



Josephine A. Fiorello

April 6, 1929 - November 4, 2025

Josephine Fiorello, a beloved matriarch and treasured family member and friend, passed away peacefully on November 4, 2025, at the age of 96. She was born on April 6, 1929, in Brooklyn, New York, where she spent her formative years surrounded by the vibrant tapestry of family and community. She later moved to Staten Island, NY to be closer to her children. Josephine's life was a testament to love, resilience, and the importance of family bonds.

Josephine was the daughter of Michael Mazzeo and Mary Garavuso, and she was raised in a household filled with warmth and laughter. She was married to the love of her life, Frank Fiorello, on October 22, 1950, in St. Francis Xavier Church in Brooklyn. Together, they built a beautiful family, creating a legacy that will carry for generations.

In addition to her beloved husband Frank, Josephine was preceded in death by her brother Michael Mazzeo and her son-in-law, Joseph Heron. She is survived by her three children: daughter Cecilia Heron, and sons Joseph Fiorello and Michael Fiorello, along with daughters-in-law Annie Fiorello and Cathy Fiorello. Josephine was a proud grandmother to Joseph Heron Jr (Jessica), Jennifer Heron, Frank Fiorello (Samantha), John Fiorello (Christie), and Stephanie Raffa (Brian), and a great-grandmother to the delightful Jackson Heron, Augustus Heron, and Frankie Fiorello Jr.

Josephine's greatest joy was her family. She was known for her exceptional cooking, especially her legendary Sunday dinners that brought everyone together around the table, sharing stories and laughter. She loved to keep busy, whether it was walking through her Brooklyn neighborhood, shopping for the best deals, or taking trips to Atlantic City to try her luck at the slot machines.

In her younger days, Josephine found immense joy in spending time with her grandchildren, often watching them roller-skate in her basement with their laughter echoing off the walls. Her relationships with her sisters-in-law were particularly special; they were not just family but her closest friends, and their gatherings created unforgettable memories. Josephine also enjoyed vacationing with her beloved cousin Josie and her husband Bobby, further enriching her life with shared experiences and love.

Josephine was known for her patience and kindness. Even at the age of 96, her mind remained remarkably sharp. She could recall every name, every birthday, and every detail to a story which is a gift that her family will forever treasure. Her warmth and hospitality illuminated the lives of those around her, leaving an indelible mark on the hearts of many.

Throughout her life, Josephine worked as an assistant at Aetna and later contributed to her brother Michael's plumbing business, showcasing her strong work ethic and dedication.

As we remember Josephine, we carry forward her legacy of love, laughter, and the importance of family, forever grateful for the time we shared with such a wonderful woman. She will be deeply missed, but her spirit will always remain in our hearts.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be offered at 11:00 AM on Tuesday at Holy

Child Church located at 4747 Amboy Road Staten Island, New York 10312.
Entombment will Follow in Resurrection Cemetery, Staten Island, NY.

The family will receive friends from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM on Monday,
November 10, 2025, at John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals, Inc., 28
Eltingville Blvd, Staten Island, New York.

In lieu of flowers should you so desire Memorial contributions in memory of
Josephine may be made to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, 262
Danny Thomas Place Memphis, TN 38105. or online at <https://www.stjude.org/donate/donate-to-st-jude.html>

Cemetery Details

Resurrection Cemetery

361 Sharrot Avenue
Staten Island, NY 10309

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **10**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

Service

NOV **11**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Holy Child Church
4747 Amboy Road
Staten Island, NY 10312

Tribute Wall



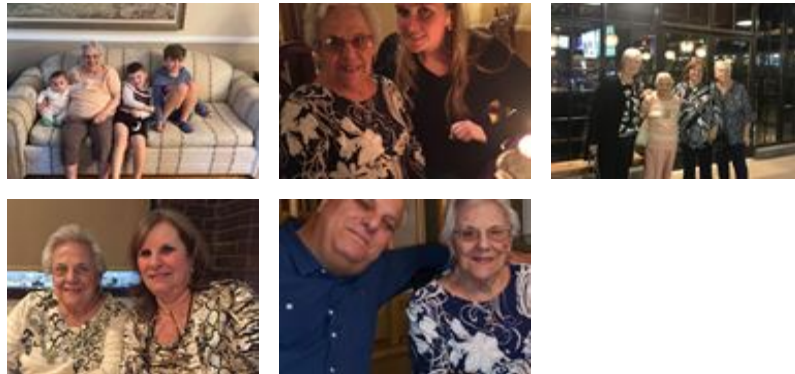
“ *John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Josephine A. Fiorello*



