



Freddie Castellano

September 3, 1963 - August 10, 2024

On August 10, 2024, Freddie Castellano, 60, of Staten Island, NY, passed away at Weill Cornell Medical Center after a brave 5½-year battle with colon cancer.

Fred was born in Brooklyn on September 3, 1963, to Rocco (predeceased) and Felicina Castellano. He later moved to Staten Island, where he made his home.

Freddie loved the finer things in life and worked hard to achieve them. After his day job, he would take on night shifts at Porky's. Over the years, he owned several successful businesses, including a landscaping company, a Snapple route, Castellano Construction, a Bar, and Freddie's Gourmet.

For many years, Freddie poured his heart and soul into Freddie's Gourmet, a store that was truly his labor of love. Along with his partner Danny, Freddie's wasn't just a place to shop—it was a community gathering spot where everyone felt like part of the family. His dedication to quality and personal service created a warm, welcoming atmosphere that touched the lives of everyone who walked through the door. Freddie also enjoyed creating social media videos that were sure to bring a smile to your face.

Freddie met his wife, Christine, in 2007 at The Marina Café on her birthday.

From the moment they met, he told her, "I'm going to marry you," and true to his words, they were married in November 2008. They spent 15 incredible years together, filled with love, fun and excitement.

Spending time with family was incredibly important to Fred. He cherished Sunday dinners at his mom's house, especially enjoying her gravy and lasagna during special occasions.

Freddie was a man who lived life to the fullest, with a deep love for Aruba, which he considered his second home. For 30 years, he faithfully visited his timeshare every February and anytime he could sneak away. You could always find him relaxing under a hut or screaming down the pool slide. Freddie's magnetic personality and infectious enthusiasm for life drew many to join him on these trips, creating cherished memories with friends and loved ones.

Freddie was the nucleus of his friend group, always bringing them together. Every Monday morning, he made sure everyone was invited and welcome at breakfast. Freddie was a staple at Bloomingdale Park. He could always be found playing bocce or entering tournaments with friends. Freddie loved the casino; you can always find him playing a slot machine or two. He also loved playing cards and fishing. Freddie had a remarkable talent for transforming any quiet gathering into a lively celebration with his singing and dancing. His love for making people laugh showed in the crazy hats he wore, always bringing fun and excitement wherever he went. And of course, everyone would agree—Freddie had a million-dollar smile.

Freddie was predeceased by his father, Rocco. He is survived by his beloved wife, Christine (née Nappa), his mother, Felicina, his brother, Carmine (Gayle), his sister, Maria (Charlie), Sister in law Delilah (Vincent), nieces Juliana (fiancé Nick) and Deanna, nephews Robert, Anthony, Rocco,

Nicholas, and Michael, and many aunts, uncles, cousins and friends who will forever carry his spirit in their hearts.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10:00 AM on Saturday at Our Lady Star of the Sea located at 5411 Amboy Road Staten Island, New York 10312. Entombment will be in Resurrection Cemetery, Staten Island, NY.

The family will receive friends from 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM and 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM on Friday, August 16, 2024, at 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

Cemetery Details

Resurrection Cemetery

361 Sharrot Avenue
Staten Island, NY 10309

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 16. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

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

Visitation

AUG 16. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

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

Service

AUG 17. 10:00 AM - 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 Freddie Castellano*



John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals Inc. - August 16, 2024 at 03:44 AM

SC

Amazing video brought tears to my eyes. He was a great guy and will be greatly missed. I extend my deepest condolences to his family and friends. May he rest in peace 🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏

scott capizzi - August 16, 2024 at 09:27 AM

TR

Such A Wonderful Man who will be greatly missed. My Deepest Condolences to his loving wife and family. 🙏

Theresa Rispoli - August 16, 2024 at 10:58 AM

JA

Deepest & heartfelt condolences to his loving wife , family and friends. May Freddie rest in eternal peace. 🙏

Josephine Alfano - August 16, 2024 at 07:20 PM

NR

Our deepest condolences to the family. Freddie will be truly missed by all of us at Eagle Aruba.

Nelida Rodriguez - October 25, 2024 at 04:18 PM

FR

“ From Maria Cicinelli and Greg Rusnack purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Freddie Castellano.



From Maria Cicinelli and Greg Rusnack - December 13, 2024
at 06:09 PM

FR

“ From Maria Cicinelli and Greg Rusnack planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Freddie Castellano.

