



Frederick J. Avitto

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Frederick J. Avitto, affectionately known as “Big Fred,” passed away suddenly on July 27 in Staten Island, at the age of 74.

Fred was the beloved husband and best friend of Frances (Fran) Avitto. Together, they built a beautiful life rooted in love, laughter, and service to the church and the community. He was the proud father of John and his wife Megan, Joseph and his wife Jeanne, Francesca and her wife Kate, Fred and his wife Amy, and James and his wife Maggie. His greatest joy in life was being “Pop” to his adored grandchildren: Freddie, Emily, Michael, John, Gabriella, Kevin, Noah, Christian, Nicholas, and Claudia. He also leaves behind his loving brothers-in-law Frank and Louis, and his sister-in-law Christine.

Fred spent his entire career as a steel salesman and was jokingly known as “The Steel Man” to his kids. He truly loved what he did and worked until the day he passed.

A life of service came naturally to Fred. Alongside Fran, he led the Boy Scouts at St. Clare’s Parish since the 1980s, taught CCD classes, and served faithfully as a Eucharistic Minister. His commitment to his faith and community was unwavering.

Fred's love for baseball was lifelong. Besides being such an avid Mets fan and not missing a game, he was quite the player as well. Fred played baseball during his entire childhood. Then, as an adult, in the 1980s, played on the S.I. A's softball team with his cousins and brothers-in-law. They went undefeated winning multiple league championships. He also played on the S.I. Orioles after that; also playing alongside family once again.

After a 25-year hiatus from the game, he started playing competitive men's softball again in 2002 at the age of 51 as he was a cofounder of the S. I. Dodgers. He would go on to play over 20 years with the Dodgers playing into his early 70s with his sons, brother-in-law, cousins, other family members, and close friends who became family. Big Fred was a cornerstone on the mound and at third base for many years on the Dodgers; including being a big part of a run of 6 consecutive championships for his team.

Fred also coached all five of his children's sports teams in various sports; baseball, softball, and basketball.

But above all else, Fred's heart belonged to his grandchildren. There was no greater joy in his life than being with them, and the love they shared was truly unmatched.

To know Fred was to know kindness, generosity, and humor. He was the man who would drop everything to help a friend - or a stranger. He loved telling dad jokes, making people laugh, and spreading joy wherever he went. There wasn't a soul who didn't love Fred Avitto.

Fred lived a life centered around family. Every moment spent with them was cherished. He will be remembered as the most devoted husband, a loving father, and an incredible grandfather. Fred Avitto was pre-deceased by his mother and father, Annette and John Avitto, as well as his mother-in-law and father-in-law, Gertrude and Joseph Messina and his brother-in-law, Joseph Messina.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be at 12:30 PM on Friday at St Clare Church located at 110 Nelson Ave Staten Island, New York 10308. Interment will be in

Resurrection Cemetery, Staten Island, NY.

The family will receive friends from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM on Wednesday, July 30, 2025, and 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM & 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM on Thursday, July 31, 2025, at John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals, Inc., 28 Eltingville Blvd, Staten Island, New York.

Cemetery Details

Resurrection Cemetery

361 Sharrott Ave
Staten Island, NY 10309

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 30. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

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

Visitation

JUL 31. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

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Visitation

JUL 31. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

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Service

AUG 1. 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM (ET)

St Clare Church
110 Nelson Ave
Staten Island, NY 10308

Tribute Wall



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



John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals Inc. - July 29, 2025 at 05:37 PM

ES

“ *Our deepest sympathy & prayers are being sent your way at this difficult time. May God's love surround You with peace & comfort. With heartfelt sympathy The Santora Family*

Elsa Santora - August 03, 2025 at 01:10 PM

JM

“ *In Memory of Freddie Avitto..... A good man, a great guy and someone I always respected and enjoyed speaking with because of his wonderful outlook on life, total family commitment and the genuine joy he radiated. We are sad to learn of his loving Family's loss. Joe and Aileen Messina*

Joseph Messina - August 02, 2025 at 11:19 AM

TF

“ *The Frangella Family purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Frederick J. Avitto.*



The Frangella Family - July 31, 2025 at 01:10 AM

IJ

“ *Ivyann and Joshua purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Frederick J. Avitto.*



Ivyann and Joshua - July 30, 2025 at 07:11 PM

IJ

“ *Ivyann and Joshua planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Frederick J. Avitto.*

Ivyann and Joshua - July 30, 2025 at 07:11 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Frederick J. Avitto.*



July 30, 2025 at 11:56 AM

JR

“ Jeff, Susan, Leah, Erin & Aiden Ringel purchased the *Treasured Lilies Spray* for the family of Frederick J. Avitto.



Jeff, Susan, Leah, Erin & Aiden Ringel - July 30, 2025 at 11:32 AM

JR

“ Jeff, Susan, Leah, Erin & Aiden Ringel planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Frederick J. Avitto.

