



## Gennaro "Jerry" Casale

July 23, 1953 - March 16, 2025

With heavy hearts, we announce the passing of Gennaro Casale, affectionately known as Jerry, who peacefully left us at the age of 71 on March 16, 2025, in Naples, Florida, surrounded by his loving children.

Gennaro's departure leaves a profound emptiness, but his legacy of love, kindness, and dedication will live on in the hearts of all who knew him.

A proud member of Local 30 Union for over 40 years, Gennaro worked at Lincoln Center's David Koch Theater, where he was respected and beloved by his colleagues. Known for his strong work ethic and devotion to his craft, Gennaro's greatest trait was his generous heart and unshakable love for his family.

Born and raised in Brooklyn, Gennaro was a celebrated football player at Midwood High School, where he forged lifelong friendships and earned the admiration of his peers. His love for sports, especially drag racing, extended into his adult years, where he once again found joy in the world of racing with his cherished Dodge Challenger, which he proudly named Locomotion. Gennaro dedicated time to maintaining and racing his car in Florida, continuing a passion that had been part of him for much of his life. He also enjoyed building his beloved race car, the Roadrunner, in his younger years.

His love for his family was immeasurable, there was nothing that brought him more joy. Standing at 6 feet 4 inches, Gennaro was a gentle giant, with a warmth that made everyone feel welcome and valued. He shared a special bond with his goddaughters, Toni Patricia and Suzanne. Gennaro valued Toni's loving medical guidance, and was deeply proud of Suzanne's music career, even keeping flyers from 1985 as a token of her talent. Gennaro took pride in watching his children and godchildren grow into God-loving, devoted mothers, fathers, husbands, and wives.

Above all, Gennaro's pride and joy were his children: Gennaro Anthony, Cristina Ann, and Darlena Maria. They were his world. His love for them only grew deeper with the arrival of his grandchildren: Isabella, Adrianna, Gennaro, Jonathan, and Joseph. As a proud Pop Pop, he would have done anything for his grandchildren, offering them a love and protection that will endure even in his absence.

Gennaro was predeceased by his beloved wife, Mariann, the love of his life and best friend, who passed away in 2019. He is also reunited with his parents, Anthony and Anna, his brother Louis, and his brother-in-law Roger in Heaven.

Gennaro is survived by his son, Gennaro Anthony Casale, his wife Tara, and their two sons, Gennaro and Joseph; his daughter, Darlena Maria; his daughter, Cristina Ann, her husband Jonathan, and their three children, Isabella, Adrianna, and Jonathan; his sister, Apolonia Frein, and her husband Lawrence; his sister, Geraldine Tooze; his brother, Anthony Casale, and his wife Petra.

The love Gennaro gave to his family, friends, and all those who knew him will never be forgotten. While he may no longer be with us, his spirit will forever live in the hearts of those he touched. Gennaro's many friends, from his high

school days to his career and beyond, will forever cherish the memories of a man who always made them feel valued and loved.

A gathering of family and friends will take place on Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8pm and Friday 2-4 and 6-8pm at the John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals, 28 Eltingville Blvd. SINY 10312. A Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10:00 am on Saturday at Our Lady Star of the Sea Church, 5411 Amboy Road, SINY 10312. Interment to follow in Green-Wood Cemetery, Brooklyn, NY

# Cemetery Details

## Greenwood Cemetery

500 25th Street  
Brooklyn, NY 11232

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 20. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

The John Vincent Scalia Home For Funerals, Inc.  
28 Eltingville Blvd. (at Eltingville Station)  
Staten Island, NY 10312

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MAR 20. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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MAR 21. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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MAR 21. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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## Service

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MAR 22. 10:00 AM (ET)

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

# Tribute Wall

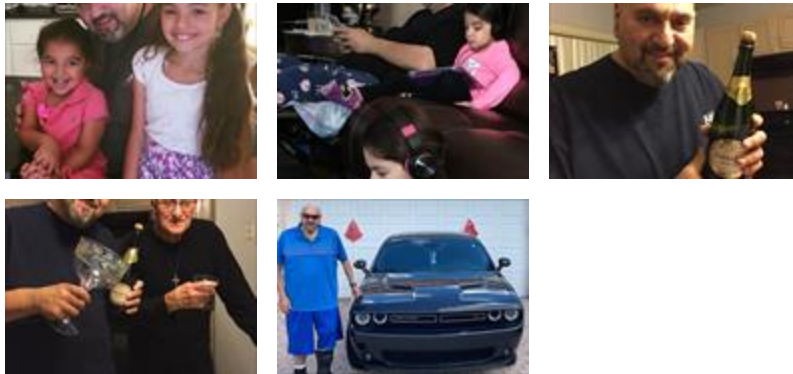
CP

“ Miss you Dad 😞

Cristina Pitre - February 01 at 08:04 PM

CR

“ The best father, Pop Pop, & friend you could ever have in life. I miss you everyday Dad. ☐💔



