



## Helen Trapasso

November 12, 1926 - July 10, 2023

Helen Trapasso passed away on July 10, 2023 in Monroe, North Carolina at the age of 96 with her children by her side. Beloved mother of Steve Trapasso, Rosemarie Thompson, Robert Trapasso, Patricia Trapasso, and Elaine Trapasso. Dear mother-in-law to Maria, Roy and Barbara. Cherished grandmother to Maria and the late James Bianco, Joseph and Eric Merckling, Melissa and Lauren Trapasso. Great-grandmother of Amy, Emma, Alivia, Annabelle, Scarlett, Juliette, and Austin.

Born and raised in Brooklyn, New York, Helen moved to Staten Island in 1995. She recently moved to North Carolina to be closer to her children.

Helen started working full time for Adelphi Academy in 1959. In 1981 she started working as the secretary to the Head Master at Friends Seminary in Manhattan. She retired in 1994. She was a frequent communicant at Our Lady Star of the Sea and Holy Child R.C. church on Staten Island.

Helen was a proud member of the Mount Loretto Friendship Center where she had many friends, worked on their senior newsletter, and helped with many events over the years. Helen was a volunteer at Mount Loretto, Richmond University Medical Center, and R.S.V.P./Serve where she received recognition awards for her dedicated and long-standing service.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Tunnel to Towers Foundation, in her memory. She will be greatly missed by many who knew and loved her. May her memory live in our hearts forever.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be offered at 11:00 AM on Monday at Our Lady Star of the Sea Church located at 5411 Amboy Road Staten Island, New York 10312. Interment will follow 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 Sunday, July 16, 2023, 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 16. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

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

## Visitation

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

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

## Service

JUL 17. 11:00 AM (ET)

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



# Tribute Wall

VI

“ November is Mama#2’s birthday month 11/12 if my memory serves me well. Dear Helen and Hall Street , Patty and Elaine and Sunday mornings hard rolls with butter and coffee and that scrumptious spaghetti gravy / sauce( did we ever solve that?) over pasta. The perfect Italian dinner from a pretty perfect Pole. Wish I had had more time with you, Helen and so grateful for the time I did have with you and your family. Fondness forever,  
Vera

Vera Brady Ioannou - November 03, 2024 at 03:30 PM

TB

“ Helen was a beautiful soul. She was my Great Aunt Theresa’s best friend since childhood and a great friend to my grandmother Bella and I have memories of being a child and hanging out and going to lunch with them as they would come over almost every weekend to my house in Long Island. She always made me laugh and I always sat next to her and I am happy I got to speak to her recently as she always called me a special girl. So sad to read of this now but know that you’re in good hands. RIP to a very special lady ❤️



Tara Burzo - October 15, 2023 at 11:52 AM



“ Helen Trapasso

October 04, 2023 at 06:13 PM

CD

“ Carolyn D. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Helen Trapasso.

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**Carolyn D.** - July 30, 2023 at 01:21 PM

RT

“ Richard T. planted a grove of 5 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Helen Trapasso.

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**Richard T.** - July 15, 2023 at 05:21 PM

“ Keeping 5 kids entertained on a hot summer day took lots of planning on mom's part. Many days she'd take us to Coney Island to play in the sand and surf. But getting 5 kids dressed for the beach and bringing enough food along to feed us all took half the morning. Money was tight and buying lunch for 5 kids was out of the question but mom had it all planned and together every single time! As soon as we got to Coney Island and picked out our spot on the beach, mom went to work securing the two youngest - which was Elaine and I to make sure we didn't wander off and get lost. Now this may sound barbaric or even be called child abuse today but she would tie a rope around Elaine's waist that had a lead of about 8 to 10 feet (much like a dog leash) then tie the other end of the rope to one of the big mesh garbage pails on the beach. Then with a 2nd long rope she'd do the same to me. We sure as heck never got lost and mom always knew where we were. Then one at a time she'd carry us to the water, walking into the waves, swimming with us clutching onto her for dear life. Then when we were all worn out and hungry she'd pull out a big jug that held about half a gallon of water - all prepared with lunch! Mom would fill the big jug at home with boiling water and add enough hot dogs to feed herself and 5 hungry children. She'd take a hot dog bun out of her beach bag, use a fork to stab a hot dog out of the jug, and we'd each wait our turn for a hot dog. Best beach lunch ever! Then after an exhausting day it was time to leave but mom didn't want a car full of sand

She'd wrap a towel around us, instruct us to hold it up while she'd take off our wet, sandy wet suit and put shorts on us. Inevitably, somebody would drop their towel! The most excitement was yet to come...Elaine and I were allowed to chose only one ride each before going home.

