



Joseph S. Bartolotta

March 9, 1945 - August 23, 2018

Joseph S. Bartolotta, 73 of Huguenot, passed away on Thursday, August 23, 2018, at Staten Island University Hospital South.

Born Friday, March 9, 1945 in Brooklyn, New York, he was the son of the late Sebastian Bartolotta and the late Sebastiana Delfino Bartolotta.

He was the beloved husband of 46 years to Isabel Bartolotta; loving father to Denise Bartolotta, Debra DelBianco and Joseph Bartolotta; dear brother to Gloria Melillo; and devoted grandfather to Noah and Luke Putney and Alexandra DelBianco.

Joseph was very proud of his 20 years of service as a Transit Officer for the NYPD. He reminisced often about his work there, particularly the time he rolled around on the subway floor with a perp twice his size, the time he drew a handlebar mustache and war paint on the faces of two mischievous graffiti artists with their own markers (playing cowboys and Indians with them), and when he helped a young woman give birth to a healthy baby boy. He was also fond of his time as a handyman at Tottenville High School after his retirement from the police force. What he valued most there were the lasting friendships he made and the respect he garnered for his ethic and ingenuity.

If Joe couldn't fix it, nobody could.

Joe loved Doo Wop music and sang in a group briefly in his youth. He favored classic movies, especially Westerns and he had an affinity for anything related to World War II, perhaps because he was a war baby. He enjoyed an idyllic childhood, growing up a short bike ride away from the shore at South Beach, with the sun, sand, waves and amusements at his fingertips daily. It lent him a love for yesteryear and a sense of nostalgia his whole life through. Joe's father was a wonderful gardener, having spliced 5 different types of apples onto one tree. Joseph followed in his father's footsteps with a love and efficiency for gardening. It wasn't summer until the family was enjoying his barbecue with a tomato and basil salad, fresh from the garden.

Joseph's children now value the sense of humor they inherited from his introduction to Bugs Bunny, Laurel and Hardy, Abbott and Costello and the like, although they often rolled their eyes at such corniness in their tweens and teens. Dad retained that sense of delight at the old cartoons and movies, even smiling and laughing at them through the final hurdles of his fight with cancer. He fought long and hard to try to get well for the family he loved. His strength and perseverance was nothing short of heroic in their eyes, and the eyes of his loving wife of 46 years.

He was most proud of his family. And while he often grunted and groaned in the day to day tasks a father is thrust upon to perform, he followed through every time. Joe often put every one of his family members before himself. He might have cursed putting up Christmas lights every year, but he did them with love. He loved a good joke, especially printed on a t-shirt, and he wasn't afraid to wear it. His bark was loud, but often hilarious despite himself, earning the affectionate nickname "Grumpy Grandpa" by his grandkids who will sorely miss him.

Joseph was a devout Catholic and grew his family in faith. He thoroughly enjoyed attending mass daily at Holy Child, often assisting the parish priests with zeal. Joe always said it made him happy to belong there, and the friendships he made there were some he treasured most.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be offered at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, August 28, 2018 at Holy Child Church located at 4747 Amboy Rd Staten Island, New York 10312. Cremation will be private.

The family will receive friends from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. on Monday, August 27, 2018, at the John Vincent Scalia Home For Funerals, Inc., 28 Eltingville Blvd. (at Eltingville Station), Staten Island, New York.

Cemetery Details

Rosehill Crematory

792 E Edgar Rd
Rosehill Crematory, NJ 07036

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 27. 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

AUG 27. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

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

Service

AUG 28. 11:00 AM (ET)

Holy Child Church
4747 Amboy Rd
Staten Island, NY 10312

Tribute Wall



“ *John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Joseph S. Bartolotta*



John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals Inc. - August 26, 2018 at 02:40 PM



“ *Joseph S. Bartolotta*

October 04, 2023 at 06:13 PM



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R.I.P. - August 29, 2018 at 11:33 AM



“ *From all the members, past and present; once a brother, always a brother. May Joseph S. Bartolotta now rest in peace.....a family man, model citizen, respected co-worker ,good friend and a caring and genuinely decent person in life.*



Transit District-4, NYC - August 28, 2018 at 10:36 AM

NW

“ NYC-Transit Police Workers lit a candle in memory of Joseph S. Bartolotta



NYC-Transit Police Workers - August 27, 2018 at 09:27 PM

NW

“ Although retired for many years now, Joe was very well liked and still remembered by most of his colleagues that are also mostly retired now too as Transit Police Offers for the city. He was easy to like, very warm and engaging and taken from his family that he adored way too soon.

