



John Robert Carlesi

August 29, 1967 - July 6, 2025

John Robert Carlesi passed Sunday, July 6, 2025, at the age of 57.

John was born to the late John and Concetta Carlesi and raised in Carroll Gardens, Brooklyn, graduating from LaSalle Academy, 1986. He continued his education at St Leo University, FL graduating with a BS in Physical Education. While at St. Leo, he played Division II baseball in several positions, including second base. Following college, John started teaching at PS230, where he met the love of his life, Diane. They married and worked together; along with his mother Connie, for over 30 years, making PS 230 their second home.

John followed his love for baseball throughout his adult life, coaching numerous teams, and working many summers with his cousin Vinny at their family sport camps. In 2002, John became Head Varsity Baseball Coach for Stuyvesant High School and has been there until his passing. As Head Coach, John led his team to many winning seasons and was honored with several coaching awards, including 2024 PSAL Coach of the Year. Throughout his career, he has made an impact on thousands of children and

will be greatly missed.

In addition to baseball, John loved fishing, boating and spending time with his cousin

Gerard, and his family at Breezy Point. John was caring, thoughtful and devoted to his family. He would do anything for anyone and was always ready to give a hand. He was a dedicated educator and baseball coach, working tirelessly with his colleagues, students, coaches, and baseball players.

His sense of humor always made everyone around him smile. John loved Superman

and was an avid collector. Quoting one of his colleagues, "The world has lost a

Superhero." John is survived by his loving wife Diane, his brother Vincent Carlesi and his wife (Kristin Carlesi), his mother and father in law Michael and Angela Bonelli, sisters in law Lisa Bonelli, Michele Craffey (Keith Craffey), Andrea Voutour (Michael Voutour), along with many nieces and nephews and loving cousins.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10:00 AM on Friday at Holy Child Church located at 4747 Amboy Rd Staten Island, New York 10312. Interment will be in Resurrection Cemetery, Staten Island, NY.

The family will receive friends from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM and 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM on Thursday, July 10, 2025, at The John Vincent Scalia Home For Funerals, Inc., 28 Eltingville Blvd. (at Eltingville Station), Staten Island, New York.

Online condolences may be made to the family at www.scaliahome.com

Cemetery Details

Resurrection Cemetery

361 Sharrot Avenue
Staten Island, NY 10309

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 10. 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

Visitation

JUL 10. 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

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

Service

JUL 11. 10:00 AM (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 John Robert Carlesi*



John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals Inc. - July 10, 2025 at 03:39 PM

MA

John taught me in 230. He's gotta be one of the nicest people in the world. He was such a good friend to me and a great teacher. There's truly not too many people on this earth that is pure as John is John taught me how to shoot a basketball to hit a basketball ball and tie my shoes and when I became a young man in trouble, he helped me out multiple times you would truly be missed (Matthew Budgell)

matthew - July 10, 2025 at 05:37 PM

LB

I was in 2nd grade when John started as the PE teacher alongside Mr ebanks. He was a great mentor. When I got older and was getting into trouble he would bring up to the 230 gym just keep me off the streets and from getting in trouble. He will be missed by many. Gone but never forgotten. -Leran B.

Leran Benchetrit - July 10, 2025 at 08:44 PM

HK

Thank you for all you've done for our family Coach, individually and collectively. You will always be with us.

The Kamrowskis

Herman Kamrowski - July 10, 2025 at 11:14 PM

AT

Best gym teacher I've ever had. Had him along with Mr. Dorata at 230, he was awesome and we always talked about baseball. He remembered me immediately when I saw him at a Stuy game a couple of years after I graduated. Awesome guy.

Alton Tetzloff - July 18, 2025 at 04:13 PM

SS

“ I am a former Ps 230 teacher and saddened to learn of John’s passing. I remember him as a go getter, all about the kids, working hard. I know he will be missed by everyone but it’s clear he will live in many hearts. With love, Sharon Seitz

Sharon G Seitz - August 04, 2025 at 02:52 PM

CV

“ John was my teacher at Ps 230 from 1994-1996 4th-6th grade. John change my Life. He knew i had no father figure, he took me fishing brought me to his baseball Sleep away camp for FREE a few summers at Hofstra University. Six Flags many times the movies birthday gifts. I cant remember everything it so much. Johns actions gave me Hope as a kid, he was the First person that i New cared for me just because he did. My mother Loved him because of how he treated me. As did i. Lastly, At this very moment i am in a program called “teaching fellows” to become a DOE teacher. The program started Last week for the in person summer school part of it and master classes + other trainings. We were asked why we want to become teachers and were there any teachers that we remember significantly? John was the teacher i mentioned. I just got this news of his passing today Friday July 11 at 6pm. Thank you Mr Carlesi. Christopher V I’m terribly sorry for your loss Diane. And to the rest of the family. IG: @theneighborhoodlegend

Christopher V - July 11, 2025 at 08:32 PM

CW

“ Cheuk W. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Robert Carlesi.