Cristina - April 02, 2025 at 10:43 PM

CR

“ Miss you Dad 💔



Cristina - April 02, 2025 at 10:35 PM

SD

“ Sonia Dominguez planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gennaro "Jerry" Casale.

Sonia Dominguez - March 21, 2025 at 04:04 PM

SD

“ *Sonia Dominguez purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Gennaro "Jerry" Casale.*



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**Sonia Dominguez** - March 21, 2025 at 04:04 PM

BL

“ *Dear Tony, Bella, Geraldine, and all the Casale family, It is with a heart full of sadness that I offer you all my deepest heartfelt condolences. Growing up in the neighborhood, Jerry & I shared many happy, fun times that will always be cherished memories. From him playing Black Sabbath's "Iron Man" to the Friday night street car races in Crossbay...I will always remember Jerry with a smile. May he rest in eternal peace, and I pray that you all may be comforted with happy memories of your brother, father, uncle, friend. God bless you all. Love, Barbara Laurensen (Bunny)*



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**Barbara J Laurensen** - March 20, 2025 at 02:14 PM

FA

“ *memories of our band, "The Side Entrance - Jerry, Billy Hynes & Me Frank Amodeo" , practicing in my basement for many years. such good times and memories, play on my friend*

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**Frank Amodeo** - March 20, 2025 at 12:46 PM

FA

“ Frank Amodeo sent a virtual gift in memory of Gennaro "Jerry" Casale



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**Frank Amodeo** - March 20, 2025 at 12:42 PM

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**Frank Amodeo** - March 20, 2025 at 12:40 PM

MD

“ Sorry for your loss May God Bless the Family. MaryAnn & Tony D'Angelo



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**MARYANN & TONY D'Angelo** - March 19, 2025 at 08:30 PM

LH

“ A Gentle Giant who brought sanity to a neighborhood that really needed it. I thank God for his prescence and guidance way back when. He showed us how to be a good person even in a pack of wolves.

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**Les Hughes** - March 19, 2025 at 08:25 PM

LH

“ *Les Hughes purchased the Sweet Sincerity for the family of Gennaro "Jerry" Casale.*



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**Les Hughes** - March 19, 2025 at 08:16 PM

SM

“ *Dearest uncle Jerry,  
I will always miss your bright smile, and your  
giant kind heart. Rest in paradise, until we meet  
again.  
Love,  
Suzanne*



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**Suzanne Melone** - March 19, 2025 at 05:33 PM

AS

*Dear Uncle Jerry, Your kind demeanor, generous heart, soft  
spokenness and great sense of humor will be greatly missed and will  
live on in your family through your memory. We love you. May you rest  
in peace always with Mariann, your parents and my father. xxxooo*

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**Ann Stofflet** - March 19, 2025 at 09:29 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Gennaro "Jerry" Casale.*



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March 19, 2025 at 08:13 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Gennaro "Jerry" Casale.

March 19, 2025 at 08:13 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gennaro "Jerry" Casale.



March 18, 2025 at 09:35 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gennaro "Jerry" Casale.



March 18, 2025 at 08:31 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Gennaro "Jerry" Casale.

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HP

“ Jerry was a gentle Giant!! back in my day 6+ decades ago. He& his brother Tony Always had everyone Backs. FF a few years Tony & i (henry) hooked up again & I became instant friends with the family again. So know i say a BIG R.I.P. & my deepest sympathy to the Casle Family!!

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**Henry Perlman** - March 18, 2025 at 07:54 PM

JC

“ Cousin, Our family is keeping your family in our thoughts and prayers...In our younger days, when we attended family weddings, I remember that you and I spent a lot of time together at those weddings. Then decades passed and we wound up finding each other again in Florida when you bought a house around the corner from me. Always giving me a big hug when we met. GOD be with you ,Love Cousin John Ciofalo

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**John Ciofalo** - March 18, 2025 at 04:37 PM