



## Jean M. Zipprich

November 24, 1927 - November 10, 2022

Jean Zipprich, 94, of Great Kills passed away peacefully, surrounded by her family at her home.

She was born Jean Marie Murphy in St. Vincent's Hospital, West Brighton to featherweight boxing champion John A. (Billy) and Anella E. Murphy (nee Piatt) on Thanksgiving Day, November 24, 1927. She attended Sacred Heart School and St. Peter's Girls High School, New Brighton. She excelled in mathematics and science and was encouraged by her mentor, Sr. Terese McEvoy, to pursue a career in pharmacy.

Jean Marie applied and was accepted to an accelerated three-year baccalaureate program at St. John's University School of Pharmacy, Brooklyn, in 1945. She was one of only six women accepted to the program. While in college she served as secretary of the Lambda Pi sorority.

She suspended her education when her mother became ill in 1947. She took time off to care for her mother and her youngest brother. After her mother's passing, her father urged her to return to her studies at St. John's. She graduated in 1949 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Pharmacy and sat for her licensing boards. Upon passing the New York state boards, Ms. Murphy began her career working at Meibauer's Pharmacy in Port Richmond as one of the first women pharmacists on the island.

Earlier, in 1947 her best friend, Frances Boylan, introduced her to Bernard Zipprich of New Dorp, on a blind date. They went horseback riding and Ms. Murphy was unseated from her saddle by a v-shaped tree branch. Bernie rescued her and got her back on the horse. The couple dated and their romance unfurled. The two became engaged in 1949 after her graduation and were married in January 1951 with the newly minted Frances Boylan-McGrath serving as matron of honor.

Mrs. Zipprich took a position as resident pharmacist at Seaview Hospital during the early 1950s. As she and her husband welcomed their first child in 1953, Mr. Zipprich fell seriously ill. Mrs. Zipprich worked full time to support and care for her young family and picked up part time work in area pharmacies to supplement the family income.

When her husband recovered, they returned to an active life of family and boating. They built their house in Great Kills in 1959 and moved into it in April 1960.

They were members of the Richmond County Yacht Club and raced Comet class sailboats together and won several trophies. They later purchased their cabin cruiser the Highland Fling, and cruised up the Hudson River to Lake Champlain and the Long Island Sound. As their family grew, Jean continued to work part time and settled into a position at Taub's Pharmacy in Annandale (later Annandale Pharmacy) where she worked for more than 30 years.

Jean remained an active member of the Richmond County Yacht Club, Great Kills, for over 65 years. She and Bernie taught all four of their children to sail. They sailed their 32-foot sloop, Mady II, up and down the east coast from Great Kills to destinations like Martha's Vineyard, Block Island, the Jersey Shore and beyond. She was also active with the Richmondtown Restoration

and Staten Island Historical Society. She and Bernie were also members of the Staten Island Sail and Power Squadron where they both obtained their ham radio licenses.

Mrs. Zipprich was an avid reader and amateur astrologist. She belonged to an astrology group founded by her dear friend, Claire Drinnan, that met monthly in Great Kills.

Jean's eyesight deteriorated due to macular degeneration and yet, she never lost her quest for knowledge. She became a member of the Andrew Heiskell Braille and Talking Book Library. During the COVID-19 pandemic, she enjoyed reading the complete series "An Irish Country Doctor" and other historical books on American history and politics.

Jean Zipprich was a volunteer with the Crossroads Foundation in Oakwood Heights and was a member of Saint Clare's parish.

She was predeceased by her husband of 64 years, Bernard P. Zipprich, Sr. and her brother J. Harold Murphy. She is survived by her brother William J. Murphy of Cape May, NJ and her children: Bernard P. Zipprich, Jr. (Grace), Elizabeth A. Ghent (Don), Red Bank, NJ Councilman Edward J. Zipprich (JP Nicolaidis) and Capt. Jean M. Kelahan (Retired-USPHS) (Paul), 10 grandchildren, 5 great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. Her sixth great grandchild was recently announced to arrive in April.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be at 11:00 AM on Friday, November 18th 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 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM and 7:00 PM to 9:00

PM on Thursday, November 17, 2022, at John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals, Inc., 28 Eltingville Blvd, Staten Island, New York.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Jean's memory may be made to the following Charities:

ALS Association <https://donate.als.org/>, Breast Cancer Research <https://www.bcrf.org/>, Charcot Marie Tooth Association <https://www.cmtausa.org/ways-to-give/> or Macular Degeneration <https://macularhope.org/donate/>

Online condolences may be made to the family at [www.scaliahome.com](http://www.scaliahome.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Resurrection Cemetery

361 Sharrot Avenue  
Staten Island, NY 10309

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 17. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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

## Visitation

NOV 17. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

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

## Service

NOV 18. 11:00 AM - 12:00 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 Jean M. Zipprich*



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**John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals Inc.** - November 16, 2022 at 09:32 PM



“ *Jean M. Zipprich*

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October 04, 2023 at 06:13 PM