NYC-Transit Police Workers - August 27, 2018 at 09:27 PM

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Transit Police Union-NYC - August 27, 2018 at 08:20 PM

RS

“ Joe, I will always think of you at morning Mass. The thought of looking across the aisle and not seeing my friend is hard to bear. You've taken a part of me with you, Buddy. Rest in peace, my friend. You deserve all God's love. Love, Bob Starita, Holy Child

Robert Starita - August 27, 2018 at 06:57 PM

WK

“ *Walter Klarner lit a candle in memory of Joseph S. Bartolotta*



Walter Klarner - August 27, 2018 at 02:50 PM

WK

“ *To Isabella and family, Joe's spirit will live on forever in the hearts and minds with cherished memories for his family; you, the kids, and gran-kids, and all his friends, neighbors and co-workers that were lucky enough in life to have known and respected him. His soul is at peace now.*

Walter Klarner - August 27, 2018 at 02:50 PM

KE

“ *Kind Regards, Christine and Woody Erhardt purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Joseph S. Bartolotta.*



Kind Regards, Christine and Woody Erhardt - August 27, 2018 at 01:08 PM

SK

“ *I have lived in Huguenot now for nearly 50 years. I always saw Joe in the bank, the supermarket in town or passing by in the car over the many years we lived in the neighborhood. He always would stop to say hello and was a very polite and friendly man. I was saddened to read of his passing today on the on-line obituary. I wish his family comfort and solace at this time for their profound loss.*

Stanley Kazcinskiy - August 27, 2018 at 12:33 PM

TF

“ *The Abramo Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Joseph S. Bartolotta.*



The Abramo Family - August 27, 2018 at 11:24 AM

BP

“ *Joe was a wonderful neighbor and would help anyone he could on the block. He always waved when he passed-by in his car and had a warm smile and kind word any time you ran into him on the street. May he now rest in peace.*

Bart Paneterra - August 27, 2018 at 09:40 AM

SF

“ *2 files added to the album New Album Name*



Santori Family - August 27, 2018 at 08:47 AM

ER

“ 5 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Erik - August 27, 2018 at 08:36 AM

KE

“ Dan Kelly-- We are all on the platform just waiting for the train. Right now you are our lead car #. Retired 1984. You will be well; the creator has you with him.

Kelly - August 26, 2018 at 02:11 PM



“ 60 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals Inc. - August 26, 2018 at 01:24 PM

JO

“ *Worked and carpoled with Joe for many years in Dist. 4. My condolences and may he rest in peace.*

Jerry O'Neill

Jerry O'Neill - August 26, 2018 at 12:53 PM

LS

“ *Love, Elaine, Debra, Denise & Stephen purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Joseph S. Bartolotta.*



Love, Elaine, Debra, Denise & Stephen - August 25, 2018 at 04:16 PM

JA

“ *Thinking of you at this difficult time. You are all in our thoughts and prayers. Tony & Jill Abramo*



Jill Abramo - August 25, 2018 at 01:19 PM

RC

“ *great day Fishing., Good man worked with him in Dist4. Ray Conley*

ray conley - August 25, 2018 at 10:45 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Joseph S. Bartolotta.*



August 25, 2018 at 10:17 AM



“ *Great guy, i worked with him for several years, always had a kind word and a smile on his face.... R.I.P. my friend !!!!*

jeff hardman - August 24, 2018 at 07:40 PM



“ *I am so sorry. You are all in my prayers. God Bless you all with love and strength.*

Marie L - August 24, 2018 at 06:44 PM