



## Mary Rose Blanda

December 4, 1938 - April 5, 2024

Mary Rose Blanda aka OE, 85 of Prince's Bay and Saint Augustine, passed away on Friday, April 5, 2024, at Baptist Medical Center South peacefully with family by her side, fulfilling her final wish.

Born Sunday, December 4, 1938 in Brooklyn, she was the daughter of the late Joseph Bonnett Sr and the late Mary Bonnett. Mary Rose's love of family was paramount in importance to her. She is now reunited in Heaven with her beloved husband, the late Joseph Blanda Sr. She was the oldest sister to her brothers Paul Bonnett and the late Joseph Bonnett Jr. as well as Kathy Bonnett. Mary Rose was a loving mother to Michelle Pittman, Jennifer Gonzalez, Joseph Blanda, Jr., the late Joseph Gonzalez, Sr. and Patricia Blanda. Cherished grandmother of Suzette, Michael, MaryRose, Joseph Jr, Heather, Al and Angel. Affectionate great-grandmother of Bianca, Mason, Ella and Little Angel.

After moving from Brooklyn, she was a fixture in the Staten Island community for over 40 years. She worked in a variety of capacities, including being a favorite of so many students as a member of the St. Joseph St. Thomas school community. Her role as homemaker and Matriarch to her beautiful family was her pride and joy. She was an avid lover of dogs, the music of Elvis and the simple things in life, such as game nights and Sunday dinners. She held a big presence in the church community and was involved in many other

good works, including volunteering on the board of election. During the week, Mary Rose would love to go on extended shopping trips with her children. She loved going to restaurants with her siblings and extended family. Perhaps her favorite activity was sitting in the crowd and rooting on her grandkids in their sporting events and dance competitions.

Since leaving Staten Island, Mary Rose lived out her golden years in Florida, enjoying days at the beach, taking advantage of the beautiful scenery of Saint Augustine. She made each day count, had a thirst for life and always had a smile on her face. Rather than mourning for her, Mary Rose would want us all to be happy, enjoy a piece of cake and reminisce about her wonderful time on this earth.

# Cemetery Details

## Resurrection Cemetery

361 Sharrott Ave  
Staten Island, NY 10309

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 14. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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

## Service

APR 15. 10:30 AM (ET)

St Thomas the Apostle Church  
50 Maguire Avenue  
Staten Island, NY 10309

# Tribute Wall



“ *John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Mary Rose Blanda*



John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals Inc. - April 14, 2024 at 12:03 PM

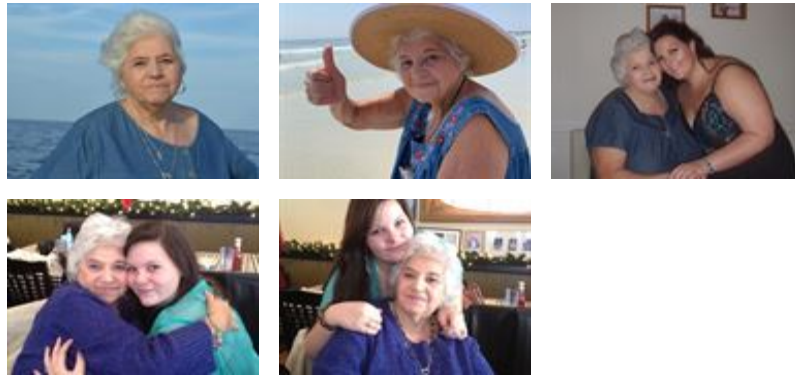
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claire gunther - November 05, 2025 at 08:01 AM



“ *91 files added to the album Life Tributes*



John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals Inc. - April 14, 2024 at 12:02 PM

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“ Love, Donna Rivera purchased the Love's Journey for the family of Mary Rose Blanda.



Love, Donna Rivera - April 14, 2024 at 12:00 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Rose Blanda.



April 13, 2024 at 07:49 PM

KH

“ Ken and Anne Head purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Mary Rose Blanda.



Ken and Anne Head - April 13, 2024 at 01:03 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mary Rose Blanda.



April 12, 2024 at 05:13 PM

JS

“ Jim & Karla Stewart planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Rose Blanda.

Jim & Karla Stewart - April 12, 2024 at 05:13 PM

TF

“ The Bellomo Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Mary Rose Blanda.



The Bellomo Family - April 12, 2024 at 09:47 AM

LS

“ Laura Setteducate purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Mary Rose Blanda.



Laura Setteducate - April 11, 2024 at 12:41 PM

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“ Laura Setteducate planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Rose Blanda.

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