Mom would remind us, only one ride. That's all I have money for so choose wisely and no crying when it's over. Of course, we cried for a second ride every time but were reminded...only enough money for one ride each. And a day or two later we'd do it all again!

You have no idea, my beautiful mom, the amazing memories you created for us from all the wonderful times we shared together! Memories lasting a lifetime while filling our hearts with respect for

*you, along with joy and love we'd never forget! While it's so hard to let you go, mom, the fun and love you showed and taught us will forever be in our hearts.*

*I have but one request of you: until we meet again in God's kingdom please love, teach and take care of my 2 baby girls who never had a chance at the beautiful life I had with you. Always and forever in my heart Mom's ❤️*

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**Patricia Trapasso** - July 13, 2023 at 09:33 PM

RO



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**Roe** - July 13, 2023 at 09:39 PM

MB

*Now I'm crying. ❤️*

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**Maria Bianco** - July 13, 2023 at 09:52 PM

FE

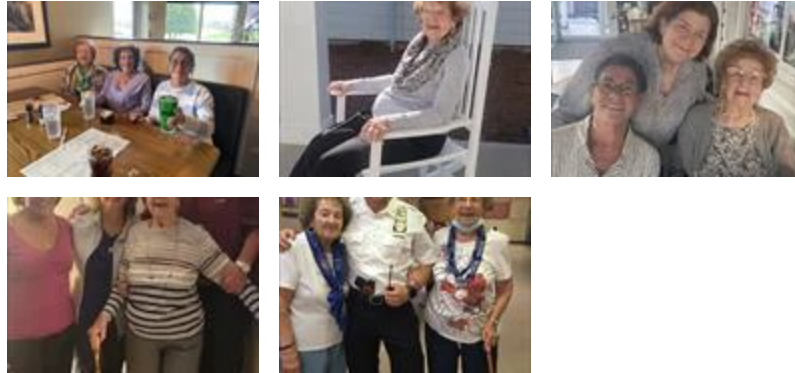
“ *Helen knew how anxious I was about my grades when we were at Adelphi Academy. She was responsible for recording our grades on our report cards. She would come to my class and tell the teacher that I had a phone call in the main office. Then she would show me my grades I was getting before the report cards were even mailed home! Helen, you were the best person and always made me part of gatherings. I won't forget you.* ”

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**felicia** - July 13, 2023 at 09:23 PM

ET

“ 16 files added to the tribute wall



Elaine Trapasso - July 13, 2023 at 09:12 PM

RO

*Elaine, So happy you found the snow pictures.*

Roe - July 14, 2023 at 02:53 PM

MT

*Elaine, Thanks for the snow pics!*

maria Trapasso - July 14, 2023 at 07:03 PM

PT

“ *Our mom was a super mom  
On school recesses and breaks mom would take us to local free museums to keep us entertained and off the streets of Brooklyn. When it came to lunchtime we'd go out to mom's car for a little picnic of sandwiches that mom made before we were even out of bed that morning. Thanks, mom for keeping us entertained, out of trouble but most of all together as a family interacting and having fun with our siblings. Those were great memories, and I'll never forget the great fun we had sharing it all with you. Love you always!*

Patricia Trapasso - July 13, 2023 at 08:43 PM

RO

*Wow, great memories. Mom was the best at keeping us busy.*

Roe - July 13, 2023 at 08:49 PM

MA

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MariaTrapasso - July 13, 2023 at 07:13 PM

MB

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Maria Bianco - July 13, 2023 at 06:48 PM

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Patricia Trapasso - July 13, 2023 at 05:25 PM

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Patricia Trapasso - July 13, 2023 at 05:04 PM

PT

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Patricia Trapasso - July 13, 2023 at 04:38 PM

IA

“ Patricia, Elaine, and Rose Maria My Mother, Eunice and I are so sorry to hear about our new neighbor "OUR PRECIOUS" Ms. Helen passing. Even though we only got to know Ms. Helen for a short time, it was very SPECIAL, and we Thank God that Ms. Helen made it to North Carolina safe. What an ANGEL. My Mother and I both remember our first meeting in our foyer with Rose Maria and Ms. Helen coming to bring us a gift to welcome us to the neighborhood and the next day we made a homemade pound cake to welcome Ms. Helen, Patricia and Elaine to the neighborhood. We will always remember the evening that we came to your house and shared a cup of tea laughed and shared stories. Thank you, Patricia, Elaine, and Rose Maria for letting us adopt Ms. Helen. Even though we will miss seeing Ms. Helen's WONDERFUL smile, that smile will always remain in both our hearts forever. Patricia, Elaine and Rose Maria we will be here for you all. "To be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord." Love you dearly. Eunice and Iris

Iris Austin - July 13, 2023 at 04:37 PM

RO

*Thank you so much for your lovely words. Mom enjoyed the time she got to spend with you special ladies. She absolutely loved your pound cake.*

Roe - July 13, 2023 at 06:05 PM

PT

*Thank you Iris and Eunice for your sweet words. We're blessed to have such wonderful neighbors/ extensions of our family right next door.*

Patricia Trapasso - July 13, 2023 at 10:04 PM

MA

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MariaTrapasso - July 13, 2023 at 03:04 PM

MA

*Our last time together in April. ❤️*

MariaTrapasso - July 13, 2023 at 03:05 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Helen Trapasso.