From Maria Cicinelli and Greg Rusnack - December 13, 2024 at 06:09 PM

VT

“ Valerie Thompson lit a candle in memory of Freddie Castellano



Valerie Thompson - October 22, 2024 at 04:31 PM

KS

“ Kathy Sweeney lit a candle in memory of Freddie Castellano



Kathy Sweeney - August 19, 2024 at 10:58 AM

KS

Freddie was always larger than life, he will be missed by many. All these photos of friends and family are so beautiful. I am keeping everyone who knew him in my heart and prayers. KS

Kathy Sweeney - August 19, 2024 at 11:00 AM

PG

“ Met Freddie & Christina in Aruba 10 years ago, great people. One of the nicest, fun guys, one could ever know, The Mayor of Aruba you will be surely missed my friend. RIP brother, Love ya Paul & Sharon.

Paul Goupil - August 19, 2024 at 08:35 AM

JA

“ Freddie was a true gentleman and our family loved patronizing Freddie's weekly. He always had a smile and a "what's up, kid!" You will be missed greatly. Thank you for all you've done for our family and our community. God Bless you and Keep you.

Joe Astuto - August 18, 2024 at 08:32 PM

GS

“ Gianna S. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Freddie Castellano.

Gianna S. - August 16, 2024 at 03:50 PM

CG

“ Chef Michael, Frankie & Gabriella purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Freddie Castellano.



Chef Michael, Frankie & Gabriella - August 16, 2024 at 02:42 PM

CG

“ Chef Michael, Frankie & Gabriella planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Freddie Castellano.

Chef Michael, Frankie & Gabriella - August 16, 2024 at 02:42 PM

GE

“ Freddie was a class act. He treated friends like family. When you went into the store you felt like he was welcoming you into his home. He was loved and will be missed immensely.

Gerard - August 16, 2024 at 01:23 PM

TF

“ The Pezzuto Family purchased the Strength & So lace Spray for the family of Freddie Castellano.



The Pezzuto Family - August 16, 2024 at 09:57 AM

SC

“ Omg I can't believe this I am so sorry to hear this news. Let me extend my deepest condolences to his family and friends. He was a great person. A good friend he will be greatly missed. May he rest in peace 🙏 so sorry for your loss.

scott capizzi - August 16, 2024 at 09:24 AM

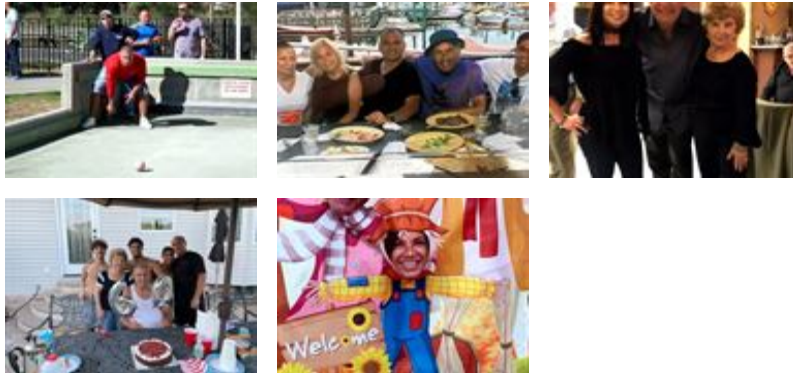
CN

“ Castellano N. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Freddie Castellano.

Castellano N. - August 16, 2024 at 04:23 AM



“ 133 files added to the album LifeTributes



John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals Inc. - August 15, 2024 at 11:40 PM

AS

“ Alex Reale & Samantha purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Freddie Castellano.



Alex Reale & Samantha - August 15, 2024 at 06:19 PM



“ Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Freddie Castellano.



August 15, 2024 at 12:14 PM

YC

“ Your friends at ADCO ELECTRICAL CORP. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Freddie Castellano.

Your friends at ADCO ELECTRICAL CORP. - August 15, 2024 at 12:14 PM

CC

“ I was friends with Freddy's Dad when I was landscaping on Staten Island as well as Freddy they both treated you like family Hearts of gold you will always be remembered and missed Your old Friend Charlie C



Charles Carmosin - August 15, 2024 at 11:15 AM

PW

“ I have known Freddie for many decades. He was a very kind man who always had a smile on his face. He always took the time to talk to his customers and see how they were doing. He was a generous man who loved his family above anything else. I pray that he is at peace and that his family heals. God bless you Freddie. My family and I were blessed to have known you.

