



## Francis Sheehan

July 19, 1943 - August 4, 2024

IT IS WITH REGRET THAT THE ANNOUNCEMENT IS MADE OF THE DEATH OF FIREFIGHTER FRANK SHEEHAN - Mr. Sheehan was born in Sheepshead Bay, Brooklyn where he spent his youth working as a deckhand on various fishing boats.

He moved to Staten Island in the late 50s and graduated from PS 50, moving on to attend high school aboard the school ship SS John W Brown, docked in Manhattan at that time

He joined the USNR while still in high school and went on active duty in 1963, attaining the rate of Boatswain's Mate 3rd class and was honorably discharged in 1965. Then worked for the Brooklyn Army Terminal during their transition from there to MOT Bayonne. First as a deckhand on a ferry aiding in that transition as a temporary employee, and then a permanent employee as a deckhand aboard there Tugboats.

Mr. Sheehan joined the FDNY in 1968. working first in Brooklyn at Engine 278, Engine 237 and Ladder 109. In the early 80s he went on to Ladder 77 in Stapleton, and retired from Ladder 87 in Annadale. With a 10 month detail to Marine Co. 9 to update his "on the water" time before he retired He never left his commercial fishing, clamming or maritime careers too far from his calling to the FDNY.

Retiring in 1994, Mr. Sheehan followed his dream of building a Log Cabin atop a mountain in Pennsylvania, but returned in 2001 to Captain a ferry boat from NJ to NY after the WTC collapse crushed train tunnels. He was too old to rejoin the FDNY, but his time at FDNY Marine Co. 9 enabled him to gain a Captain's License and help the way he could.

3 Years later -

-health problems-and the rebuilding of those tunnels, enabled another retirement and retreat to the log cabin atop the PA mountain.

Mr. Sheehan is survived by his friend-wife of 35 years, -then. X wife, -and friend again. Barbara Jean Perch, Lyle, Sheehan. A Sister in Florida, Georgina Curly A Brother in Texas, John Sheehan .

Sons Joseph Libretto, Frank Sheehan and Louis Sheehan.

Step sons Richard Scott and Craig Lyle

Numerous Grandchildren who Mr. Sheehan loved most-and even Great Grandchildren. Which most readers will understand-such is life .Mr. Sheehan is a member of -and an officer of, the John W Brown Alumni. who now owns the school ship SS JOHN W BROWN in Baltimore .

Also a member and working volunteer of PLS the organization

A member of, and past treasurer of the USS Chikaskia Reunion organization.

American Legion

A member of the FDNY Staten Island Retirees organization.

FDNY-Emerald Society-Holy Name Society -Anchor Club -Viking Association (2008 Man of the Year ) and various other FDNY organizations .

Past Commodore-and Dockmaster of the Lemon Creek Boatmen's Association .

Over 35 years as a NRA member, avid hunter, conservationist and animal lover. Managing his own backyard stable with 3 horses, chickens, ducks, rabbits and a pig, - back in the OLD Staten Island.

Mr Sheehan enjoyed-Wine, Woman and Song- But mostly taking on the responsibilities of life's challenges .

And of Course, his family

A Funeral service will be at 8:00 PM on Tuesday at John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals, Inc. located at 28 Eltingville Blvd Staten Island, New York 10312. Private Cremation to Follow.

The family will receive friends from 4:00 PM to 9:00 PM on Tuesday, August 13, 2024, at John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals, Inc., 28 Eltingville Blvd, Staten Island, New York.

# Cemetery Details

## Rosehill Crematory

792 E Edgar Rd  
Linden, NJ 07036

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 13. 4:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

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

## Service

AUG 13. 8:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

CH

“ Our grandfather was an amazing man who left an undeniable mark on our entire family. He was truly one of the kindest people we’ve ever known. He had a heart of gold, taking note of every interaction we’ve ever had, to the point that the following time we saw him he would have in hand the very thing we had mentioned the time before. He was extremely attentive and took notice of every little thing, every conversation, every milestone - he had zero problem going out of his way for the sake of his loved ones and for that we will be forever grateful. He was a great cook, and when we started taking interest in learning his recipes and how to make certain things, he had no problem teaching us step by step whatever we wanted to make. He even went to the extent of gifting us cooking equipment as well as a custom chefs hat. To know him was to love him and words truly cannot describe what a pleasure that was. Every moment spent together whether it was making plans or actually executing them, there was never a dull moment. Every party, every holiday, every piece of advice meant more than we can ever put into words. In every aspect of life, there will always be something that will remind us of him. Our grandfather was truly the best person anybody could’ve asked for and every single moment spent together will be cherished forever by anyone who’s ever known him.

*Poppop, you meant the world to us. Thank you for everything you’ve done for us, you were truly special. Forever and always, we love you to the moon and back.*

*Your granddaughters,  
Chelsea and Justine*



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chelsea - August 13, 2024 at 02:12 PM

JS

“ John and Darlene Sheehan sent donation to Tunnel to Towers Foundation in Brud's name. See you when we mean again brother.

John and Darlene Sheehan - August 13, 2024 at 12:19 PM

SB

“ I didn't know Francis very well until recently when he generously and enthusiastically offered to help with a genealogy project by sharing his DNA information. As my mother's (Janice's) first cousin, he is my first cousin once removed, and while I don't recall meeting him in person as a child, I've heard many wonderful stories of him through my mother. After connecting with him, I enjoyed dozens of email exchanges; Francis was funny, enthusiastic, and warm in our correspondence. When we identified his great-great-grandfather with near certainty, he was emotional and grateful. I'm so glad we got to work together in the last few years and solved the family mystery together. - Sharon Boeckle

Sharon Boeckle - August 13, 2024 at 10:00 AM

SB

“ Sharon B. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Francis Sheehan.

Sharon B. - August 13, 2024 at 09:49 AM

MI

“ Frank was a really great guy. Very thoughtful, loving caring and always willing to help family and friends throughout the years even when he was dealing with his own health issues which this time was terminal. Thank you for all the good times we shared. I miss you soooooooooo much.

michelle - August 12, 2024 at 09:54 PM

JF

“ Joseph Libretto and Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Francis Sheehan.



Joseph Libretto and Family - August 12, 2024 at 02:33 PM

JF

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Joseph Libretto and Family - August 12, 2024 at 02:33 PM



“ You were the BEST grandfather. Thank you for the countless memories, your great grandchildren and I will forever remember. We love you so much and you will be missed dearly. Rest in peace grandpa, until we meet again. Xoxo ❤️



Lauren Lopez - August 11, 2024 at 11:16 PM

JB

“ Janice B. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Francis Sheehan.

Janice B. - August 11, 2024 at 04:51 PM

JL

“ 2 files added to the album Good Times



Joe Libretto - August 10, 2024 at 05:08 AM

JG

“ Jim And Georgiana planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Francis Sheehan.

Jim And Georgiana - August 09, 2024 at 07:02 PM

JG

“ Jim And Georgiana purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Francis Sheehan.



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JD

“ James and Joyce Damato planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Francis Sheehan.

James and Joyce Damato - August 08, 2024 at 07:18 PM

JD

“ *James and Joyce Damato purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Francis Sheehan.*



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**James and Joyce Damato** - August 08, 2024 at 07:18 PM