



Joyce A. DiFanzo

September 18, 1950 - August 9, 2023

Joyce Ann DiFanzo, age 72, of Great Kills passed Wednesday, August 9, 2023, with the comfort of family by her side.

Joyce grew up in Brooklyn, New York with her mother and father Louis and Mildred Carusillo and younger brother Ralph. At a young age Joyce developed Polio. She would spend many years going through surgeries and prolonged hospital stays. Joyce was told that her life would be spent in crutches, but anyone who knew Joyce knew she never settled for what she was told. Through hard work, dedication, and willpower, she taught herself how to walk, ride a bike, and get around just as good, if not better, than her fellow classmates.

Joyce met the love of her life Patrick in 1970. They married on May 11, 1976, and spent the next forty-seven years growing their family together. They honeymooned in Niagara Falls, where they took a romantic helicopter ride over the falls. In 1977. They welcomed their first of three children into

the world. Joyce dedicated her life to taking care of her children by volunteering at their school as class mom and teachers assistant.

Joyce was loving, caring, devoted to her family, and always willing to speak her mind. She was a great cook and loved seeing her family come together regularly for dinner. Her spunky personality was a source of laughter at every gathering. In addition to cooking, one of her life long passions was collecting dolls, and displaying them for all of her friends and family.

Joyce and Patrick's marriage was blessed with three children: Patrick, Tara, and Jennifer. Joyce and Patrick later welcomed 4 grandchildren, Ryan, Ben, Riley, and Lucas, with another on the way, Patrick Junior, who will be blessed into this world later this August. Joyce enjoyed every moment she spent with her grandchildren.

Friends may visit with the family at the John Vincent Scalia Funeral Home at 28 Eltingville Blvd.

Staten Island, NY, on Friday, August 11, 2023, from 2-5, and 7-9 PM. Mass will be held at 11 AM at St.

Clare Roman Catholic Church. In lieu of flowers memorial donations to St Jude's Children's Research Hospital would be greatly appreciated.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 11. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

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

Visitation

AUG 11. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

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Service

AUG 12. 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 Joyce A. DiFanzo*



John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals Inc. - August 10, 2023 at 07:14 PM



“ *Joyce A. DiFanzo*

October 04, 2023 at 06:13 PM



“ *Yellow Roses and Baby's Breath (Silk Cemetery Flowers) was purchased for the family of Joyce A. DiFanzo.*



August 13, 2023 at 02:20 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Joyce A. DiFanzo.*

August 11, 2023 at 10:12 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Joyce A. DiFanzo.*



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“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Joyce A. DiFanzo.*



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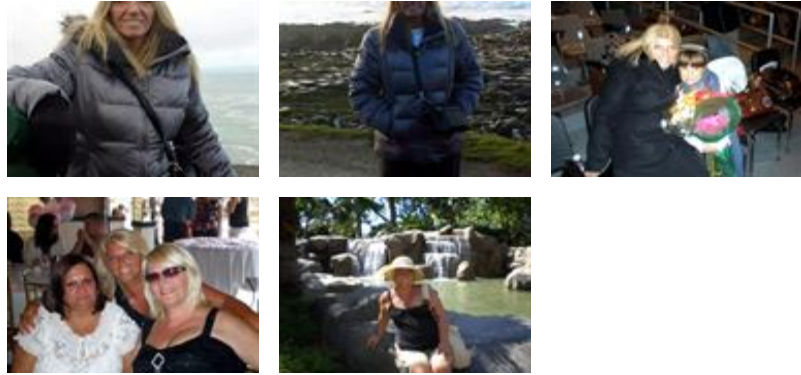


“ *Heartbroken for the loss of my beautiful friend Joyce..Fly high with the angels for you certainly are one...My love and sympathy to her beautiful family..She was so blessed with all of them.. You will be in my heart forever...RIP MY BEAUTIFUL JOYCE ❤️🙏❤️🙏*

Carol Vallaro - August 10, 2023 at 09:54 PM



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John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals Inc. - August 10, 2023 at 07:11 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Joyce A. DiFanzo.



August 10, 2023 at 05:24 PM



“ Gary, Kurt and all at PSS purchased the *Divine Peace Bouquet* for the family of Joyce A. DiFanzo.



Gary, Kurt and all at PSS - August 10, 2023 at 02:08 PM