Pamela Wilson - August 15, 2024 at 10:10 AM

LM

“ Christine so sorry for your loss. As a co worker we met and became friends all over driving your Halloween decorations. And that's how I met Freddie and became not only a customer but a friend., He was the best and always on the move. His legend will live on. Sending hugs.



Lisa Mueller - August 15, 2024 at 08:14 AM

EG

“ Estelle G. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Freddie Castellano.

Estelle G. - August 14, 2024 at 09:41 PM

LK

“ Lori Goldstein and Peter Kafel purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Freddie Castellano.



Lori Goldstein and Peter Kafel - August 14, 2024 at 03:50 PM

FF

“ *Un grande abbraccio alla mamma Felicina*



Famiglia Fischetti - August 14, 2024 at 12:39 PM

FF

“ *Famiglia Fischetti lit a candle in memory of Freddie Castellano*



Famiglia Fischetti - August 14, 2024 at 12:35 PM

FF

“ *Da S. Angelo dei Lombardi (Italy) le famiglie Fischetti : Salvatore e fam. Filomena e fam. Antonio e fam. Maurizio e fam. partecipano commossi al lutto che ha colpito le famiglie Castellanoporgono le piú sentite condoglianze a tutta la famiglia per la prematura perdita del loro caro Freddie 🌸🌹🙏🕯️ che riposi in pace 🕯️🙏*

Famiglia Fischetti - August 14, 2024 at 12:34 PM

MC

“ He was larger than life with his infectious smile, big energy and endless love for his family and friends. He was always there to help anyone in need and gave so much to the community. He was and will always be the GOAT.

We will forever miss him ❤️🙏🙏

Freddie & Melissa Castellano



Melissa Castellano - August 14, 2024 at 09:03 AM



“ Dear cousins, we are sad to hear this bad news, I always remember the wonderful holidays we spent together in 1976 when I came to you, Freddie was only 13 years old and he loved being with me so much.

Courage to all of you in these difficult moments of life, we are heartily close to you. Deepest Condolences. Nicola Castellano and family.

Castellano Nicola - August 14, 2024 at 05:26 AM

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Freddie & Melissa Castellano

Melissa Castellano - August 14, 2024 at 09:00 AM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Freddie Castellano.*



August 13, 2024 at 09:16 PM



“ *Angel & Gina Martinez planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Freddie Castellano.*

Angel & Gina Martinez - August 13, 2024 at 09:16 PM



“ *Harry F. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Freddie Castellano.*

Harry F. - August 13, 2024 at 05:21 PM



“ *The Wojie family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Freddie Castellano.*



The Wojie family - August 13, 2024 at 04:32 PM

TF

“ The Wojie family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Freddie Castellano.

The Wojie family - August 13, 2024 at 04:32 PM

LA

“ Little Freddie, Melissa, Tiffany & Aysa purchased the Divine Light for the family of Freddie Castellano.



Little Freddie, Melissa, Tiffany & Aysa - August 13, 2024 at 04:01 PM

LA

“ Little Freddie, Melissa, Tiffany & Aysa planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Freddie Castellano.

Little Freddie, Melissa, Tiffany & Aysa - August 13, 2024 at 04:01 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Freddie Castellano.



August 13, 2024 at 03:57 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Freddie Castellano.



August 13, 2024 at 12:53 PM



“ Kari & Frankie Aguanno planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Freddie Castellano.

Kari & Frankie Aguanno - August 13, 2024 at 12:53 PM



“ Love Your JJ Kenny Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Freddie Castellano.



Love Your JJ Kenny Family - August 13, 2024 at 12:17 PM



“ Love Your JJ Kenny Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Freddie Castellano.

Love Your JJ Kenny Family - August 13, 2024 at 12:17 PM

LF

“ Love The Miceli Family purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of Freddie Castellano.



Love The Miceli Family - August 13, 2024 at 12:10 PM

LF

“ Love The Miceli Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Freddie Castellano.

Love The Miceli Family - August 13, 2024 at 12:10 PM

PJ

“ Pugliese Family, Mak & Jessica purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Freddie Castellano.



Pugliese Family, Mak & Jessica - August 13, 2024 at 07:15 AM

PJ

“ Pugliese Family, Mak & Jessica planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Freddie Castellano.

Pugliese Family, Mak & Jessica - August 13, 2024 at 07:15 AM