Cheuk W. - July 11, 2025 at 06:15 PM



“ A grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of John Robert Carlesi.

July 11, 2025 at 09:19 AM



“ John and Elva and Family planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Robert Carlesi.

John and Elva and Family - July 10, 2025 at 04:21 PM



“ Jordan Wallach & family purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of John Robert Carlesi.



Jordan Wallach & family - July 10, 2025 at 02:15 PM



“ Coach Carlesi was a positive role model in all of our lives, both on and off the field. He always took the time to make sure we had everything we needed to succeed, from extra hours in the batting cage, to helping with getting our course schedules settled with the Stuy program office to making sure we could make it to games, to simply knowing which bodega across the street from P.S. 230 we should use because it had the friendly guy behind the counter and the cat in the back. Coach knew how to build a community and instill a mindset in his players of accountability, hard work, and togetherness that was contagious. He helped foster a sense of camaraderie within us by always ensuring we picked each other up, win or lose. Even more so, Coach taught us to treasure one another and the bond between us long after we step away from the diamond. As we approach 11 years since we all first met each other, our friendship is as strong as ever, and it was only made possible because of Coach.

*Rest in peace,
Stuy Baseball Class of 2018*



Michael Gillow - July 10, 2025 at 12:07 PM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of John Robert Carlesi.*



July 10, 2025 at 10:21 AM

MD

“ The Baseball world in NYC was Rocked Sunday by the loss of Coach John Carlesi. Died suddenly in his sleep on Sun. You have to understand, he WAS baseball! He was a coach's Coach and was often referred to as the best coach in town. He managed to put up a winning record every year with Stuyvesant - the #1 hardest school in the city. (Kids not only had a 4.0 but would get a perfect 1600 on their SAT's) He used to lament how hard his job was because he couldn't recruit the way other schools could because you have to be a genius to go there. He just prayed they'd get three athletes with every class. And yet. EVERY year. Winning record. Plus, he and his brother ran a baseball camp in FL that High Schools and Colleges use every year. My son Coop has worked with him since 7th grade and will be pitching in college in great part due to John. All that said, it ALL pales in comparison to his heart. He was just a Solid Guy. A Good Man when so many of us have forgotten what that means. Flights of Angels buddy. You WILL be missed. ☐☐☐

Mark DeLaBarre - July 10, 2025 at 10:19 AM

MS

“ My heart is broken at the tragic loss of our dear friend Coach John Carlisi. Coach was my son Milo's 'baseball father.' When we moved to Fort Hamilton Parkway in 2005, Milo was just 9 and he met Coach Carlisi soon after. So much more than a coach, he loved all his boys and was a true mentor. When Milo took the test for Stuyvesant it was for one reason only, to get to play for Coach Carlesi. Although he just missed getting in, Coach never stopped supporting Milo as he grew from a little boy who loved to play baseball to a young man. On behalf of the entire Sklar family, I send my love and support to Diane, Vinnie and the entire Carlesi Family. Coach Carlisi touched so many lives. May his memory be a blessing for all of us who were lucky enough to have known him.

Marc Sklar - July 10, 2025 at 05:51 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John Robert Carlesi.



July 10, 2025 at 01:28 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of John Robert Carlesi.

July 10, 2025 at 01:28 AM



“ Jesse, JJ, Jeremy and the Wang family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of John Robert Carlesi.



Jesse, JJ, Jeremy and the Wang family - July 09, 2025 at 11:27 PM



“ Jesse, JJ, Jeremy and the Wang family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Robert Carlesi.

Jesse, JJ, Jeremy and the Wang family - July 09, 2025 at 11:27 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of John Robert Carlesi.*



July 09, 2025 at 11:08 PM



“ *Stuyvesant B. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Robert Carlesi.*

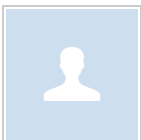
Stuyvesant B. - July 09, 2025 at 11:05 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John Robert Carlesi.*



July 09, 2025 at 10:42 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of John Robert Carlesi.*



July 09, 2025 at 10:25 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of John Robert Carlesi.

