



## John O'Keefe

July 22, 1968 - October 7, 2024

John "Jay" O'Keefe, a loving husband and father who earned the reputation as a productive businessman in the field of insurance, died on Oct. 7 following a courageous, year-long battle with brain cancer. He was 56-years-old.

Born to William and Anne O'Keefe on July 22, 1968, Jay was a Great Kills, Staten Island, native who graduated from McKee Tech High School in 1986 before earning a bachelor's degree in Business at St. John's University's Grymes Hill campus in 1990. During his high school days, he played ice hockey for the Seagulls.

Jay, who was a Manalapan, N.J., resident at the time of his death, eventually became a prominent businessman and most notably enjoyed successful careers as a Senior Executive General Adjuster, first at York Insurance Services Group for 18 years and, most recently, at Sedgwick Claim Management Services the last five years. Sedgwick is a third-party claims administrator specializing in claims management, loss adjusting and business solutions and Jay's job detail often had him flying to various parts of the country. In fact, Jay was considered among the most successful Senior Executive Adjusters in the world-wide company.

Jay married the love of his life, Kerry Lamentino - who he affectionally referred to as "Care Bear," on Sept. 1, 2019. Jay was also the proud father of three

sons, including John Peter (Lindsay), Ryan (Jill) and Kyle O'Keefe, as well as stepfather to Thomas and Lauren Lamentino.

Jay is also survived by three siblings, including Anne Brunetti, Helen De Biase and Daniel O'Keefe. He was also adored by eight nieces and nephews and also enjoyed the company of numerous cousins at family gatherings.

Jay's family meant an awful lot to him and he thoroughly enjoyed vacations to the Outer Banks of North Carolina and the Jersey Shore, most notably Long Beach Island. He was extremely generous and it was no secret he enjoyed grilling steaks on a Weber grill.

Jay was also a 5th degree blackbelt in American Vadha Kempo karate and not only regularly competed in his younger days, but once co-owned a karate studio in Tottenville. In addition to martial arts, Jay also enjoyed golfing and fishing.

"Our brother lived life to the fullest and he was a great husband, father, brother, uncle, cousin and friend," said Brunetti. "He was always the life of every party and always made us laugh. He rose to every challenge he had and was better because of them."

"Jay never let anything stop him. He fought cancer like a warrior. He amazed us with his fearlessness, courage and strength. To say we will miss him doesn't touch the deep sorrow and pain we feel. Our lives will never be the same, but we will stay strong until we meet again."

A Funeral service will be at 11:15 AM on Wednesday at St. Clare Church located at 110 Nelson Ave Staten Island, New York 10308.

The family will receive friends from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM on Tuesday, October

15, 2024, at John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals, Inc., 28 Eltingville Blvd,  
Staten Island, New York.

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

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **15**. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

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

## Service

OCT **16**. 11:15 AM (ET)

St. Clare Church  
110 Nelson Ave  
Staten Island, NY 10308

# Tribute Wall

WS

“ I did not get to know John very well but each time we met he was warm fun and loving. We will all miss him very much. He left much too soon and left a great impression on all he met. Warren & Diane Shiner

Warren & Diane Shiner - January 15, 2025 at 05:31 AM



“ My deepest sympathy to Jays family. When I was a little kid, Jay was one of my Dads cousins that always stood out. He was always so outgoing friendly and down to earth. He was taken too soon and his boys are in my thoughts and prayers.

Tara O'Keefe Kurella - October 22, 2024 at 07:50 PM

CA

“ A great man who will be remembered with love by all who had the fortune of knowing him.

Chris Adolph - October 16, 2024 at 10:37 AM

RG

“ Russell G. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John O'Keefe.

Russell G. - October 15, 2024 at 05:20 PM

KO

“ Kaitlin, Tara and Ginny O’Keefe purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of John O’Keefe.



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**Kaitlin, Tara and Ginny O’Keefe** - October 15, 2024 at 03:38 PM

KO

“ Kaitlin, Tara and Ginny O’Keefe planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John O’Keefe.

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**Kaitlin, Tara and Ginny O’Keefe** - October 15, 2024 at 03:38 PM

CR

“ Courtney (O’Keefe) & Chris Rodilosso purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of John O’Keefe.



