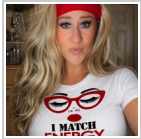


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**John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals Inc.** - March 31, 2016 at 04:49 PM



“ *Frances J. Ruggiero*

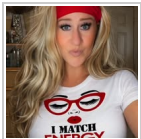
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“ *Kristine Marie lit a candle in memory of Frances J. Ruggiero*



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**Kristine Marie** - April 01, 2016 at 07:11 PM



“ *You were such a beautiful woman inside and out, always happy and always willing to help anyone. You will truly be missed Fran. Heaven as received a one of a kind angel. May you rest in peace.*

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**Kristine Marie** - April 01, 2016 at 07:10 PM

MA

“ My deepest sympathy to the Ruggiero family. Fran was a friend from New York Telephone company. She was always so sweet and friendly. The only way I think of Fran is with a big smile on her face. She truly was a beautiful person inside and out. I will miss you at our Verizon girl dinners girlfriend. Rest in peace Franny you will be missed.

love,  
Maria Gentile Kingsley

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**Maria** - April 01, 2016 at 01:32 PM

CO

“ Prayers for my best & dearest friend. My love & memories of you & your wonderful family will live forever. You will always be remembered as a loving, kind & generous person to all that were so fortunate to have known you. You will be missed. Love Connie & the Gerber family.

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**Connie** - April 01, 2016 at 09:12 AM

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“ Love Michael, Denise, & Mikey DeBlasio purchased the Divine Light for the family of Frances J. Ruggiero.



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**Love Michael, Denise, & Mikey DeBlasio** - March 31, 2016 at 07:58 PM

EF

“ *My thoughts and prayers go out to all the Ruggerio family, Fran and I started together in the phone company, she was the nicest person you ever wanted to meet. Always willing to help others and always with a smile on her face. She always spoke of her loving family. She will be deeply missed! Rest in peace my friend. xoxox Elaine Gilchrist Foran*

Elaine Gilchrist Foran - March 31, 2016 at 07:11 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Frances J. Ruggiero.*



March 31, 2016 at 05:00 PM



“ *89 files added to the album LifeTributes*



John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals Inc. - March 31, 2016 at 04:45 PM