July 09, 2025 at 10:25 PM



“ Love, Billy, Regina & Marianne Hahn purchased the Heavenly Grace Spray for the family of John Robert Carlesi.



Love, Billy, Regina & Marianne Hahn - July 09, 2025 at 10:12 PM



“ Paula Ingrassia-Lasky purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of John Robert Carlesi.



Paula Ingrassia-Lasky - July 09, 2025 at 09:51 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of John Robert Carlesi.



July 09, 2025 at 07:59 PM

LF

“ Love, Stuyvesant Baseball Families purchased the Serenity Wreath for the family of John Robert Carlesi.



Love, Stuyvesant Baseball Families - July 09, 2025 at 07:18 PM

DF

“ David, Virginia, Chris Louie & family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of John Robert Carlesi.



David, Virginia, Chris Louie & family - July 09, 2025 at 06:27 PM



“ Love's Journey was purchased for the family of John Robert Carlesi.



July 09, 2025 at 05:55 PM

LS

“ Lovingly from PS 230 lower School purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of John Robert Carlesi.



Lovingly from PS 230 lower School - July 09, 2025 at 05:31 PM



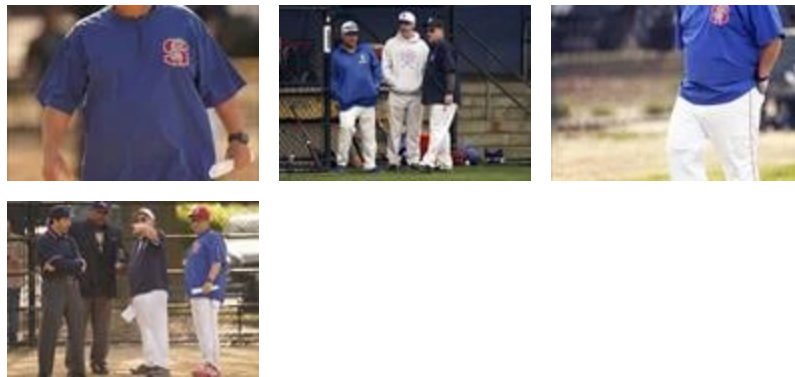
“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John Robert Carlesi.*



July 09, 2025 at 04:54 PM



“ *Coach- you will be sorely missed. I have had nothing but respect and admiration for all you did for all your players-past and present. It was an honor to photograph you on the baseball field against Brooklyn Tech. Your absence will be felt forever.*



Vera Nieuwenhuis - July 09, 2025 at 04:08 PM



“ *Amy W. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Robert Carlesi.*

Amy W. - July 09, 2025 at 03:36 PM

CD

“ Coach Velkas & wife Doreen purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of John Robert Carlesi.



Coach Velkas & wife Doreen - July 09, 2025 at 01:55 PM

TT

“ The Stuyvesant Peglegs Football Team purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of John Robert Carlesi.



The Stuyvesant Peglegs Football Team - July 09, 2025 at 12:46 PM



“ Thank you to John’s family for sharing such a devoted advocate with us. I had the privilege of knowing him through our work on the P3 board, where his selfless community service secured lasting opportunities for thousands of children. His vision and kindness will continue to inspire us for years to come. ❤️🙏. Dan Miller, P3 Board Chair

Daniel Miller - July 09, 2025 at 10:00 AM

MS

“ Matt & Maureen Searles purchased the Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray for the family of John Robert Carlesi.



Matt & Maureen Searles - July 09, 2025 at 08:59 AM

KF

“ Kevin Moy & Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of John Robert Carlesi.



Kevin Moy & Family - July 09, 2025 at 08:36 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of John Robert Carlesi.

July 09, 2025 at 07:14 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of John Robert Carlesi.



July 09, 2025 at 07:14 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of John Robert Carlesi.

July 09, 2025 at 12:54 AM



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July 09, 2025 at 12:54 AM

YG

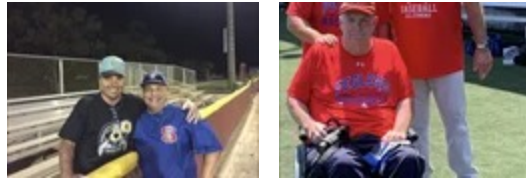
“ We are deeply saddened that you are gone and forever grateful to have had you teach and inspire 3 generations in my family. You will always be remembered Mr. Carlesi.