Jeff, Susan, Leah, Erin & Aiden Ringel - July 30, 2025 at 11:32 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Frederick J. Avitto.



July 30, 2025 at 10:21 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Frederick J. Avitto.

July 30, 2025 at 10:21 AM

TF

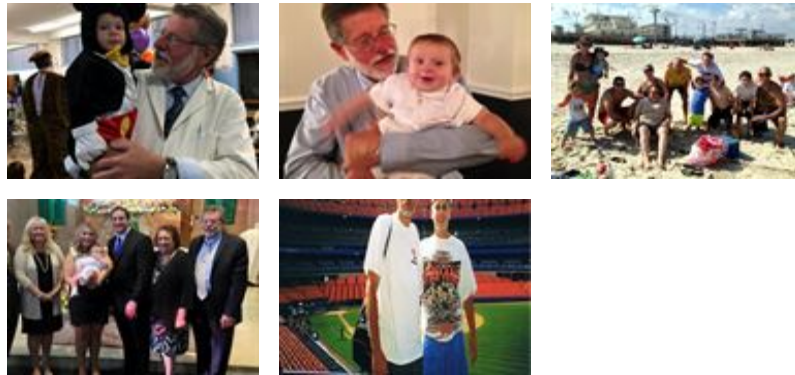
“ Tony, Paula & Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Frederick J. Avitto.



Tony, Paula & Family - July 29, 2025 at 07:21 PM



“ 112 files added to the album Life Tributes



John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals Inc. - July 29, 2025 at 05:33 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Frederick J. Avitto.



July 29, 2025 at 03:47 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Frederick J. Avitto.

July 29, 2025 at 03:47 PM

ON

“ Onyx Team at Gateway, Newark purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Frederick J. Avitto.



Onyx Team at Gateway, Newark - July 29, 2025 at 02:56 PM

ON

“ Onyx Team at Gateway, Newark planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Frederick J. Avitto.

Onyx Team at Gateway, Newark - July 29, 2025 at 02:56 PM

SM

“ Samson Metal purchased the Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet for the family of Frederick J. Avitto.



Samson Metal - July 29, 2025 at 02:11 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Frederick J. Avitto.



July 29, 2025 at 01:24 PM

BB

“ Ben Levy and family (THS baseball) purchased the *Pretty Please* for the family of Frederick J. Avitto.



Ben Levy and family (THS baseball) - July 29, 2025 at 01:01 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden* was purchased for the family of Frederick J. Avitto.



July 29, 2025 at 12:43 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Frederick J. Avitto.

July 29, 2025 at 12:43 PM

RF

“ Regina, Felicia and Antonia Formisano purchased the *Country Basket Blooms* for the family of Frederick J. Avitto.



Regina, Felicia and Antonia Formisano - July 29, 2025 at 11:24 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Frederick J. Avitto.



July 29, 2025 at 07:00 AM



“ Our thoughts and prayers go out to the Avitto family. I'm grateful to have been his friend and it has been an honor to work with him. He has made a positive difference in so many lives.

John Ragno(Samson Metals) - July 29, 2025 at 06:47 AM



“ The Cheesequake Cadets Organization purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Frederick J. Avitto.



The Cheesequake Cadets Organization - July 28, 2025 at 11:30 PM



“ The Cheesequake Cadets Organization planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Frederick J. Avitto.

The Cheesequake Cadets Organization - July 28, 2025 at 11:30 PM

TF

“ The Spellman Family purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Frederick J. Avitto.



The Spellman Family - July 28, 2025 at 08:46 PM

TF

“ The Spellman Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Frederick J. Avitto.

The Spellman Family - July 28, 2025 at 08:46 PM

RM

“ Richard Markowitz (Samson Metals) lit a candle in memory of Frederick J. Avitto



Richard Markowitz (Samson Metals) - July 28, 2025 at 07:42 PM

RM

Has been an honor and pleasure to know and work with Fred for many years. A true gentleman and special person. May God bless him and welcome him with open arms. Rick Markowitz

Rick Markowitz - July 28, 2025 at 07:51 PM

TF

“ The Catanese Family purchased the Heavenly Grace Spray for the family of Frederick J. Avitto.



The Catanese Family - July 28, 2025 at 05:42 PM

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“ The Catanese Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Frederick J. Avitto.

The Catanese Family - July 28, 2025 at 05:42 PM

EL

“ Eddie Brito & Family M & B Marine LLC purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Frederick J. Avitto.



Eddie Brito & Family M & B Marine LLC - July 28, 2025 at 05:34 PM

EL

“ Eddie Brito & Family M & B Marine LLC planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Frederick J. Avitto.

Eddie Brito & Family M & B Marine LLC - July 28, 2025 at 05:34 PM

VM

“ Vincent Moran(Samson Metals) purchased the Forever Our Angel Bouquet for the family of Frederick J. Avitto.



Vincent Moran(Samson Metals) - July 28, 2025 at 05:26 PM