



Lyssa Olsen-Kay

July 25, 1960 - January 13, 2025

Lyssa Olsen-Kay, 64 of Staten Island, passed away on Monday, January 13, 2025

Lyssa was a kind and empathetic soul who devoted her life and livelihood to helping others, graduating with a masters from Fordham University. She was a dedicated clinical social worker using her compassion and warmth to help others. She has also inspired her children to pursue careers with helping others in the community. Lyssa loved to volunteer, often volunteering with her children at the animal rescue, and local food pantry. She enjoyed traveling with her family. She is going to be deeply missed and forever remembered by her family and friends.

Lyssa was the beloved wife of 35 years to Andrew Kay. Loving mother to Ian Kay, Leia Kay and Emma Kay. Cherished daughter to Judi Kepics. Dear sister to Georgette Olsen and Arlynn Olsen. Lyssa is also survived by her furry friend, Pia.

The family will receive friends from 2:00 - 4:00 and 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 16, 2025, at the John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals, Inc., 28 Eltingville Blvd, Staten Island, New York.

A Funeral Service will be at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, January 17, 2025 in the

Funeral Home. Cremation will be private. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Lyssa's memory to VNS Health at www.vnshealth.org

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 16. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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

Visitation

JAN 16. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

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Service

JAN 17. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Lyssa Olsen-Kay*



John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals Inc. - January 16, 2025 at 09:58 AM

EM

“ *Happy mother's day* ❤️ 📺



Emma - May 11, 2025 at 08:57 PM

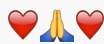
EK

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Emma Kay - January 21, 2025 at 08:50 PM

AO



Arlynn Olsen - January 28, 2025 at 12:09 PM

DY

“ *Dylan lit a candle in memory of Lyssa Olsen-Kay*



Dylan - January 20, 2025 at 12:16 PM

IK

“ We loved our mom and my father loved his beautiful wife. She was our comfort. She was our peace. She was our love. She was our light. My mother lived such an incredibly fulfilling life in such a short amount of time. And while she may have left us way too soon, the love she had for us was enough to last lifetimes. I'll never forget her smile, her laugh and the sense of calm she gave us. Cuddling in bed in the mornings with her; and cuddling up with her in the evening while she'd read a book with a cup of tea are some of my happiest memories. No matter how springy and uncomfortable that mattress was, it was always the most cozy bed in the house because of her.

Our mom was someone who always counted her blessings and looked at the silver lining. She made sure I said what I was grateful for every night before bed. She was always so appreciative and so positive and made sure to pass that on to everyone she knew. Even the smallest joys in life would bring her fulfillment and happiness. My mother taught me more than I can put into words. She also complimented me more than anyone and would tell me I looked handsome if I wore a garbage bag to go out, which was always nice. But the greatest gift she gave the world was being a beautiful human being, a wonderful role model and the best mom. We should all strive to be the positive, bubbly, outgoing person Lyssa was. And it's only fitting to end this with a quote from Mom's journal, "When things get tough, don't give up. There's always the beautiful sun waiting for you and your new day."

Ian Kay - January 18, 2025 at 04:18 PM

GO

Beautiful memories will last you a lifetime ❤️

Georgette Olsen - January 18, 2025 at 05:28 PM

AO

Beautiful eulogy Ian, you did a great job getting through it ❤️

Arlynn Olsen - January 20, 2025 at 08:09 AM

DS

This is Beautiful Ian

Dawn Schembari - January 21, 2025 at 10:29 AM

MB

“ *Marilyn B. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lyssa Olsen-Kay.*

