



## John George Walz

January 1, 1932 - May 12, 2025

My John G. Walz, age 93, of Great Kills, passed away comfortably and peacefully at home. Fondly known as Jack, he was born to John and Winifred Walz in Concord, where he spent his formative years. His loving brothers, Donald and Robert, pre-deceased him. Jack often recalled his youthful adventures and antics with his brothers. Jack's grandmother owned a two-acre farm and he recalled how she raised chickens, pigs, goats and even pigeons, which were served in local restaurants as a delicacy known as squab. Jack even pumped water from the well as his grandmother did not have an indoor water supply. His loving aunt, Edna, a photographer, in the Women's Army Corp also left a lasting impression on him. He remembered helping her develop pictures in the darkroom she had in her basement.

Jack graduated from New Dorp High School, and in a remarkable act of determination, returned to school in the late 1970s' attending night classes' and earned his Bachelor of Arts degree at age 43 from the City University of New York in January 1982.

Jack began his professional career working briefly with the New York City Department of Parks and Recreation, before joining the Department of Transportation and served the city for over 20 years. At the Department of Transportation, he held a variety of positions within his union including Officer, Secretary, Vice President, and ultimately as President during his last year,

serving all five boroughs. He represented workers in hearings and collective bargaining agreements as well as for safeguarding workers' health and safety (per OSHA standards). After retiring from civil service, Jack began a second career as a school bus driver for the New York City Board of Education, where he was revered by both the children he transported and their families.

Jack proudly served his country in the United States Army during the Korean War, stationed in Austria with the Signal Corps.

A loving and devoted father, Jack was known for his unwavering work ethic and deep commitment to providing for his family. He cherished visits from his children and his seven grandchildren. Jack was also a deeply religious man, dedicating much of his life to the service of the Catholic Church and of others. He was a Third Order Franciscan, a long-time Eucharistic Minister and Lector at his beloved parish, St. Clare's Church, and a generous volunteer. At Seaview Hospital Rehabilitation Center, Jack donated over 1,290 hours of service and was honored with the President's Volunteer Service Award in 2008 by the New York City Health and Hospitals Corporation. Jack was also a diehard Mets and Knicks fan, loyally sticking with his teams through all their ups and downs. Although he often got frustrated by their mistakes, his dedication never wavered. He looked forward to every game and loved talking about them with anyone who would listen' win or lose, he was always a true fan.

Jack met the love of his life, Maureen, through her brother Tommy, who was Jack's close friend. Their paths crossed daily on the Staten Island Ferry, commuting to work in Manhattan, and that friendship quickly turned into a lifetime of love. Jack and Maureen were married on May 4, 1963, and honeymooned in Quebec and Montreal, beginning a beautiful journey that spanned over six decades. They recently celebrated their 63rd wedding anniversary and renewed their vows in a touching ceremony shortly before Jack's passing. Jack and Maureen shared a love of travel, exploring both the

United States, Europe and Israel, and even had the unforgettable experience of flying aboard the British Airways Concorde.

Together, Jack and Maureen built a beautiful life, raising four children who were the heart of their lives. He is lovingly remembered by his daughter Miriam (Ken) Velsor, son John (Jackie) Walz, son Joseph (Diane) Walz, and daughter Maria (Larry) Papini. Jack cherished his role as a grandfather, delighting in every moment spent with his seven beloved grandchildren: Megan, Kim, and Daniel Velsor; Delia and Jack Walz; and Christopher and Michael Papini. His love extended beyond people to the many dogs and "granddogs" who were part of the family's life over the years' Casey, Roxey, Doug, Steve, Rudy, Louie, Maggie, and Tucker' each of whom brought him great joy.

