



## Matthew A. Santoro

May 15, 1941 - March 5, 2026

When people said Matthew Santoro was the best of the best, they truly meant it. They broke the mold when they made him.

Matthew Santoro, born May 15, 1941, passed away in his home on March 5, 2026, at the age of 84, surrounded by people he loved.

Matthew proudly served the people of New York City as a Detective with the NYPD for 40 years. Throughout his long and distinguished career, he was known for his dedication, loyalty, sharp mind, and unwavering commitment to justice and service.

Above all else, Matthew was a devoted and loving husband to his beloved wife, Renee. He was a proud and caring father to his children: Dori-Ann, Lisa, Lenny, Matthew, John, Patricia, Crystal, and Farrah. He was also a cherished grandfather and Pop Pop to his eleven grandchildren: Eugene, Alessandra, Daniella, Gina, Kristina, Gianna, Michael, Joseph, Robert, Hayden, and Santino.

Family was the center of Matthew's life. He treasured spending time with those he loved, whether it was going out to breakfast with his closest friends, talking with them on the phone, attending church, or simply enjoying the company of his family. His faith was deeply important to him, and he was a

devoted follower and worshiper of God.

Matthew will be remembered for his humor, love, patience, kindness, generosity, and gentle spirit. He was dedicated, strong-willed, with a sense of humor and stubborn streak that only added to his character. Above all, he was a man who loved deeply and gave wholeheartedly to the people in his life.

Matthew leaves behind his loving wife, Renee, his children, grandchildren and many friends whose lives were better for knowing him. His legacy of faith, love, service, and family will live on in all who knew him.

He will be deeply missed and forever remembered.

The family will receive friends from 2:00 - 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 10, 2026, and Wednesday, March 11, 2026 at John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals, Inc., 28 Eltingville Blvd, Staten Island, New York.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 12, 2026 at Holy Child Church located at 4747 Amboy Rd Staten Island, New York 10312. Interment will follow in Moravian Cemetery, Staten Island, NY.

# Cemetery Details

## Moravian Cemetery

2205 Richmond Road  
Staten Island, NY 10306

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 10. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

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

## Visitation

MAR 10. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

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## Visitation

MAR 11. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

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## Visitation

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## Service

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MAR 12. 10:00 AM (ET)

Holy Child Church  
4747 Amboy Road  
Staten Island, NY 10312

# Tribute Wall



“ *John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Matthew A. Santoro*

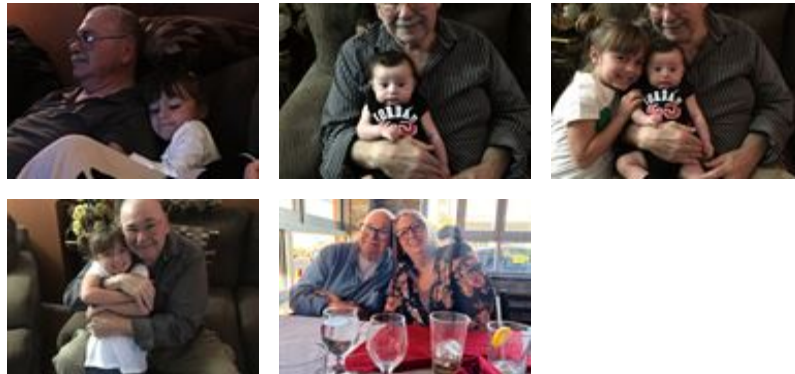


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**John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals Inc.** - March 10 at 12:59 PM



“ *168 files added to the album LifeTributes*



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**John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals Inc.** - March 10 at 12:52 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Matthew A. Santoro.*

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March 09 at 08:00 PM

YJ

“ Your cousin Joe and Carol Parisi, jr. purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Matthew A. Santoro.



Your cousin Joe and Carol Parisi, jr. - March 09 at 04:02 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Matthew A. Santoro.



March 09 at 01:06 PM

RN

“ Raymond N. purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Matthew A. Santoro.



Raymond N. - March 09 at 11:30 AM

DC

“ Diane Carlesi purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Matthew A. Santoro.



Diane Carlesi - March 07 at 11:15 PM

RN

“ *Matty was one of our “ regular table friends” at the Honor Legion monthly meetings for past 25 years - he was a terrific man who was loved and respected by everyone from Big Chiefs to officers in the NYPD. My condolences to his entire family Heaven got a great Detective -  
ret. Insp Rob “ Nappy” Napolitano*

Robert Napolitano - March 07 at 06:45 PM

FB

*Thank you so much for your kind words. Matty was loved by so many. He loved going to the meetings. He loved all his friends so much. Thank you for your beautiful tribute to him*

Farrah Barone - March 08 at 02:59 PM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Matthew A. Santoro.*



March 07 at 10:34 AM

LC

“ *Love, Camille purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Matthew A. Santoro.*



Love, Camille - March 06 at 10:24 PM

TV

“ *My heartfelt condolences. Matty was like a father to me and always looked out for me during my career in the PD. He was one of a kind and will be sorely missed.*

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**Thomas Visconti** - March 06 at 04:50 PM

FB

*Thank you so much. Matty loved everyone who was around him and took everyone under his wings. Now he has his own wings and flying high. He will truly be missed.*

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**Farrah Barone** - March 08 at 03:00 PM

JF

*My sincere condolences to Matty's family. Matty simply put was a true gentleman and it was always a pleasure being in his company. May he Rest in Eternal Peace*

*Joe Fiorello*

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**Joe Fiorello** - March 10 at 09:48 PM

EP

*Matty & family. I am so very sorry - I just found out and missed the services. I'll always remember you and our last conversation a few weeks ago - it was my turn to call you.*

*I'll never forget all of the people you helped in the PD myself included. My 3 girls always referred to you as uncle Matty.*

*May God watch over your entire family, Renee, Matt John Patricia (an as you would say "tribe" me my wife and 3 girls are going to sorely miss you.*

*Until we meet again 🙏🙏🙏💔*

*The Pistek family. Erik Ann Jeanette Samantha Veronica*

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**erik Pistek** - March 13 at 07:09 PM