Marilyn B. - January 18, 2025 at 11:04 AM

“My mom wasn’t only just my mom, but she was my best friend and the strongest woman I knew. She had such a kind soul, soft touch, and warm heart to her that i will always remember. My mom was such a good mom, always pushing my siblings and I to succeed not only in school, but outside of school too. Even though she would put me in random extracurriculars that I didn’t want to try, like soccer, that I remember going to for one practice that I cried at and never want back to. or going to summer camp that she had us go to every year where all I would do is hang out by myself and again cry because all I wanted to do was go home and be with my mom. When I think of her I’ll always think about the mornings before school when I would hear her radio alarm clock go off and she would be getting ready for work with her music on while she’s doing her makeup and hair in the bathroom mirror. Or when I would come downstairs in the mornings on weekends and she would be sitting on her computer scrolling on MSN while drinking her coffee with her glasses on and her short blonde highlighted haircut. People I meet will always compliment my blue eyes and tell me how pretty they are, and without hesitation I always tell them thank you I get them from my mom, sorry dad. Over the course of my mom’s disease my mom lost her abilities to speak, besides curse words of course, write, and do basic things like shower and change her clothes. But one thing she never forgot how to do was laugh, dance, and smile even on her most difficult days. Even up until her last days on earth with us, she had the biggest, most brightest smile on her face while looking at her family all around her because she probably knew just how loved and cared for she was. I will never understand why this had to happen to my mom at a young age when she had so much more to do and see in her life, but I do know she will never be forgotten and she will forever live in our memories and hearts. Like my mom wrote in her diary:
“Follow your heart and what you feel, but be careful as well. Don’t be afraid and enjoy as much as you can”!
Even through my moms struggles she was always so positive about life and had such a way with words

Leia Kay - January 17, 2025 at 03:50 PM

GO

Beautiful tribute Leia- she loved you all with all of her heart ❤️

Georgette Olsen - January 18, 2025 at 05:23 PM

AO

Beautiful heartfelt eulogy Leia, you did a great job reading it ❤️

Arlynn Olsen - January 20, 2025 at 09:33 AM

EK

“ There’s a lot I could say about my mom, but all of it I can’t even put into words so I’ll just say this.

She had always felt and loved all of her family and friends deeply. This is shown through all of the journals she has written throughout her life, some starting from before she was pregnant with Ian, all the way up until she began getting sick, and her last journal entries being right up until she could not write anymore. I remember when I was younger, she read me some of one of her journals that she wrote when I was a young girl, maybe 5 or 6 years old. In this, she always wrote about the little things in life but these little things were so special to her. I remember one memory she had written down, was about my godmother Aunt Pat babysitting me, and she just wrote about a walk my Aunt Pat took me on, and me picking up little rocks and leaves to give to her. It sounds so silly, but these small special moments between us and all of our loved ones, made her truly happy and her heart full. In everything she has done throughout her abundant life, she has taught me to appreciate the little things in life too. I can’t pinpoint just one big special memory because when I think of her, I think of a lot of everyday small things we did together. I think about joining her on her walks around the neighborhood or at the park in the warm summer evenings, when I was young, and talking to her about anything that came to my mind and asking her any questions I had about life in general. I also think about how at the end of the day, I’d sometimes just sit in her bed with her while she winded down for the day, talking and telling jokes. I think about when I had nightmares and I’d get up from my own bed and sleep with her in bed, even all the way up until i was 16 or 17 years old and feeling comforted by her just being near me. Although her life was cut too short for all of our likings, her life was full of love and abundant with family and friends and wonderful memories. One last thing I remember she told us in her last journal as she was getting sick, was to “keep dancing” and I hope everyone here can take that and remember that as we continue to go through life remembering my mom and making her proud.

