



## George D. Strouse, Jr.

June 27, 1932 - April 11, 2016

George Strouse

Loving husband, father, and grandfather

George Strouse, 83, passed away on April 11, 2016. Born and raised in Bronx, New York, He moved to Staten Island in 1962 with his wife Marie, to raise their family. He was an electrician by trade and worked for Neo-Ray for many years.

George is survived by his wife of 60 years, Marie (Purdon) Strouse, Children Laura Didyk, Jeanne Bird, and Michael Strouse. Son-in law, Robert Didyk and his grandchildren, Thomas and Kaitlyn Didyk, Justin, Jeffrey and Elizabeth Bird. He was pre deceased by his parent George and Helen Strouse, and his sister, Theresa Bruciati.

George was a Fourth Degree member of the Knights of Columbus and was also a past Grand Knight, District Deputy and Chapter Chairman in Staten Island. He served as an usher at St Clare Church at the 9 am Mass for several years. George was a US Army Veteran and saw military action during the Korean War.

George was an avid Rangers fan. He loved trips to Atlantic City and cruising. He and his wife took several family cruises with his daughters and

grandchildren to Bermuda and the Caribbean. George was always the “Fun” Dad and grandfather and had a great sense of humor. He will be greatly missed.

A gathering of family and friends will take place on Monday, April 18, from 2-5 and 7-9 pm at the John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals, 28 Eltingville Blvd. S.I., Funeral Mass will be held Tuesday April 19, at 11AM at St Clare Church, Great Kills.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to St. Jude Children’s research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105, [www.stjude.org](http://www.stjude.org)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 18. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

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

## Visitation

APR 18. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

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## Service

APR 19. 11:00 AM (ET)

St Clare Church  
110 Nelson Ave  
Staten Island, NY 10308

# Tribute Wall



“ *George D. Strouse, Jr.*

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October 04, 2023 at 06:13 PM



“ *George has been a cornerstone friend to our family for over 40 years. Michael & I went to school together at St. Clare's, and George sponsored me into the Knights of Columbus a few years ago. He also helped my parents, keeping a watch on the house while they were in Florida for the Winter.*



*I'm glad I got to spend some quality time with Mr. S at the Knights although the last few years I stopped going to a really busy schedule.*

*I will miss George Strouse. My life & Leverett Avenue for sure would not have been the same without him.*

*John Verrilli*

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**John Verrilli** - April 18, 2016 at 04:27 PM



“ *My Mother, Brother, Sister and I always considered the Strouse's family. I never knew Uncle George other than by the name Uncle George since I was a toddler. He sponsored me during my Confirmation, and I never forgot that. I can still always hear his huge boisterous laugh when I think of him. His Wife, my Aunt Marie were always like having a second Mom around. The old neighborhood always meant having multiple Moms, but Aunt Marie really took care of the three of us. They both helped my Mom when we had bumps, bruises, cuts, asthma attacks and hornet attacks.*



*Uncle George and Aunt Marie were always referred to in unison. His two daughters, Laura and Jeanne were my babysitters and introduced me to Rock n Roll at a young age. His son Michael was one of my first best friends ever, and my childhood was enriched by our extended family.*

*His son Michael and I used to play ball with Uncle George in the backyard ... till he put in a pool. Michael and I used to torment him about the Rangers in the 80s, with us being Islanders fans, bringing my lil brother (now 6'3") along for the ride ... and he sure knew how to rub it in. Uncle George had the last laugh in 1994 when he got to relish in victory.*

*I remember a huge weeping willow tree in the backyard that he had cut down ... it grew back a few years later ... and even though he was mad about that ... He laughed it off.*

*He was an extremely dedicated man ... I remember his dedication to the Knights of Columbus and Great Kills Little League ... even way after his son Michael finished his playing days.*

*Oh, and our annual excursions to Great Adventure ... I always looked forward to those trips ... He would come on the big rides, like rollercoasters, with me when I needed someone with some height*

*as a rollercoaster partner since my sister, brother and Michael will still to short to ride certain rides. He laughed like crazy on those rides. In the haunted mansion we used to all hang behind him as he walked through the dark feeling around for a path out of the house of horrors... His tee shirt would be stretched down to his knees.*

*Like my brother Tom said ... Life events limit time ... and I regret not making more visits to my favorite people, the Strouse's who helped make me the man I am today.*

*Love You Uncle George!! Thanks for Everything You did to enrich our family's lives.*

*John*

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**John Heiser** - April 17, 2016 at 09:42 PM

 Tom Heiser

“ *Tom Heiser lit a candle in memory of George D. Strouse, Jr.*



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**Tom Heiser** - April 17, 2016 at 09:03 PM

 Tom Heiser

“ *My Uncle George took me to my first NHL hockey game when I was 8 and because of him I fell in love with the game. Even though I grew up an Islanders fan my Ranger fan uncle still loved me. He always was there and he was so proud when I shipped out to the Navy. Life and family limited the time I seen him in his later life but when I did get to see him my childhood came rushing back. I love you and Aunt Marie so much and I will see you in heaven for sure, I Love you always Uncle George!!!*

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**Tom Heiser** - April 17, 2016 at 09:01 PM

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“ *Barbara, John, Suzanne and Tom purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of George D. Strouse, Jr..*



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**Barbara, John, Suzanne and Tom** - April 17, 2016 at 12:34 PM

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“ *Pam and Joe purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of George D. Strouse, Jr..*



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**Pam and Joe** - April 16, 2016 at 10:23 PM