



## John Gialella, Jr.

March 2, 2026

John passed away peacefully on Monday, 3/2/2026 at his longtime home surrounded by his loving family.

John was born in 1933 in Greenwich Village NYC to John and Lena Gialella. He attended Cardinal Hayes H.S.

John married the love of his life, Catherine Foy. They lived in Greenwich Village before briefly moving to the Bronx. John then moved his growing family to Staten Island in 1962.

John served honorably in the US Army stationed in Japan during the Korean War. John joined the FDNY in 1957, quickly moved up the ranks to the position of Deputy Chief. He retired from Division 8 in Concord in 1998 after 40 years. He was beloved by all.

He was passionate about boating and loved being out on the water. He enjoyed his weekly card games with the boys and trips to Atlantic City with his family. He was a longtime member of the Princess Bay Boatmen's Association and also the S.I. FDNY Retirees.

He was the beloved husband of 65 years to the late Catherine I (Foy) Gialella. Dear brother to Richard Gialella, Loving father to John M. Gialella & wife Wenche, Janice Buckley & partner Tom Donohue, Nancy Quin & husband Zeke, Tracy Tremer & husband Tom, along with four cherished grandchildren ,

John Gialella, Karine Gialella, T.J. Tremer & Danielle Halleran devoted great grandfather to Liam, Hollyn and Treyvin. Dearest uncle to Kristin Gotta & Great uncle of Riley Gotta and Mason Farello.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be offered at 10:45 AM on Saturday at Our Lady Star of the Sea Church located at 5411 Amboy Road Staten Island, New York 10312. Interment will be in Resurrection Cemetery, Staten Island, NY.

The family will receive friends from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM on Friday, March 6, 2026, at John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals, Inc., 28 Eltingville Blvd, Staten Island, New York.

Should you so desire to honor John's life with a donation, Contributions may be made to Tunnels to towers online [www.T2T.org](http://www.T2T.org) or donation forms will be available at the funeral home.

# Cemetery Details

## Resurrection Cemetery

361 Sharrot Avenue  
Staten Island, NY 10309

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 6. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

## Service

MAR 7. 10:45 AM (ET)

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

# Tribute Wall

HJ

“ Joe and Helen were blessed to have John and your family as neighbors for 54 years

Helen and Joe - March 06 at 02:01 PM

LS

“ Love, Leidulf and Glenn Solvik planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Gialella, Jr..

Love, Leidulf and Glenn Solvik - March 05 at 01:40 PM

LS

“ Love, Leidulf and Glenn Solvik purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of John Gialella, Jr..



Love, Leidulf and Glenn Solvik - March 05 at 01:40 PM

DS

“ Dominic & Sarina purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of John Gialella, Jr..



Dominic & Sarina - March 04 at 02:16 PM

TM

“ *The Buckleys, Florios and Maguires purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of John Gialella, Jr..*



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**The Buckleys, Florios and Maguires** - March 04 at 01:57 PM

KT

“ *Kevin and Tara Tauro planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Gialella, Jr..*

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**Kevin and Tara Tauro** - March 04 at 01:55 PM

KT

“ *Kevin and Tara Tauro purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of John Gialella, Jr..*



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**Kevin and Tara Tauro** - March 04 at 01:55 PM

RM

“ *Richard M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Gialella, Jr..*

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**Richard M.** - March 03 at 10:42 PM

RM

“ *Richard M. purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of John Gialella, Jr..*



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**Richard M.** - March 03 at 10:42 PM

TF

“ *The Donohue Family purchased the Care and Compassion Spray for the family of John Giaella, Jr..*



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**The Donohue Family** - March 03 at 08:07 PM