July 13, 2023 at 11:55 AM

MB

“ Grandma, in your last Christmas card to me you wrote I was a bright light in your life, little did you know you were just as bright of a light in mine. I'm thankful for all the time we have shared together, you're an inspiration on how to stay young at any age. You're beautiful both inside and out and I'm grateful to take after you as you have often told me! ❤️❤️❤️

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**Maria Bianco** - July 12, 2023 at 06:15 PM

RO

*Touching tribute to grandma.* ❤️❤️

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**Roe** - July 12, 2023 at 08:22 PM

ST

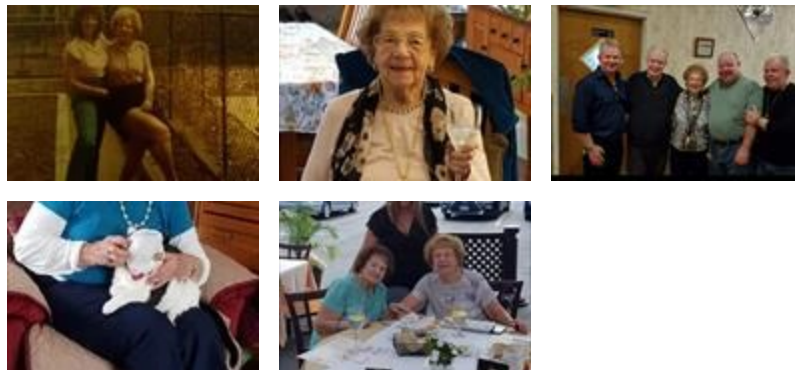
*Dear Aunt Helen,  
You will be missed very much! You were always a shining star with all your warmth and love. Each year you always remembered my birthday with a call, a card and a scratch off. The last ticket was a winner, \$10. A winner like you!!  
You always called to see how Nancy and I were doing and you always told me to take care of Nancy. I will!  
You were always warm and loving to me when I was a little boy and even as an adult.  
We'll miss your calls every holiday!  
You're in our hearts. All Our Love,  
Stosh and Nancy*

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**Stosh** - July 13, 2023 at 09:24 AM

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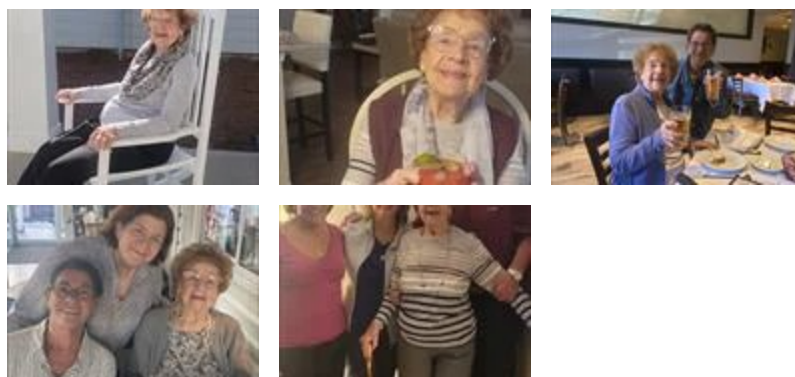
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Maria Bianco - July 12, 2023 at 05:54 PM

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Elaine Trapasso - July 12, 2023 at 04:27 PM

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Roy Martin Thompson - July 12, 2023 at 04:24 PM

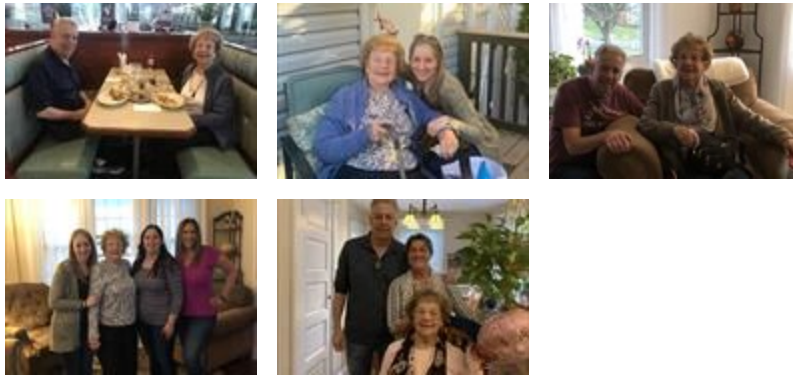
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Nice picture Roy ❤️

