



## Grace Cafaro

May 13, 1941 - April 19, 2024

Grace (GiGi) Jean Lawlor Cafaro, 82, passed away on Friday, April 19, 2024 at Staten Island University Hospital North with her loving family by her side.

Born to George and Grace Montreale Lawlor, Grace grew up in Brooklyn, NY where she forged cherished memories with her sisters Ruth Lorusso and the late Carol Lawlor, and her late brother George. She developed a lifelong passion for cooking and was very proud of her Irish heritage. Grace was a master in the kitchen cooking meals for family and anyone who walked into the house. Her infamous whole wheat Irish soda bread and potato leek soup along with many other dishes, brought people together. Grace found joy in the simple pleasures of life, she loved flowers, animals, and also enjoyed watching Jeopardy every evening and answered so many questions correctly she could have been a contestant. She listened intently to her small transistor AM radio tuned into WABC daily. Grace was overwhelmed by the beauty of her ten grandchildren and her "grand pups", as she called the canines in the family. She also loved to travel to visit her sister Ruth in California which she did as often as she could.

Graces' greatest source of pride and happiness, however, was her beloved family. She shared close to five decades of love and companionship with her devoted husband, the late Carmine Cafaro, and took every opportunity to spend time with her children, in-laws and grandchildren. She's predeceased

by her husband Carmine, Carol Lawlor, her brother George Lawlor and son John Matthew Cafaro. She is survived by her six children Elise Maher (the late John), Teresa Kramer (Jay), Mary Galvin (Paul), Daniel Cafaro (Cindy Morrissey), Thomas Cafaro and Michael Cafaro. Her greatest joy came from watching her grandchildren, Kathryn, Emily and Alexandra Maher, Kyle, Caroline and William Kramer, Shane and Savannah Galvin, and Brendan and Julia Cafaro grow and thrive, their presence bringing her immeasurable joy. She is survived by many nieces, nephews and dear friends. She was a beautiful, kind, friendly and generous woman who will be missed by so many.

As we bid farewell to Grace, we celebrate a life well lived and defined by unwavering love and loyalty. A wake will be held on Tuesday, April 23rd from 2-4 p.m and 7-9 p.m. at John Vincent Scalia Funeral Home, 28 Eltingville Blvd., Staten Island, NY 10312. A funeral mass will be held on Wednesday, April 24th at 10 a.m. at Holy Child Church located at 4747 Amboy Road, Staten Island, NY 10312. Interment will follow at St. Peter's Cemetery, Staten Island, NY.

# Cemetery Details

## St Peter's Cemetery

52 Tyler Ave  
Staten Island, NY 10310

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR **23**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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

## Visitation

APR **23**. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

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## Service

APR **24** (ET)

Holy Child Church  
4747 Amboy Road  
Staten Island, NY 10312



# Tribute Wall



“ John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals Inc. created a Webcast in memory of Grace Cafaro



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John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals Inc. - April 22, 2024 at 05:36 PM



“ John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Grace Cafaro



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John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals Inc. - April 22, 2024 at 03:10 PM

DA

“ Grace was one of the most beautiful, kindest, generous woman I knew. My friend Teresa was how I had the honor of becoming Grace's friend. I will cherish that friendship forever.



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DONNA ALESI - April 23, 2024 at 03:57 PM

EO

*I was Sadden to find out Grace's passing a year later. I googled Grace's Name to get her address to send her a hello card couple months ago that's when I came across Grace's Obituary. I was shocked. I was wondering why Tommy didn't get in touch with me about her passing. A year went by since Grace's passing it would have been nice if Tommy got in touch with me. He knew my phone # 📞 When I came across Grace's passing on google I got a Sympathy Card wrote a Note in the Card and mailed it to Grace's Address almost 2 weeks of mailing the card to her address it was returned to me. 😞 I didn't know what to think. My first impression was that the kids sold the House. If that was the case why didn't my card didn't get forward to another address like to Tommy's Address. That's Odd. I don't know what to make of it. I got to know Grace through jack. Grace was so kind, understanding a Great person to have as a Best Friend. Grace became a Good Friend to me. I didn't have many Good Friends they are hard to come by but I was fortunate enough to have Grace as a Good Friend. 😊 So, My Condolences to the Family. Grace was Blessed to have a Beautiful Family. I will Remember Grace as a loving person. Grace made me feel like Family in her Home. That meant the World to Me. My last communication with Grace was that she was going to help me find out what really happened to Jack. Tommy knows about that as well. Grace was suppose to get back to me but she never did. I reached out to Grace many times. I guess Grace wasn't well enough to get back to me. I did reach out to Tommy but didn't hear from Tommy as well. I know how Grace felt about Jack based on how he spoke to Grace in a Rude way. That was years before Jack wound up in the hospital. When I got in touch with Grace about what was going on with Jack in the Faculties that he was in the Neglect Care he was getting Grace was shocked but she did comment to me regardless how rudely he spoke to me that time I feel badly he was getting Treated that way. Regardless how Grace felt about Jack's rudeness she wanted to help me to get Answers. We got No where finding out Jack's whereabouts. It was a hush hush situation. We were told No one sees nor talks to Jack. It was puzzling to Grace and myself. I Appreciate Grace wanting to help me get Answers but 📞 I Miss You Grave Thanks for having such a Wonderful Personality with Everyone. You're one of a Kind. You are Missed 😞❤️ I hope you are doing Well Tommy. Take Care. If you should want to reach out to me you can reach me at 201 423- 8289 text only.*

