



Maria Lella

September 24, 1932 - October 10, 2025

Obituary for Maria Lella

It is with profound sadness that we announce the passing of Maria Lella, who left this world on October 10, 2025, at the age of 93. Born on September 24, 1932, in Italy, Maria was a beacon of love and strength, cherished by all who had the pleasure of knowing her. Her life journey led her from the picturesque landscapes of Italy to the vibrant community of Port Richmond, Staten Island, New York, where she built a legacy of love and devotion.

Maria was the beloved daughter of the late Vito and Palma Pedone, and she was known for her indomitable spirit and unwavering commitment to her family. In 1956, she married the late Nicola Lella, and together they embarked on a lifelong adventure filled with love, laughter, and the joys of raising a family. Their love story began in Italy and blossomed when they made the brave decision to move to America in 1972, where they created a warm and welcoming home for their children.

She was a devoted mother to seven children, two of whom, Domenico Lella and Vito Lella, preceded her in death. Maria's heart swelled with pride for her surviving children: daughter Rosa Caruso and her husband Frank; son Frank Lella and his wife Carmela; son Domenico Lella; daughter Palma (Lella) Ruggiero and her husband Frank; and son Vito Lella and his wife Cheryl.

Each child carried a piece of her spirit, and she delighted in nurturing their dreams and aspirations.

As a grandmother, Maria's joy multiplied with the arrival of her grandchildren: Josephine Cirillo (husband Dave), Rosario Caruso (wife Georgette), Krista Lella, Nicholas Lella, and Domenico Lella, as well as her cherished future grandchildren Gabriella, Gianna, Dominic, Maria, Nicola, and Vito Paul Lella. She reveled in each moment spent with her great-grandchildren, Daniella Cirillo, Joseph Cirillo, Christopher Cirillo, Samantha Caruso, Francesco Caruso, Justin Lella, and David Lella, her legacy continued through their laughter and love.

Maria was not only a devoted mother and grandmother but also a beloved sister, to her siblings Vito, Domenico, Antonio, Antonia, and Rosa Pedone. Her family was her greatest treasure, and she took immense pride in the close-knit relationships she cultivated throughout her life. She was a homemaker who dedicated her life to her children and family, creating a nurturing environment that was always filled with warmth and kindness.

In her later years, Maria spent her final moments at home, surrounded by her loving family, who provided her with the same love and care she had given them throughout her life. She will be remembered for her incredible strength, resilience, and, above all, her boundless love for her family.

A funeral mass will be held in her honor on October 15, 2025, at 10:00 AM at Our Lady Star of the Sea Church. Family and friends are invited to celebrate the beautiful life of Maria Lella, a woman who embodied love and devotion in every sense.

The family will receive family and friends on Tuesday October 14, 2025 from 2-4- and 7-9 PM at the John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals located at 28

Eltingville Blvd., Staten Island, NY 10312

Maria's legacy will continue to live on in the hearts of her family and the countless friends whose lives she touched throughout her remarkable journey. She will be deeply missed but never forgotten. Rest in peace, dear Maria; your love will forever be the guiding light in our lives.

Cemetery Details

Moravian Cemetery

2205 Richmond Road
Staten Island, NY 10306

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **14**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

The John Vincent Scalia Home For Funerals, Inc.
28 Eltingville Blvd. (at Eltingville Station)
Staten Island, NY 10312

Visitation

OCT **14**. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

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Staten Island, NY 10312

Service

OCT **15**. 10:00 AM (ET)

Our Lady Star of the Sea Church
5411 Amboy Rd
Staten Island, NY 10312

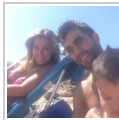
Tribute Wall



“ John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Maria Lella



John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals Inc. - October 14, 2025 at 01:03 PM



Ciao Commara Maria...a Dio!! ☩ ti vogliamo tanto bene! Abbraccia nonna Caterina ☐☐☐

PatriziaeNicola Dell'EderaDidonato - October 15, 2025 at 05:08 PM

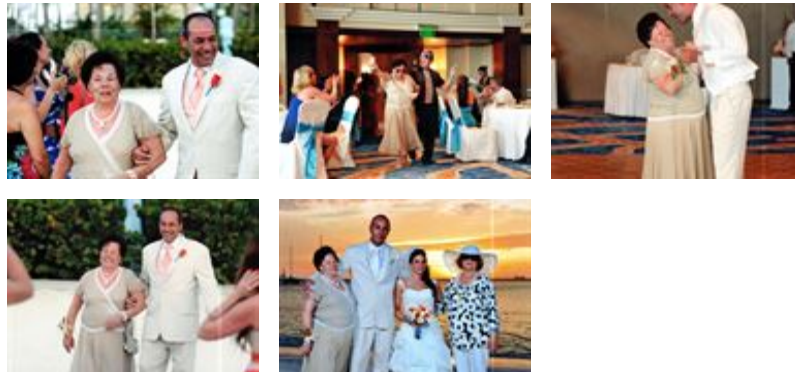
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Ciao Maria riposa in pace vicino al tuo amore

Caterina Abitino - October 16, 2025 at 09:51 AM



“ 46 files added to the album Life Tributes



John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals Inc. - October 14, 2025 at 12:59 PM

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“ Dear Zia Maria may the lord have you in perfect peace you were such a very strong lady , hard worker like our mom , my mother loved you very much and so did you.may you see my son Lenny and give him a big kiss from us our day will come that we will all see you again your with your husband my uncle Zio Nicole and your 2 kids you are at peace love always the TRITTA family Corrado Anna Maria e Nadia sorry we cannot be there bless us all .

anna m tritta - October 14, 2025 at 08:50 AM

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We will miss you Mom you were my second Mom always welcoming with a meatball on a fork all the parties and fond memories

Carmela Lella - October 14, 2025 at 11:38 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Maria Lella.



October 13, 2025 at 06:50 PM

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“ Love Louise and Frank Ruggiero planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Maria Lella.

Love Louise and Frank Ruggiero - October 13, 2025 at 06:50 PM



“ *Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Maria Lella.*



October 13, 2025 at 06:44 PM



“ *Terri Mongelli planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Maria Lella.*

Terri Mongelli - October 13, 2025 at 06:44 PM



“ *George milo and josephine agosta purchased the Sweet Sincerity for the family of Maria Lella.*



George milo and josephine agosta - October 13, 2025 at 04:34 PM



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George milo and josephine agosta - October 13, 2025 at 04:34 PM

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“ *Maria, Thank you for helping raise me growing up. I missed all the big family gatherings the wonderful food, Working with your boys with the garage sales in the summer, Just sitting on the front porch talking, I even miss the peach tree. All of it!.*

You were so wonderful to my family, and I will miss you dearly.

Joe Stahlnecker - October 13, 2025 at 08:35 AM



“ *Dear commara Maria, We were all very close to you. You have been an exceptional woman and a caring mother. You will remain forever in our hearts. A warm greeting from the Polly Vincenzo family and daughters and from Nicola and Patrizia*



PatriziaeNicola Dell'EderaDidonato - October 12, 2025 at 03:04 AM

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“ *My beloved mother. My life will never be the same. We all loved you so much. And there's nothing you wouldn't do for us. My heart is broken.*

Pam Ruggiero - October 11, 2025 at 06:42 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Maria Lella.*



October 11, 2025 at 11:08 AM