



Kathleen Palaia

April 23, 1947 - September 17, 2025

It is with profound sorrow that we announce the passing of Kathleen B. Palaia, a beloved wife, mother, and cherished member of the community, who left this world on September 17, 2025, at the age of 78. Kathleen's life, defined by love, laughter, and an unwavering commitment to her family, began on April 23, 1947, in Brooklyn, NY, where she was born to the late Edmund Mutoli and the late Carolina (Melchionna) Mutoli.

Kathleen was not just a homemaker; she was the heart and soul of her family. Her dedication to her children and unwavering support made her a guiding light for those fortunate enough to know her. She was proud of her role as a mother to her daughter, Denise Palaia, and her late son, Anthony Palaia, who preceded her in death. Kathleen's nurturing spirit and her ability to remember important dates, birthdays, and family events made her an irreplaceable presence in the lives of her loved ones. She had a remarkable gift for making everyone feel special and valued, ensuring that no moment of joy was forgotten.

Her husband, Anthony Palaia, stood by her side through the years, sharing a bond that was a testament to enduring love. Together, they built a life filled with warmth and affection, creating memories that will live on in the hearts of their family. Kathleen's laughter and radiant smile were infectious, bringing joy to every gathering and brightening even the darkest days.

Kathleen's home was a sanctuary filled with love, where family and friends were always welcome. Her compassion for others and her ability to listen and comfort were among her most cherished qualities. She made it her mission to create a loving environment, where everyone felt seen and heard.

Though we mourn her passing, we also celebrate the beautiful life she lived—a life rich with love, laughter, and cherished memories. Kathleen passed away peacefully at home, surrounded by her loving family, a fitting farewell for a woman whose greatest joy came from being with her loved ones.

Friends and family are invited to pay their respects at the funeral service, which will be held on September 24, 2025, at 7:00 PM at the John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals Inc. This gathering will serve as an opportunity to honor Kathleen's legacy and share in the love she so generously gave throughout her life.

In this time of sorrow, we remember Kathleen B. Palaia not only for the loss we feel but for the immeasurable love she brought into our lives. She will forever be missed, and her spirit will continue to live on in the hearts of those she touched.

The family will receive friends from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM on Wednesday, September 24, 2025, at John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals, Inc., 28 Eltingville Blvd, Staten Island, New York.

Cemetery Details

Rosehill Crematory

792 E Edgar Rd
Linden, NJ 07036

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 24. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

Service

SEP 24. 7:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

CA

“ We played together as young girls. Kathy (and her mother) lived upstairs in our two-family house. We used to blow bubble gum bubbles while looking in a mirror and the bubbles would burst all over us and the mirror. She had an Aunt Grace who taught us how to dance to Frankie Lyman songs. Kathy and I had so much fun together (and some nasty fights too). May she always rest in peace - my very first friend.

carol ann - May 30 at 04:28 PM

LB

“ Kathy was a very special friend to my mother Judy who passed a while ago. She shared a bond in motherhood in that they were both exceptional mothers who faced many challenges. Kathy will always hold a very special place in my heart.
Fondly, Laura

Laura Russo Boyd - November 12, 2025 at 07:14 PM



“ I remember when I first went to Tony and Kathleen's house, she showed me hundreds of show dolls. I asked her where Tony would sit and she said the kitchen because there was no room for him anywhere.

Alexis Int - October 01, 2025 at 08:59 PM

VP

“ with love and sorry to my brother and his beloved wife the vincent palaia family will always be im our hearts

vincent palaia - September 22, 2025 at 12:17 PM

AP

“ I remember being with th Most Special Person I could Ever meet.KATHLEEN,my Beautifully AMAZING WIFE.Thats it fo now soo 💕 much more to say.Tony Palaia

Anthony Palaia - September 22, 2025 at 12:56 AM

WF

“ With Love, The Esposito Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kathleen Palaia.

With Love, The Esposito Family - September 19, 2025 at 12:26 PM

WF

“ With Love, The Esposito Family purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Kathleen Palaia.



With Love, The Esposito Family - September 19, 2025 at 12:26 PM

LV

“ Love Joseph Ventrice planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kathleen Palaia.

Love Joseph Ventrice - September 19, 2025 at 12:25 PM

LV

“ Love Joseph Ventrice purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Kathleen Palaia.



Love Joseph Ventrice - September 19, 2025 at 12:25 PM

YS

“ Your Family at Brothers Supply planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kathleen Palaia.

Your Family at Brothers Supply - September 19, 2025 at 12:24 PM

YS

“ Your Family at Brothers Supply purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Kathleen Palaia.



Your Family at Brothers Supply - September 19, 2025 at 12:24 PM

YE

“ Your Friends at Lion Enterprises planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kathleen Palaia.

Your Friends at Lion Enterprises - September 19, 2025 at 12:23 PM

YE

“ *Your Friends at Lion Enterprises purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Kathleen Palaia.*



Your Friends at Lion Enterprises - September 19, 2025 at 12:23 PM

WE

“ *With Love, Maria and John Esposito purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Kathleen Palaia.*



With Love, Maria and John Esposito - September 19, 2025 at 12:21 PM