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**Elizabeth Ortiz** - August 17, 2025 at 01:29 PM

AA

“ Albert, Annmarie, and Alexa purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Grace Cafaro.



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**Albert, Annmarie, and Alexa** - April 23, 2024 at 01:25 PM

TA

“ Tushar & Margaret Amin planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Grace Cafaro.

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**Tushar & Margaret Amin** - April 23, 2024 at 11:14 AM

TA

“ Tushar & Margaret Amin purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Grace Cafaro.



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**Tushar & Margaret Amin** - April 23, 2024 at 11:14 AM

ST

“ my Condolences to the Cafaro Family. Your mom was a dear friend and fb member of Growing up on Staten Island NY Past and or Presently. I was also your neighbor around the corner from you when we lived there. So on behalf of the LaPointe Family May God give you peace knowing Grace lived a good life.

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**steve** - April 23, 2024 at 06:51 AM



“ 80 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals Inc.** - April 22, 2024 at 03:06 PM



“ Your family, *Staten Island Trail Riders* purchased the *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* for the family of *Grace Cafaro*.



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**Your family, Staten Island Trail Riders** - April 22, 2024 at 08:50 AM



“ *Jennifer Smith* purchased the *Enchanted Cottage* for the family of *Grace Cafaro*.



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**Jennifer Smith** - April 21, 2024 at 01:09 PM

WF

“ With love, The Mannes Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Grace Cafaro.



With love, The Mannes Family - April 20, 2024 at 04:31 PM

LF

“ Lawlor Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Grace Cafaro.



Lawlor Family - April 20, 2024 at 03:12 PM

RW

“ God wanted another Angel.

Miss “C” you were the best. You were like my 2nd mother after she passed away as you always treated me like one of your own. There will never be another like you. I’m going to miss you.

All my Love,  
Rob

Rob Weingartner

Robert J Weingartner - April 20, 2024 at 03:08 PM

DA

Thank You Rob for the kind words . She adored you .

Dan - April 20, 2024 at 04:01 PM

CL

“ G... generous , gracious, gorgeous,gentle  
R.... Radiant, rare, remarkable, resilient  
A... .amazing, adored, admired, affectionate  
C.....classy, cheerful, compassionate  
E.....eloquent, endearing, everlasting, exquisite

*My beautiful Aunt Grace , your infectious laughter, your beautiful smile, your loving heart will always remain a permanent memory in my heart to live on forever. You will be missed dearly by all that had the honor of knowing and loving you. Watch over us, as we will need your positive words and loving heart to get us through the tough days . AG, my sweet, beautiful soul I love you with all my heart. 🥰💕😭🙏*

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**Carol LoRusso** - April 20, 2024 at 01:28 PM

CL

*With my love,  
Carol XO*

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**Carol LoRusso** - April 20, 2024 at 01:56 PM

DA

*Thank you Carol. So well said .  
You were her extended daughter along with your sisters. Love you.*

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**Dan** - April 20, 2024 at 04:03 PM

RS

“*Salt of the Earth...pure goodness, sincere compassion, and innate integrity...all words that come to mind when I think of Aunt Grace. She also possessed the uncanny ability to see the light in the darkest of places, bring laughter to the saddest of situations, and see the beauty in the face of all the dreariness in life. What a gift!*

*I will forever miss and long for my fierce Scrabble opponent, but Mom and I will continue to play in her honor. While miles separated us for the majority of my life, her ability to express love, along with her amazing communication skills erased the miles; it just felt as if we were together, minus the hug I always wanted to give her.*

*Elise, Teresa, Mary, Danny, Tommy, and Mikey.....what a true gift and blessing you were given when God chose Aunt Grace to be your mother. She was so proud of all of you; continue living a good life in her honor!*

*Love, Ruthann*

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**Ruthann Schuler** - April 20, 2024 at 11:49 AM

DA

*Beautifully said Ruth*

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**Dan** - April 20, 2024 at 12:10 PM

RW

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*All my Love,  
Rob*

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**Rob Weingartner** - April 20, 2024 at 01:14 PM