



Joseph V. Cerciello

July 22, 1953 - November 19, 2025

Joseph V. Cerciello, 72, of Great Kills, passed away on November 19, 2025, within the comfort of his home and in the company of his devoted wife Denise.

Born to Vincent and Margaret Cerciello, Joseph grew up in Brooklyn, NY and made his mark early on the basketball courts of Fort Hamilton High School, where he graduated in 1971. He carried that same spirit, energy, and determination into every part of his life.

Joseph spent more than three decades running a beloved family-owned and operated neighborhood meat market in Bay Ridge, Brooklyn with his father Vincent, where his friendly presence, sharp wit, and unwavering work ethic became fixtures in the neighborhood. He later completed an 18-year career with the New York State Gaming Commission, earning the respect and friendship of colleagues across the state. Alongside his full-time work, he also held a part-time position at Madison Square Garden as event security-a job he truly enjoyed, especially being in the heart of the excitement working alongside his friends.

Family was the center of Joseph's world. He is survived by his devoted wife, Denise Cerciello of 49 years, his daughter Cara Volpe and son-in-law George Volpe, his son Joseph Cerciello and daughter-in-law Alyssa Cerciello, and his cherished grandchildren Gianna Volpe, Daniella Volpe, Matthew Cerciello, and

Emma Cerciello, who were the joy of his life. Joseph was preceded in death by his brother George Cerciello in 2003. He also leaves behind his sister Brenda DeSantis, along with many relatives and friends who will forever hold his memory close.

Joseph loved Christmas with his large immediate and extended families and always made each Christmas one to remember. Joseph never missed a chance to cheer on his grandchildren at any of their numerous dance or sporting events, and treasured every moment spent surrounded by family. Known for his natural gift for humor, he had a way of lighting up a room with a joke or a perfectly timed punchline — a comedian at heart who made people laugh, smile, and feel at ease.

Joseph's legacy is one of love, laughter, hard work, and deep devotion to the people he held dear. He will be profoundly missed and remembered always.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be at 11:00 AM on Saturday at St Clare Church located at 110 Nelson Ave Staten Island, New York 10308. Interment will be in Ocean View 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 Friday, November 21, 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

Cemetery Details

Ocean View Cemetery

3315 Amboy Rd
Staten Island, NY 10306

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **21**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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

Visitation

NOV **21**. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

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Service

NOV **22**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (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 Joseph V. Cerciello*



John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals Inc. - November 20, 2025 at 03:34 PM

RH

“ *I would like to extend my deepest sympathies to Joe's family and friends. I worked with Joe at the NYS Lottery. Joe was kind, friendly, and very funny. On his office days, he would stop by my desk and chat. It was never a dull moment. He always brightened up the office.*

Joe, I truly admired your strength. You will be missed. I will never forget you. Rest in eternal peace!

*Sincerely,
Robyn*

Robyn Howell - November 21, 2025 at 07:35 PM

JA

“ *Joe was a good man and a good friend. He will be missed by the MSG family. RIP Joe Cer.!* ”



Joe Almeida - November 21, 2025 at 05:32 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Joseph V. Cerciello.* ”



November 20, 2025 at 10:13 PM

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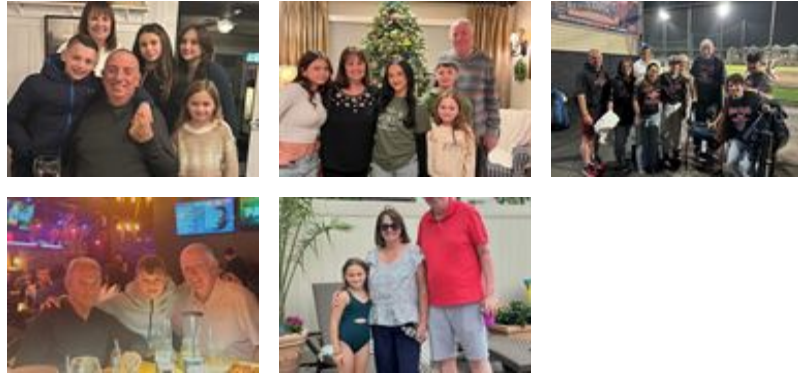
“ *The Pellegrino Family purchased the Sacred Garden Spray for the family of Joseph V. Cerciello.* ”



The Pellegrino Family - November 20, 2025 at 06:57 PM



“ 87 files added to the album Life Tributes



John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals Inc. - November 20, 2025 at 03:30 PM



“ McGinley Transportation Systems planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joseph V. Cerciello.

McGinley Transportation Systems - November 20, 2025 at 03:28 PM



“ Serenity Wreath was purchased for the family of Joseph V. Cerciello.



November 20, 2025 at 03:28 PM

SC

“ *Cousin Joey was such a wonderful human being who brought so much joy and laughter to our big, Italian family. I'll never forget all those moments at the family xmas parties when he'd let me be security during the grab bag. He was an inspiration for me as I started our own cousins christmas traditions. We'll miss him dearly. Rest in peace.*



Steve Cirincione - November 20, 2025 at 11:51 AM

MD

“ *Michael, Tracy, Luciano&Dante DeCresenzo purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Joseph V. Cerciello.*



Michael, Tracy, Luciano&Dante DeCresenzo - November 20, 2025 at 11:06 AM

LL

“ *Love, Keith, Jen, Ryan and Lauren purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of Joseph V. Cerciello.*



Love, Keith, Jen, Ryan and Lauren - November 20, 2025 at 08:40 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Joseph V. Cerciello.*



November 19, 2025 at 10:40 PM



“ *Frank & Betty Marcolin purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Joseph V. Cerciello.*



Frank & Betty Marcolin - November 19, 2025 at 08:54 PM



“ *Love, The Cirincione Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Joseph V. Cerciello.*



Love, The Cirincione Family - November 19, 2025 at 05:18 PM