John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals Inc. - November 07, 2025 at 02:50 PM



“ *21 files added to the album Life Tributes*



John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals Inc. - November 10, 2025 at 11:56 AM

TF

“ *The Bonczek Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Josephine A. Fiorello.*

The Bonczek Family - November 10, 2025 at 09:16 AM

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“ *The Bonczek Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Josephine A. Fiorello.*



The Bonczek Family - November 10, 2025 at 09:16 AM

BT

“ *Barbara Tanzosh planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Josephine A. Fiorello.*

Barbara Tanzosh - November 09, 2025 at 12:24 PM

BT

“ *Barbara Tanzosh purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Josephine A. Fiorello.*



Barbara Tanzosh - November 09, 2025 at 12:24 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Josephine A. Fiorello.*



November 09, 2025 at 10:43 AM

TF

“ *The DiPaolo Family. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Josephine A. Fiorello.*

The DiPaolo Family. - November 08, 2025 at 06:08 PM

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“ *The DiPaolo Family. purchased the Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses for the family of Josephine A. Fiorello.*



The DiPaolo Family. - November 08, 2025 at 06:08 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Josephine A. Fiorello.*



November 08, 2025 at 01:47 PM

JF

“ *Joe, Joey and Celia and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Josephine A. Fiorello.*

Joe, Joey and Celia and family - November 08, 2025 at 11:34 AM

JF

“ Joe, Joey and Celia and family purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Josephine A. Fiorello.



Joe, Joey and Celia and family - November 08, 2025 at 11:34 AM

JF

“ So glad I had that special visit with you last month Josie It was an honor to meet you ❤️
I know you're cooking for everyone in heaven !!
Rest in peace - Josephine Caputo and family

Josephine Caputo and family - November 07, 2025 at 07:18 PM

EM

“ Edna Mazzeo purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Josephine A. Fiorello.



Edna Mazzeo - November 07, 2025 at 03:09 PM

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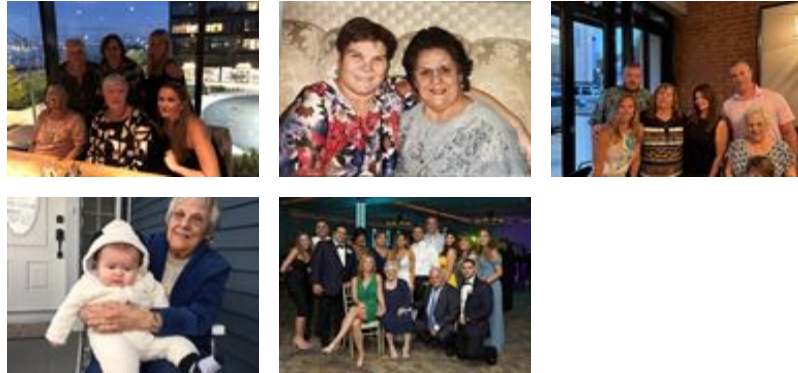
“ Ann Selden purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Josephine A. Fiorello.



Ann Selden - November 07, 2025 at 02:51 PM



“ 66 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals Inc. - November 07, 2025 at 02:46 PM

MW

“ *Michelle W. purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Josephine A. Fiorello.*



Michelle W. - November 07, 2025 at 11:17 AM

LV

“ *Love, Jeanny, Geppy, Victoria & Vaughn purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Josephine A. Fiorello.*



Love, Jeanny, Geppy, Victoria & Vaughn - November 06, 2025 at 08:23 PM