Emma Kay - January 16, 2025 at 11:47 PM

AO

Beautiful expression of love Emma💕

Arlynn Olsen - January 17, 2025 at 03:41 PM

GO

💕 *so sweet.. she raised great kids so that speaks volumes of what kind of mom she was- she loved you all very much.. She was someone I could always talk to she was always concerned about how things were going for me and always wanted the best for me. I miss her a lot.*

Georgette Olsen - January 18, 2025 at 05:33 PM

AO

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Arlynn Olsen - January 16, 2025 at 11:26 PM

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Arlynn Olsen - January 16, 2025 at 11:22 PM

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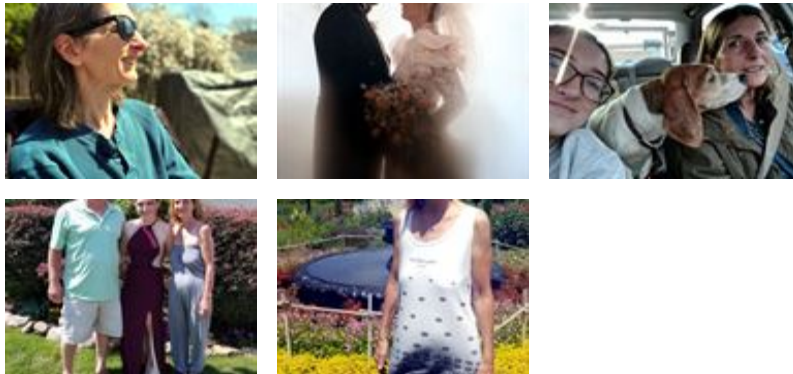
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Casey Rooney - January 16, 2025 at 06:00 PM



“ 99 files added to the album Life Tributes



John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals Inc. - January 16, 2025 at 09:55 AM

LK

“ Liz Kay lit a candle in memory of Lyssa Olsen-Kay



Liz Kay - January 16, 2025 at 08:49 AM

SA

“ *Sari,Audrey,Rae,Destiny,Hailey,Ariel purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Lyssa Olsen-Kay.*



Sari,Audrey,Rae,Destiny,Hailey,Ariel - January 16, 2025 at 12:03 AM

RF

“ *Ramnani and Pablani Family purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Lyssa Olsen-Kay.*



Ramnani and Pablani Family - January 15, 2025 at 10:17 PM

PR

“ *Patrick Rooney lit a candle in memory of Lyssa Olsen-Kay*



Patrick Rooney - January 15, 2025 at 07:37 PM



“ *Sweta Ramnani lit a candle in memory of Lyssa Olsen-Kay*



Sweta Ramnani - January 15, 2025 at 03:21 PM

TF

“ *The Howard Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Lyssa Olsen-Kay.*



The Howard Family - January 15, 2025 at 02:36 PM

AO

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Arlynn Olsen - January 15, 2025 at 01:01 PM

GO

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Georgette Olsen - January 15, 2025 at 12:22 PM

NM

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Nicole Moran - January 15, 2025 at 11:55 AM

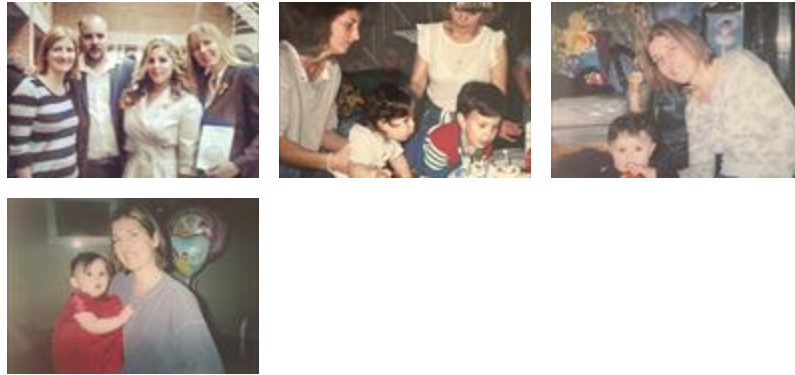
EK



Emma Kay - January 15, 2025 at 12:17 PM

GH

“ My beautiful cousin, inside and out. Always there and more like an aunt to me, You will missed, we love you.



