



Lillian M. Papandrea

February 1, 1932 - January 14, 2025

Lillian M.. Papandrea, 92, passed away on Tuesday January 14, 2025, at home surrounded by her loving family.

She was the beloved wife of 70 years to Louis Papandrea who passed away in 2024. Loving mother to Patti Tomasso, Tom Papandrea, Jean Silano and Susan Porzio, dear mother-in-law to Vincent Tomasso, Benedette Papandrea, John Silano and Frank Porzio, devoted grandmother to Nicole, Lisa, Vincent, Michael, Christine, Lianne, Rose, Melissa, Frank and Janine. Lillian is also survived by her 7 cherished great-grandchildren.

Born and raised in Brooklyn, Lillian graduated from Bishop McDonnell High School. She pursued her passion for caring for others by completing the New York Foundling Hospital's Pediatric Nursing program. It was during this time that Lillian first visited Staten Island. In her role as a Pediatric Nurse, she accompanied the children under her care, along with the Sisters of Charity who ran the program. They enjoyed summer days at the Foundlings' summer camp cottages where her love for Staten Island began. The camp was located in the area which is now St. Joseph the Sea High School.

On May 30th 1954, Lillian and Louis were married at St. Rosalia's Church. Their love grew and so did their family. By 1961 they had four children and outgrew their two-bedroom apartment in Brooklyn. By a stroke of divine luck,

they moved to Seidman Avenue where their new neighbors became lifelong friends.

Known for her impeccable style and elegance, she designed stunning outfits for herself and her family, as well as beautiful interior designs, ensuring every celebration and space was picture-perfect. Lillian was creative and self-motivated, she taught herself how to sew, creating many beautiful garments for her family friends, and herself. She could crochet, needlepoint, and cross stitch. Lillian found her greatest joy in her family. Every step of the way, Lillian was there, celebrating every milestone, big or small—whether it was christenings, birthdays, graduations, school plays, weddings, or the births of her grandchildren.

Lillian's natural ability to connect with others and build trust was instrumental in her rise through the ranks. Starting as a bank teller, her warmth and strong interpersonal skills earned her the respect of colleagues and customers alike, eventually leading to a management position at Nat West, a prominent New York City bank.

In retirement, she and Lou were active members of their community. Volunteering at Staten Island University Hospital, participating in the Friendship Club, and their local AARP chapter, where her warmth and laughter were cherished.

The family extends their deepest gratitude to Lillian's caregivers, whose compassion and kindness brought her peace in her final years.

Lillian's beautiful life was filled with love, laughter, and a touch of glamour. She taught us to savor the good moments, lend a helping hand, and embrace life's joys with an open heart. Her legacy lives on in the hearts of all who were fortunate enough to know her. She will be missed and loved always.

The family will receive friends from 3:00 PM to 8:00 PM on Friday, January 17, 2025, at John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals, Inc., 28 Eltingville Blvd, Staten Island, New York.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be offered at 9:45 AM on Saturday at Our Lady Star of the Sea Church located at 5411 Amboy Road Staten Island, New York 10312. Interment will follow in Resurrection Cemetery, Staten Island, NY.

Memorial contributions may be sent 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?sc_icid=header-btn-donate-now.
or

Smile Train online at <https://www.smiletrain.org/order-fundraising-materials?form=givenow>

Cemetery Details

Resurrection Cemetery

361 Sharrott Ave
Staten Island, NY 10309

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 17. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

Service

JAN 18. 9:45 AM (ET)

Our Lady Star Of The Sea Church
5411 Amboy Rd
Staten Island, NY 10312

Tribute Wall



“ *John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Lillian M. Papandrea*



John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals Inc. - January 16, 2025 at 10:35 AM

LG

“ *Best block to grow up on, Seidman Ave. We will all always cherish the memories of the coffee crew. Barbara, Ray, Camille, Joe, Lillian and Lou. They would alternate houses and meet for coffee, most nights, just sharing life for so many years. Rest in peace Lillian, give my parents a hug for me. ❤️ Coffee's on ...*

Louisa Gaudenzi/Curto - January 19, 2025 at 09:19 PM

BB

“ Thanks for the many wonderful memories. Your lifelong friendship is a precious treasure. We couldn't have had a better neighbor.

You, Lou, Barbara, Ray, Joe and Camille had such a special bond sharing life's roller coaster nightly with a hot cup of coffee and delicious dessert.

Many adult only trips were enjoyed as well as family trips. We also celebrated so many special occasions together.

When we were kids, whenever our mom was looking for us, she found us at your house. Whenever we were looking for our parents, they were at your house. You always made all of us feel so welcomed.