Yesica Govin - July 08, 2025 at 11:43 PM

BS

“ Longtime, beloved, Stuyvesant High School (NYC PSAL) Baseball Coach John Carlesi was a great Baseball Coach, Teacher, Husband, Man, and more. He was also my friend. Prayers & thoughts for all. Blue skies, tail winds, & following seas, Coach. RIP.



Bill Sablesak - July 08, 2025 at 11:23 PM

LL

“ Love, Beth, Eric, Franklin and Paul Liou planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Robert Carlesi.

Love, Beth, Eric, Franklin and Paul Liou - July 08, 2025 at 11:10 PM

LL

“ Love, Beth, Eric, Franklin and Paul Liou purchased the Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray for the family of John Robert Carlesi.



Love, Beth, Eric, Franklin and Paul Liou - July 08, 2025 at 11:10 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of John Robert Carlesi.



July 08, 2025 at 10:59 PM

SB

“ John was an inspiration. The nicest, funniest guy who somehow made you feel good about yourself when he was roasting you for something. The kids, families, and staff loved John and his legacy will continue to guide and inspire.



Susan Brill - July 08, 2025 at 10:33 PM

AS

“ John – the man, the myth, the legend.

Working with John was more than just a job — it was an experience filled with joy, laughter, and light. He brought so much life to every moment, always ready to lend a hand without hesitation. Never a complaint, never a sigh — just that signature phrase of his: “No worries, I got it.” And he always did.

One of my favorite memories — and our very last interaction — was when we were walking into 230 doors together. He was holding the door open for me, as he always would. I was so genuinely happy to see him that I called out, “Hey friend!” — forgetting any formalities. He just laughed that warm, familiar laugh and said, “It’s okay, I’m honored.” That moment has stayed with me.

John will truly be missed. His kindness, his humor, his unwavering spirit — they left a mark on all of us. For me, and for so many others, this still doesn’t feel real.

May he rest in peace, surrounded by comfort and love. My deepest condolences to his beloved Diane and all his family. We were lucky to know him.

Andrea Smith - July 08, 2025 at 10:21 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of John Robert Carlesi.

July 08, 2025 at 09:54 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of John Robert Carlesi.



July 08, 2025 at 09:54 PM



“ Cugina Giovanna Avignone planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Robert Carlesi.

Cugina Giovanna Avignone - July 08, 2025 at 09:19 PM



“ Cugina Giovanna Avignone purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of John Robert Carlesi.



Cugina Giovanna Avignone - July 08, 2025 at 09:19 PM



“ Keith and Denise Konop & Family purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of John Robert Carlesi.



Keith and Denise Konop & Family - July 08, 2025 at 09:03 PM

LL

“ Love cousins, Antoinette and Joe Lukasik purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of John Robert Carlesi.



Love cousins, Antoinette and Joe Lukasik - July 08, 2025 at 08:55 PM

LM

“ LOVE, Chris, Matt, Kelly & Meghan purchased the Bright and Beautiful Spray for the family of John Robert Carlesi.



LOVE, Chris, Matt, Kelly & Meghan - July 08, 2025 at 08:16 PM

LM

“ LOVE, Chris, Matt, Kelly & Meghan planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Robert Carlesi.

LOVE, Chris, Matt, Kelly & Meghan - July 08, 2025 at 08:16 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of John Robert Carlesi.



July 08, 2025 at 08:02 PM

WK

“ WITH LOVE, VINNY & KRISTIN planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Robert Carlesi.

WITH LOVE, VINNY & KRISTIN - July 08, 2025 at 07:49 PM

WK

“ WITH LOVE, VINNY & KRISTIN purchased the Divine Light for the family of John Robert Carlesi.



WITH LOVE, VINNY & KRISTIN - July 08, 2025 at 07:49 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of John Robert Carlesi.



July 08, 2025 at 07:31 PM

PS

“ Peter and Kim Scialino purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of John Robert Carlesi.



Peter and Kim Scialino - July 08, 2025 at 07:25 PM

FJ

“ *Fondly, Freya and Joanna purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of John Robert Carlesi.*



Fondly, Freya and Joanna - July 08, 2025 at 06:51 PM

SA

“ *Savva purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of John Robert Carlesi.*



Savva - July 08, 2025 at 06:19 PM