Jack will be remembered for his willingness to speak his mind, deep faith, devotion to family, and selfless service to others. His legacy lives on in the hearts of all who knew and loved him.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10:00 AM on Friday 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, May 15, 2025, 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)

# Cemetery Details

## Resurrection Cemetery

361 Sharrott Ave  
Staten Island, NY 10309

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 15. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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

## Visitation

MAY 15. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

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

## Service

MAY 16. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (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 John George Walz*



---

**John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals Inc.** - May 15, 2025 at 01:55 PM



“ *John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals Inc. created a Webcast in memory of John George Walz*



---

**John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals Inc.** - May 14, 2025 at 01:10 PM

EG

“ *Dearest Walz Family,  
My deepest condolences for your loss. The Walz family were the great neighbors over the fence, so many years ago. Mr Walz was always so friendly and kind to our family and my parents enjoyed speaking with him.  
Lots of love and hugs,  
Eileen Callahan Gutch*

---

**Eileen Callahan Gutch** - May 18, 2025 at 09:56 PM

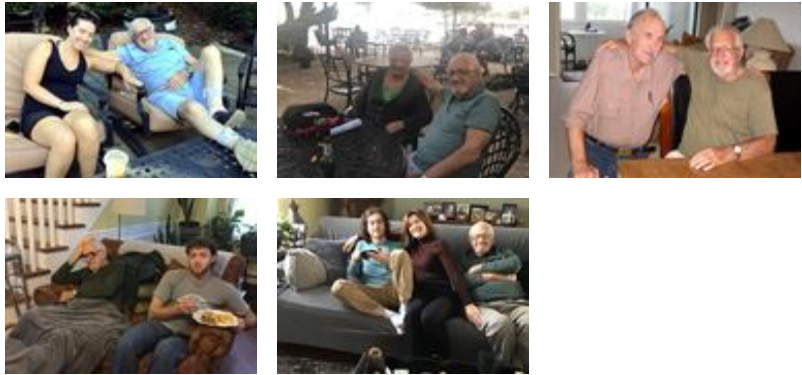


“ Ingrid H. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John George Walz.

Ingrid H. - May 15, 2025 at 04:14 PM



“ 75 files added to the album Life Tributes



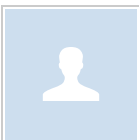
John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals Inc. - May 15, 2025 at 01:51 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of John George Walz.



May 15, 2025 at 11:14 AM



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

May 15, 2025 at 11:14 AM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of John George Walz.*



---

May 14, 2025 at 11:14 PM



“ *Crosby, Pat and John Wayson purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of John George Walz.*



---

**Crosby, Pat and John Wayson** - May 14, 2025 at 07:13 PM



“ *mark walz and family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of John George Walz.*



---

**mark walz and family** - May 14, 2025 at 06:20 PM



“ *mark walz and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John George Walz.*

---

**mark walz and family** - May 14, 2025 at 06:20 PM

CM

“ Christine & Tom Mascialino purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of John George Walz.



---

**Christine & Tom Mascialino** - May 13, 2025 at 08:34 PM

JE

“ Joanne and the Council of St. Elizabeth purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of John George Walz.



---

**Joanne and the Council of St. Elizabeth** - May 13, 2025 at 08:31 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of John George Walz.



---

May 13, 2025 at 07:25 PM

GM

“ Remembering John from the Great Kills Swim Club And always remember his smile, always friendly, and he had a Great Long Life, yet it's so hard to lose a loved one no matter the age. He raised a great family and lived a Happy Life with his beloved wife, and children, g-children!

---

**Grace Molaro** - May 13, 2025 at 05:39 PM

RO

“ Jack was a great Met fan & always made sure he knew what channel they were on when they started putting games on Apple Play & all those other apps. Great guy, he will be missed 💙🖤💙🖤💙🖤

Rob - May 13, 2025 at 05:34 PM

BC

“ Bob and Missy, Steven and Laura, Coleen purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of John George Walz.



Bob and Missy, Steven and Laura, Coleen - May 13, 2025 at 01:56 PM

BC

“ Bob and Missy, Steven and Laura, Coleen planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John George Walz.

Bob and Missy, Steven and Laura, Coleen - May 13, 2025 at 01:56 PM