



Lee J Heydolph

September 10, 1947 - April 3, 2025

Lee J. Heydolph, 77, passed away peacefully on April 3, 2025, surrounded by the love of his family.

Born and raised in Staten Island, NY, Lee lived a life full of creativity, laughter, and generosity. He proudly served in the United States Navy as a crew member aboard the USS Wasp (CV-18) and USS Intrepid (CV-11). He later brought his artistic talents to the world as a graphic artist.

Lee had a gift for humor and storytelling-his endless knowledge, quick wit, and unforgettable one-liners could light up any room. A lover of the written and spoken word, he shared his talents freely, especially with his longtime involvement with the USS Intrepid Former Crew Member Association, where he served on the Board of Directors for many years.

A devoted Yankees fan, Lee never missed a game and was especially fond of Mickey Mantle. He was also an enthusiast of classic British automobiles-particularly the British racing green of the MG B.

A true music lover, Lee adored The Beatles and Chicago, and in his younger years played drums in his bands, 4 of Kind and Liberation. His love for music and art was only matched by the deep affection he held for his family and friends.

Lee is survived by his beloved wife, Mary Secchini; his sister Grace and her husband Jerry; his son Glenn, and wife Gaby (texting bestie); his daughter Kristen and husband Justin; his stepdaughters Deanna and Erica; and seven beautiful grandchildren who brought him endless joy. He is predeceased by his parents, Emil and Grace.

Lee will always be remembered for his quick wit, generous heart, and the way he made everyone feel like the most important person in the room. His legacy of laughter, creativity, and love will live on in all who knew him.

A memorial service will be held on Tuesday, April 8, at Scalia Funeral Home, followed by a funeral Mass at St. Joseph-St. Thomas Church. In accordance with his wishes and in honor of his naval service, Lee will receive a burial at sea conducted by the U.S. Navy at a later date.

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In lieu of flowers, consider a donation to the Tunnel to Towers Foundation in Lee's name.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 8. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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

Service

APR 8. 11:30 AM (ET)

St. Thomas the Apostle Church
6135 Amboy Rd
Staten Island, NY 10309

Tribute Wall



“ *John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Lee J Heydolph*



John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals Inc. - April 07, 2025 at 06:24 PM

WL

“ *Our condolences to Lee’s family. Lee was a very popular guy and he generously befriended me and Tommy Hamer starting in grammar school. We did share an interest in war games and spent many hours playing. I took up the drums mostly to fit in we Lee’s circle of friends. We worked together at Shop Rite and then at the shoe store in Great Kills. We attended Wagner College together. Lee was instrumental in my meeting my wife of 48 years, Terry Pisano, who worked in the store across the street. Lee and Lynn Van Housen were on our first date. It was a double date arranged by Lee. By the time I learned that he and Don Martenson had joined the Navy, I could only join the army prior to being drafted, so we drifted apart. Lee was a very large part of our early life and we regret that work and geography prevented our interaction later in life.*

Bill “Bee Gee” Lindboe and Terry (Pisano) Lindboe

William G. Lindboe Jr and Theresa Lindbo - May 11, 2025 at 06:31 PM

TF

“ Tottenville family purchased the Elegance Gift Basket for the family of Lee J Heydolph.



Tottenville family - April 15, 2025 at 02:44 PM

CW

“ I am very sorry to hear about Lee condolences to his family

cynthia martenson walter - April 10, 2025 at 06:52 PM

CM

“ Dearest Grace and family,
I just learned today of Lee's passing. I'm so sorry for your loss. We all grew up together and had lots of good times, with band practices at Dennis Donaldson's house with his wonderful mom, and high school and the like. My mom's best friend Hazel was his aunt!! I'm very saddened by this. May he rest in piece!
All my love,
Carla Martenson

Carla Martenson - April 10, 2025 at 06:19 PM

DM

Dear Grace and family Don and I are so sorry for your loss. Have good memories of Lee. Our prayers are of comfort and with you all.

Diane Martenson - April 12, 2025 at 02:34 PM

EM

“ My Condolences to Lee's Family and friends and Former Crew members. I got to meet Lee during the Anniversary cruises and memorial services . Nice gentleman. He will be missed.
Fair Winds and following Sea's shipmate
Intrepid volunteer 09-24. Forrestal Former Crewman 80-84

Enrico Mandragona - April 09, 2025 at 11:43 AM

CW

“ My condolences to the Heydolph family. Fair winds and following seas shipmate!
Charlie Wladyka USS Intrepid former crew member..

Charlie Wlayka - April 08, 2025 at 05:23 PM

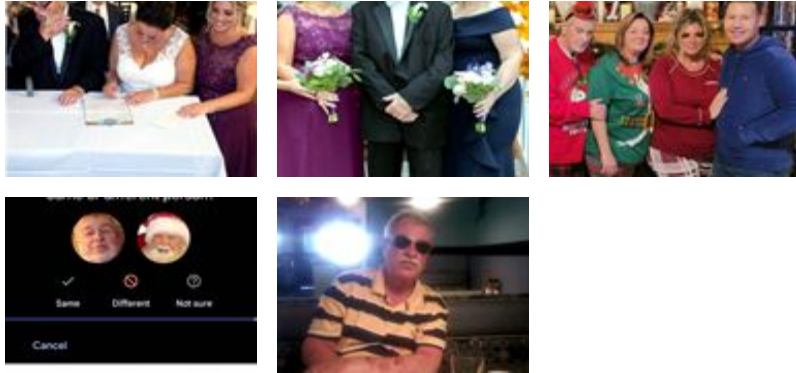
DD

“ My condolences to the Heydolph family. Going to miss my former bandmate from the "4 of a kind". 807 pounds of music . That name fit the four of us at the time. I will miss texting about old friends and the Yankees. Love from one old bearded Navy vet to another. I will miss you Lee Heydolph. Anchors Away.
Dennis Donaldson

Dennis Donaldson - April 08, 2025 at 09:17 AM



“ 78 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals Inc. - April 07, 2025 at 06:22 PM



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Aaron Reznick - April 06, 2025 at 03:21 PM



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Aaron Reznick - April 06, 2025 at 10:11 AM

PW

“ *Rest in eternal peace Lee. Memories from Killmeyers and your wedding with Bill.*



Pat Walker - April 05, 2025 at 08:18 AM

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Aaron Reznick - April 04, 2025 at 08:32 PM