You raised a beautiful family with tender loving care. They have carried on your caring nature, always thinking of others.

May you rest in heavenly peace. We love you. You will be missed.

Barbara Barton - January 19, 2025 at 12:08 PM

DF

“ Diane & Billy Morrison and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lillian M. Papandrea.

Diane & Billy Morrison and family - January 17, 2025 at 11:50 AM

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“ Diane & Billy Morrison and family purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Lillian M. Papandrea.



Diane & Billy Morrison and family - January 17, 2025 at 11:50 AM

MJ

“ Marylou, Raymond and Jill planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lillian M. Papandrea.

Marylou, Raymond and Jill - January 17, 2025 at 11:40 AM

MJ

“ Marylou, Raymond and Jill purchased the Fiery Lily and Rose for the family of Lillian M. Papandrea.



Marylou, Raymond and Jill - January 17, 2025 at 11:40 AM

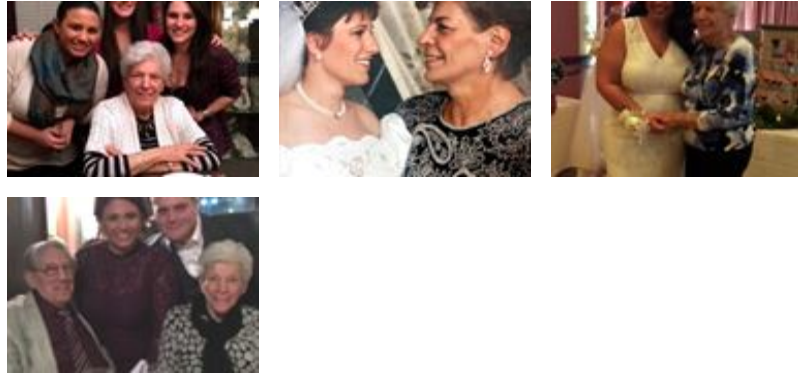
MA

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Our deepest sympathies and condolences to your families. Mike and Caryn Arnot

Mike and Caryn Arnot - January 16, 2025 at 03:38 PM



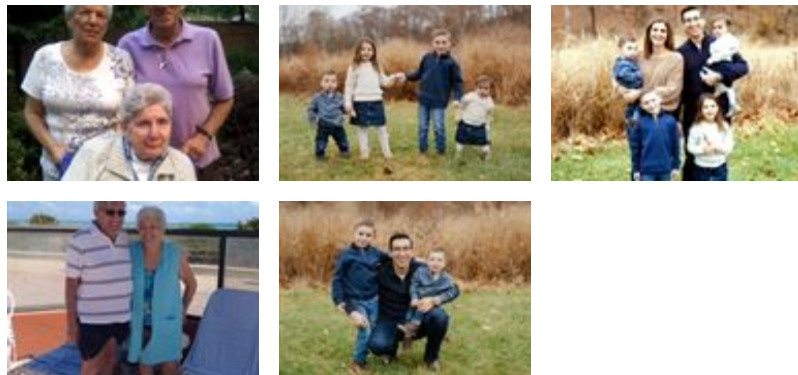
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John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals Inc. - January 16, 2025 at 01:33 PM



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John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals Inc. - January 16, 2025 at 10:32 AM



“ *Divina & Sally purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Lillian M. Papandrea.*



Divina & Sally - January 16, 2025 at 08:27 AM

KF

“ Kathryn and Steve Flynn planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lillian M. Papandrea.

Kathryn and Steve Flynn - January 15, 2025 at 09:21 PM

KF

“ Kathryn and Steve Flynn purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Lillian M. Papandrea.



Kathryn and Steve Flynn - January 15, 2025 at 09:21 PM

YN

“ Your lifetime next door neighbors planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lillian M. Papandrea.

Your lifetime next door neighbors - January 15, 2025 at 04:55 PM

YN

“ Your lifetime next door neighbors purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Lillian M. Papandrea.



Your lifetime next door neighbors - January 15, 2025 at 04:55 PM

DM

“ You were always calm and cool. I loved that the most about you. Wonderful person. Rest in peace with Uncle Louie now. I love you my beautiful Godmother ❤️

Diane Morrison - January 14, 2025 at 09:30 PM

LB

“ Rest in peace my beautiful aunt Lillian ! I have such fond memories of you and uncle Louie . I am so happy you are resting together now . We had the best time when you came to visit me in florida ! I will cherish that memory forever !!

Lorraine Brevetti - January 14, 2025 at 09:02 PM