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**Courtney (O’Keefe) & Chris Rodilosso** - October 15, 2024 at 01:41 PM

CR

“ Courtney (O’Keefe) & Chris Rodilosso planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John O’Keefe.

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**Courtney (O’Keefe) & Chris Rodilosso** - October 15, 2024 at 01:41 PM



“ *Rose Garden Heart was purchased for the family of John O'Keefe.*



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October 15, 2024 at 01:24 PM



“ *The Lamentino Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John O'Keefe.*

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**The Lamentino Family** - October 15, 2024 at 01:24 PM



“ *Nick, D. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John O'Keefe.*

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**Nick, D.** - October 15, 2024 at 12:17 PM



“ *John was a wonderful soul, easy to spend time with, the fun and joking conversations were always light and made everyone feel apart of that moment.*

*He we be missed by so many people, and many that the family will never even know miss him.*

*Deep condolences to all of John's family, and prayers for peaceful hearts.*

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**Jeff H.** - October 15, 2024 at 07:23 AM

GM

“ Gina & Mike Mulcahy purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of John O'Keefe.



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**Gina & Mike Mulcahy** - October 14, 2024 at 10:14 PM

BH

“ Bill & Michele Holland purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of John O'Keefe.



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**Bill & Michele Holland** - October 14, 2024 at 08:57 PM

BH

“ Bill & Michele Holland planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John O'Keefe.

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**Bill & Michele Holland** - October 14, 2024 at 08:57 PM

JH

“ Jason & Sheryl Allen Eric & Katie Havens purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of John O'Keefe.



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**Jason & Sheryl Allen Eric & Katie Havens** - October 14, 2024 at 08:17 PM

JH

“ Jason & Sheryl Allen Eric & Katie Havens planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John O'Keefe.

Jason & Sheryl Allen Eric & Katie Havens - October 14, 2024 at 08:17 PM

CH

“ Carlie, Erica & your friends at HG purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of John O'Keefe.



Carlie, Erica & your friends at HG - October 14, 2024 at 05:07 PM

CH

“ Carlie, Erica & your friends at HG planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John O'Keefe.

Carlie, Erica & your friends at HG - October 14, 2024 at 05:07 PM

TF

“ The Graham Family purchased the *Magnificent Life Spray* for the family of John O'Keefe.



The Graham Family - October 14, 2024 at 12:15 PM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of John O'Keefe.



October 14, 2024 at 11:42 AM



“ Joe, Marina, Liam and Shephard Shortal planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John O'Keefe.

**Joe, Marina, Liam and Shephard Shortal** - October 14, 2024 at 11:42 AM



“ Susan M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John O'Keefe.

**Susan M.** - October 14, 2024 at 10:57 AM



“ Grace Jordan and family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of John O'Keefe.



**Grace Jordan and family** - October 13, 2024 at 10:08 AM

RB

“ *Richard & Maggie Bukowczyk purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of John O'Keefe.*



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**Richard & Maggie Bukowczyk** - October 12, 2024 at 06:24 PM

RB

“ *Richard & Maggie Bukowczyk planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John O'Keefe.*

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**Richard & Maggie Bukowczyk** - October 12, 2024 at 06:24 PM

TF

“ *The Boyle Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of John O'Keefe.*



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**The Boyle Family** - October 12, 2024 at 11:57 AM

&A

“ *& HOYT, LINDSEY, ALLIISON & ALEX purchased the Treasured Lilies Spray for the family of John O'Keefe.*



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**& HOYT, LINDSEY, ALLIISON & ALEX** - October 12, 2024 at 08:42 AM

&A

“ & HOYT, LINDSEY, ALLIISON & ALEX planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John O'Keefe.

& HOYT, LINDSEY, ALLIISON & ALEX - October 12, 2024 at 08:42 AM

RJ

“ Ron J. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John O'Keefe.

Ron J. - October 11, 2024 at 03:35 PM

SA

“ Sedgwick Workforce Absence purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of John O'Keefe.



Sedgwick Workforce Absence - October 11, 2024 at 10:19 AM

ST

“ Sedgwick Mentoring & Onboarding Team purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of John O'Keefe.