Gina Hassler - January 15, 2025 at 11:31 AM

EK

Beautiful pictures, Gina! 💜💜💜

Emma Kay - January 15, 2025 at 12:16 PM

LK

Such lovely pictures Gina ❤️ 😊

Leia Kay - January 15, 2025 at 12:58 PM

GH

Thank you girls ❤️❤️❤️ Your mom was the best!

Gina Hassler - January 15, 2025 at 02:17 PM

DD

“ Danny and Doreen purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Lyssa Olsen-Kay.



Danny and Doreen - January 15, 2025 at 11:10 AM

DD

“ Danny and Doreen planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lyssa Olsen-Kay.

Danny and Doreen - January 15, 2025 at 11:10 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Lyssa Olsen-Kay.



January 15, 2025 at 10:45 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Lyssa Olsen-Kay.

January 15, 2025 at 10:45 AM

TF

“ *The DiBenedetto Family* purchased the *Forever Our Angel Bouquet* for the family of Lyssa Olsen-Kay.



The DiBenedetto Family - January 15, 2025 at 10:11 AM

DH

“ Drew Howard lit a candle in memory of Lyssa Olsen-Kay



Drew Howard - January 15, 2025 at 01:44 AM

JR

“ The Rosalie Family



Jen Rosalie - January 14, 2025 at 11:56 PM

EK

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Emma Kay - January 14, 2025 at 09:49 PM

CF

“ Chianchiano Family lit a candle in memory of Lyssa Olsen-Kay



Chianchiano Family - January 14, 2025 at 09:43 PM

LK

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Leia Kay - January 14, 2025 at 09:13 PM

AO

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Arlynn Olsen - January 14, 2025 at 08:29 PM



“ Tristan Smith lit a candle in memory of Lyssa Olsen-Kay



Tristan Smith - January 14, 2025 at 08:13 PM

TR

“ Tracey Rossmann purchased the Gracious Laven der Basket for the family of Lyssa Olsen-Kay.



Tracey Rossmann - January 14, 2025 at 07:20 PM

TR

“ Tracey Rossmann planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lyssa Olsen-Kay.

Tracey Rossmann - January 14, 2025 at 07:20 PM



“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Lyssa Olsen-Kay.



January 14, 2025 at 07:16 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Lyssa Olsen-Kay.

January 14, 2025 at 07:16 PM

NM

“ Nicole Moran lit a candle in memory of Lyssa Olsen-Kay



Nicole Moran - January 14, 2025 at 06:43 PM

MK

“ *Mary Kay lit a candle in memory of Lyssa Olsen-Kay*



Mary Kay - January 14, 2025 at 06:38 PM

CB

“ *Casey O and Brittany B purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Lyssa Olsen-Kay.*



Casey O and Brittany B - January 14, 2025 at 06:07 PM

PJ

“ *Pam & John lit a candle in memory of Lyssa Olsen-Kay*



Pam & John - January 14, 2025 at 06:01 PM

CR

“ *Casey Rooney lit a candle in memory of Lyssa Olsen-Kay*



Casey Rooney - January 14, 2025 at 05:42 PM

EK

“ Emma Kay lit a candle in memory of Lyssa Olsen-Kay



Emma Kay - January 14, 2025 at 05:40 PM

AO

“ Arlynn Olsen lit a candle in memory of Lyssa Olsen-Kay



Arlynn Olsen - January 14, 2025 at 05:14 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Lyssa Olsen-Kay.



January 14, 2025 at 05:12 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Lyssa Olsen-Kay.

January 14, 2025 at 05:12 PM

FZ

“ Faith and Bill Zadigian purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Lyssa Olsen-Kay.



Faith and Bill Zadigian - January 14, 2025 at 05:11 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Lyssa Olsen-Kay.



January 14, 2025 at 03:55 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Lyssa Olsen-Kay.

January 14, 2025 at 03:55 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lyssa Olsen-Kay.



January 14, 2025 at 03:52 PM



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January 14, 2025 at 03:52 PM