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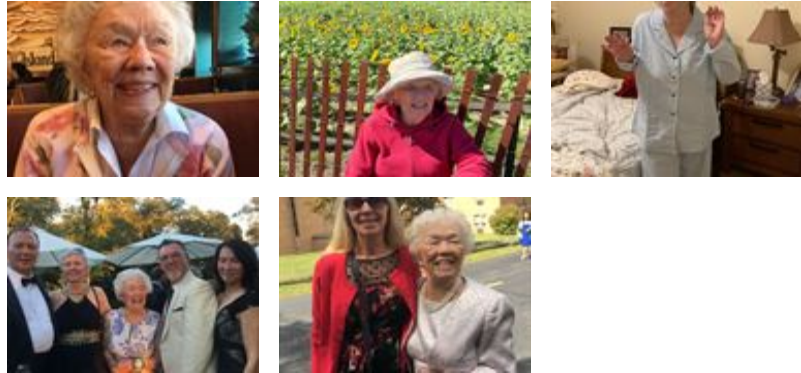


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John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals Inc. - November 16, 2022 at 09:21 PM



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Bernie Zipprich - November 16, 2022 at 04:25 PM



“ *Joyful Memory* was purchased for the family of *Jean M. Zipprich.*



November 16, 2022 at 03:14 PM

SG

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**Stephen G** - November 16, 2022 at 03:05 PM

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**Mary Cate** - November 16, 2022 at 02:39 PM

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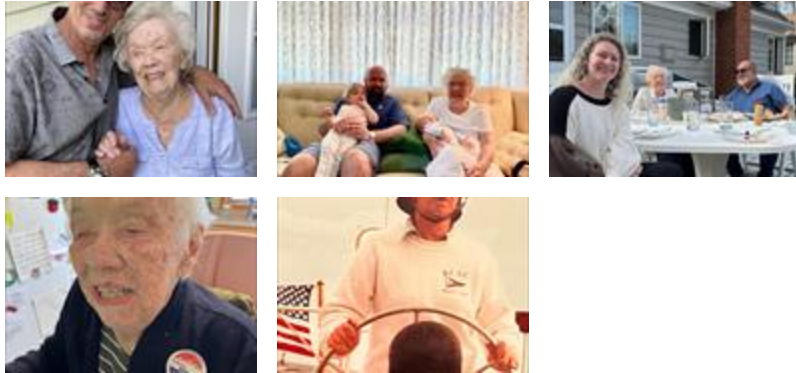


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Ed Zipprich - November 16, 2022 at 01:21 PM

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“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Jean M. Zipprich.



November 15, 2022 at 10:32 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jean M. Zipprich.*

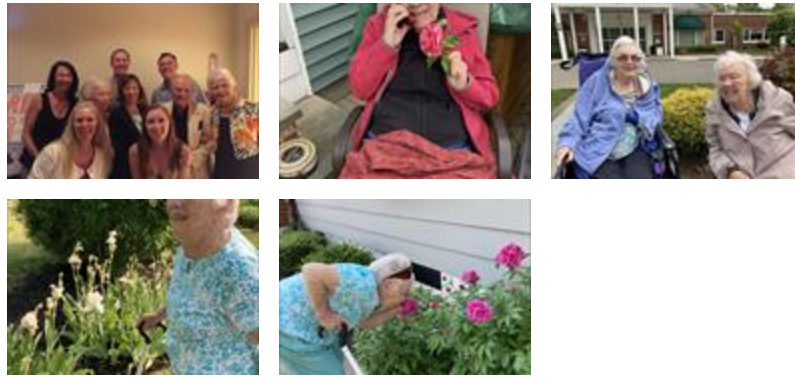


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**Jeanie Kelahan** - November 15, 2022 at 11:31 AM



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November 15, 2022 at 09:14 AM

YG

“ Yvonne & Mark Grayson purchased the Delightful Dieffenbachia for the family of Jean M. Zipprich.



Yvonne & Mark Grayson - November 14, 2022 at 12:03 PM

WS

“ With Love, Bill, Pat and Joan Schneider purchased the Delightful Dieffenbachia for the family of Jean M. Zipprich.



With Love, Bill, Pat and Joan Schneider - November 14, 2022 at 09:18 AM



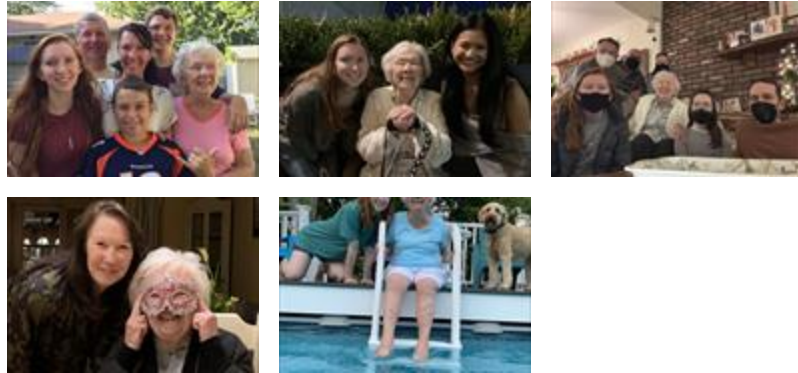
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**Jeanie Kelahan** - November 14, 2022 at 07:47 AM



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**Jeanie Kelahan** - November 13, 2022 at 07:33 PM



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November 13, 2022 at 05:38 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jean M. Zipprich.*



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November 13, 2022 at 02:34 PM



“ *What an amazing woman, may she rest in peace. Condolences to Jean's family and friends...you are so lucky to have known her. Please accept our deepest sympathies. ~Druet and Tom Klugh*

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**Druet Cameron Klugh** - November 13, 2022 at 02:03 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jean M. Zipprich.*



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November 12, 2022 at 03:45 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jean M. Zipprich.*



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November 12, 2022 at 09:54 AM



“ *Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Jean M. Zipprich.*



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November 11, 2022 at 08:22 PM