



John J. Connelly

July 19, 1932 - February 28, 2024

"In loving memory of John Connelly, 91, of Eltingville, who passed away on February 28th, 2024. A native of Brooklyn Heights, John embarked on a new chapter in 1963 when he moved to Staten Island with his wife, Marion, and first-born daughter, Tara. A patriot at heart, John served with the US Army Military Police Corps during the Korean War. His commitment to safeguarding others continued after his honorable discharge, as he donned the uniform of a firefighter in the FDNY for over three decades. He was primarily stationed with Engine 151 in Tottenville.

Family and community were of the utmost importance to John. Whether enthusiastically cheering on his grandchildren at swim meets and soccer games or actively contributing to his son's home renovations, John prioritized being present for his family. Despite declining health, his devotion to his family endured, ensuring his presence at his grandchildren's graduation ceremonies, even those as distant as Atlanta, GA. John will always be remembered for his unwavering love of his family, infectious smile, and warm and welcoming manner. He was a loyal member of Hillside Swim Club (avid tennis player) and Holy Child Catholic Church.

John was a beloved husband, father, and grandfather. He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Marion; his son, Stephen Connelly; his daughter, Tara Graziano; his daughter-in-law, Nancy Connelly; and four grandchildren, Bobby

Graziano, Jacqueline Regolizio (Matthew Regolizio), Dr. Patrick Connelly (Dr. Karina Connelly), and Kelly Connelly.

A Funeral service will be offered at 10:00 AM on Saturday at John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals, Inc. located at 28 Eltingville Blvd Staten Island, New York 10312. Interment will follow in Resurrection Cemetery, Staten Island, NY.

The family will receive friends from 4:00 PM to 9:00 PM on Friday, March 1, 2024, 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

MAR 1. 4:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

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

Service

MAR 2. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of John J. Connelly* ”



John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals Inc. - February 29, 2024 at 03:49 PM

JR

“ Hey Pops,

It's been a year and a half since you've been gone, and I still think about you every single day. There's an emptiness in every room without you, and I find myself wishing I could just come home and tell you about my day—no matter how small or silly. You always listened like it mattered, and that meant everything to me.



You gave me a love that never wavered. I always knew I could count on you to be proud of me, to believe in me, and to love me unconditionally. That kind of love is rare, and I feel so lucky to have had it from you.

I have something special to tell you—I'm having a baby boy this December. And of course, I'm naming him after you. I see little miracles in this journey already, and I just know you're up there, looking out for us, sending us strength and love in your quiet, steady way.

Thank you for being the best grandfather, the gentlest soul, and the greatest example of what it means to love deeply and live kindly. I miss you more than words can say, and I will carry you with me always.

*I love you forever,
—Jackalunchkins ☐*

Jacqueline Regolizio - July 25, 2025 at 09:03 PM

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“ I have so many wonderful memories of my Uncle John! He was my mother’s baby brother and I’m sure they are happy to be together again❤️

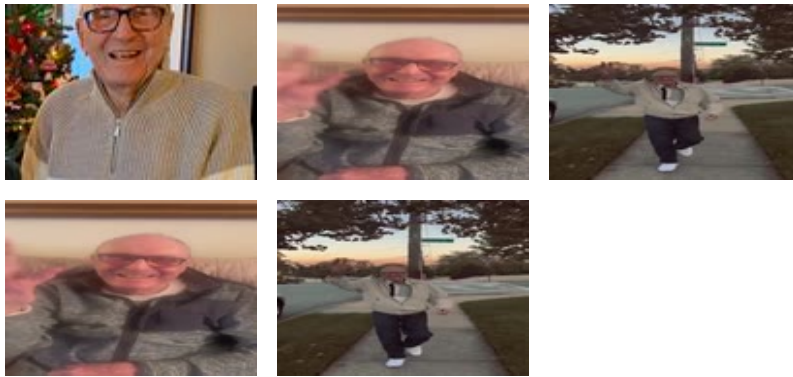
Rest in peace! Until we meet again 🙏❤️🙏



Loretta Conroy - February 29, 2024 at 06:24 PM



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John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals Inc. - February 29, 2024 at 03:48 PM

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“ Mr. Connelly was such a wonderful neighbor to everyone on Eastman Street. He was an avid walker and always had a smile and a good word to those he met along the way. He made the world a better place.

Theresa Dunlap - February 29, 2024 at 09:40 AM