Roe - July 12, 2023 at 05:06 PM

BT

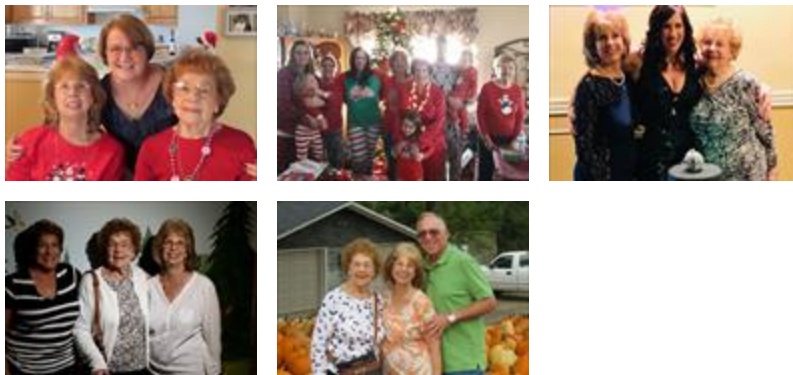
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Barbara Trapasso - July 12, 2023 at 04:17 PM

RT

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roe thompson - July 12, 2023 at 03:47 PM

MA

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



MariaTrapasso - July 12, 2023 at 03:35 PM

MA

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



MariaTrapasso - July 12, 2023 at 03:32 PM

VI

“ After running down Hall Street and hopping into the car with Patty, Elaine and Helen waiting for me on many mornings when I was late to catch my most appreciated ride to Adelphi , Helen would hand back a breakfast sausage wrapped in a dinner roll knowing I would not have had breakfast.

Sunday morning's hard roll with butter and coffee and amazing spaghetti dinners which I still try to replicate.

Both Niko and I are glad to have had her and her family in our lives.

Vera

Vera Brady Ioannou - July 12, 2023 at 03:21 PM

ET

Thank you Vera & Nikko ❤️🙏

Elaine Trapasso - July 12, 2023 at 03:35 PM

RO

*Thank you Vera and Nikko*

Roe - July 12, 2023 at 05:03 PM

PT

*Sweet memories of when life was so simple and easy. Mom thought about everybody. You were a great friend growing up and I still remember some of the crazy but innocent things we did. ❤️*

Patricia Trapasso - July 13, 2023 at 10:09 PM

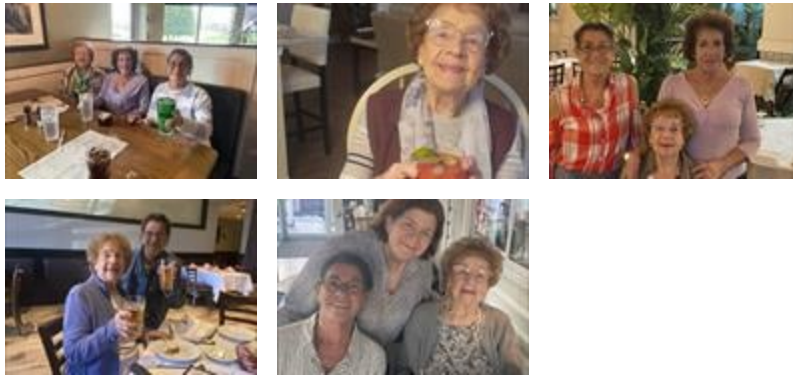
RT

“ *Mom, we can never forget what you meant to us all. You were a special, caring and all loving lady who touched hearts wherever you went. I'll miss your love, laughs and daily phone calls. You took a piece of our hearts with you. I pray we meet in heaven one day.*

roe thompson - July 12, 2023 at 03:18 PM

ET

“ 16 files added to the tribute wall



Elaine Trapasso - July 12, 2023 at 12:27 PM

RO

*I love your pictures*

Roe - July 12, 2023 at 01:23 PM

MT

“ Mom, your passing has left a huge whole in my heart. I will love you forever and a day. May you rest in peace in Heaven. Our lives will never be the same without you. I miss your daily texts and our Sunday phone calls. Love, Maria

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**Maria Trapasso** - July 12, 2023 at 11:41 AM

CA

*My condolences to friends and family of Helen. The few times I was with her she was so likable, sweet, and caring. It was such a pleasure knowing her. Carol Humel*

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**Carol** - July 12, 2023 at 01:15 PM

RO

*Thank-you Carol.*

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**Roe** - July 12, 2023 at 08:25 PM