Sedgwick Mentoring & Onboarding Team - October 11, 2024 at 10:14 AM

PG

“ Deepest sympathy to Jay’s family and friends. Jay was an amazing man, husband, father, brother, son, cousin and friend! He was so loved and will live in our hearts forever ❤️🍀 I’m grateful I got to hold your hand and say I love you one last time.



Patricia Guli - October 10, 2024 at 09:33 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of John O’Keefe.



October 10, 2024 at 06:26 PM

CW

“ Chris & Shari Wheeler planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John O’Keefe.

Chris & Shari Wheeler - October 10, 2024 at 06:26 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of John O’Keefe.



October 10, 2024 at 05:29 PM

RR

“ *Rebecca R. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John O'Keefe.*

Rebecca R. - October 10, 2024 at 11:43 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of John O'Keefe.*



October 10, 2024 at 10:14 AM

CN

“ *Jay was a great kid growing up in Great Kills and close friend of my brother Michael ! Will never forget him - Times at Lake George , Seaside Heights, dinner at our house -Lots of laughs were had!! Jay and Michael reconnected later in life in Las Vegas - Where they both lived! Last time I had a chance to see him - he was a lot older And a healthy young man -So sad you are gone Jay - you will be terribly missed - Condolences to his family and friends -Rest In Peace Jay -*

Chris Napoli - October 09, 2024 at 05:33 PM

BP

“ *Bernard P. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John O'Keefe.*

Bernard P. - October 09, 2024 at 03:14 PM

MF

“ I was privileged to have spent a few times with John over the past number of years, once in London, New Jersey and Chicago. Fun to be around and as outgoing a personality as anyone I have ever met. He left us far too young.

*Mike Faber*

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**Mike Faber** - October 09, 2024 at 03:12 PM

MC

“ Michelle C. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John O'Keefe.

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**Michelle C.** - October 09, 2024 at 12:57 PM

JW

“ John W. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John O'Keefe.

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**John W.** - October 09, 2024 at 11:56 AM

CH

“ Clifford H. purchased the *Fairest of All* for the family of John O'Keefe.



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**Clifford H.** - October 09, 2024 at 11:55 AM

CH

“ Clifford H. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John O'Keefe.

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**Clifford H.** - October 09, 2024 at 11:55 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John O'Keefe.



October 09, 2024 at 11:21 AM



“ Amy & Jim Stanilious planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John O'Keefe.

Amy & Jim Stanilious - October 09, 2024 at 11:21 AM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of John O'Keefe.

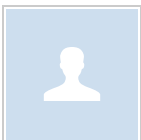


October 09, 2024 at 09:56 AM



“ DBI Consultants planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John O'Keefe.

DBI Consultants - October 09, 2024 at 09:56 AM



“ Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of John O'Keefe.



October 09, 2024 at 09:02 AM

JA

“ Jon Currey and Team at RMC & Assoc. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John O'Keefe.

Jon Currey and Team at RMC & Assoc. - October 09, 2024 at 09:02 AM

LV

“ Love you all - Vicki Vaughan purchased the Rose Remembrance for the family of John O'Keefe.



Love you all - Vicki Vaughan - October 08, 2024 at 09:04 PM

LV

“ Love you all - Vicki Vaughan planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John O'Keefe.

Love you all - Vicki Vaughan - October 08, 2024 at 09:04 PM

TF

“ The Lewis Family purchased the Divine Light for the family of John O'Keefe.



The Lewis Family - October 08, 2024 at 08:57 PM

TF

“ The Lewis Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John O'Keefe.

The Lewis Family - October 08, 2024 at 08:57 PM

TL

“ Terry and Cheryl Lubin purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of John O'Keefe.



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**Terry and Cheryl Lubin** - October 08, 2024 at 08:25 PM

TL

“ Terry and Cheryl Lubin planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John O'Keefe.

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**Terry and Cheryl Lubin** - October 08, 2024 at 08:25 PM

CT

“ Chris & Toniann purchased the Enduring Grace for the family of John O'Keefe.



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**Chris & Toniann** - October 08, 2024 at 06:34 PM

PG

“ Patricia Guli purchased the Heavenly Light for the family of John O'Keefe.



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**Patricia Guli** - October 08, 2024 at 04:56 PM

PG

“ Patricia Guli planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John O'Keefe.

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**Patricia Guli** - October 08, 2024 at 04:56 PM