



## Michael J. Spano

December 5, 1937 - August 2, 2024

Michelangelo Joseph Spano, known affectionately by his loved ones as Michael, Mike, Dad, Pop-Pop, Pop and Uncle Mike passed away peacefully on August 2, 2024 at the age of 86 in his hometown of Staten Island, NY.

Born on December 5th, 1937, to Joseph and Louise Spano in Brooklyn, NY, Michael was a resident of Staten Island for over 48 years. He is predeceased by his siblings Vincent, Maria and Joseph.

Michael attended Seminary High School in Massachusetts, an experience that formed his deep religious beliefs and faith that he carried with him throughout his entire life.

Upon Graduation from High School Michael joined the United States Air Force where he proudly served from 1955 – 1959. Mike often spoke about some his fondest memories of his time in the service in France where he worked on Radar for the US Military. Mike received his honorable discharge in 1959 and returned home to Brooklyn, NY.

A dedicated and hard-working man, Michael held positions at Western Union, where he worked on Teletype machines, Metropolitan Life Insurance and Noonan Astley and pierce, where he was an executive for over 25 Years until his retirement.

In the mid 1970's Michael was instrumental in working with the Staten Island

Community Board in closing the controversial Willowbrook State School, an accomplishment he was very proud of.

After his service in the military was completed, Michael returned home to Brooklyn where he almost immediately fell in love with the girl across the street, Rosemary.

Michael and Rosemary were engaged on February 14th, 1963, and were married on July 6th, 1963. They would spend the next 61 years married until his passing.

In 1964 Michael and Rosemary had their first child Michael followed by Paul, Christopher and Matthew. The Spano Family was always referred to as “Ro, Mike and the Boys”.

Michael was blessed with his daughters-in-law, Debbie, Phyllis, Valerie and Jaclyn, his grandchildren Michelle, Michael, Paul, Nicholas, Dominick, Samantha, Matthew and Christopher. He then received an amazing gift in his last year with the birth of his Great Granddaughter Valentina.

Some of Michael’s greatest joys also came from spending time with his brothers and sisters-in-law, nieces, nephews and friends at family gatherings and trips.

Michael was recognized by all who knew him as a wickedly intelligent, hardworking, respected man that was quietly proud of his beloved Family.

In lieu of flowers, Donations to St Jude’s Children’s Hospital or Little Sisters of the poor in Michael’s name would be greatly appreciated.

The family will receive friends from 2:00 - 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. on Monday, August 5, 2024, at the John Vincent Scalia Home For Funerals, Inc., 28 Eltingville Blvd. (at Eltingville Station), Staten Island, New York.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, August 6, 2024 at Holy Child Church located at 4747 Amboy Rd Staten Island, New York 10312. Interment will be in Resurrection Cemetery, Staten Island, NY.

# Cemetery Details

## Resurrection Cemetery

361 Sharrott Ave  
Staten Island, NY 10309

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 5. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

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

## Visitation

AUG 5. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

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

## Service

AUG 6. 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 Michael J. Spano



John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals Inc. - August 04, 2024 at 06:50 PM

MK

“ Mr. And Mrs KURZ send our deepest condolences to the Spano family

Morris &Ellen kurz - August 22, 2024 at 03:47 PM

AS

“ Ana werbel and Yaron Shemesh purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Michael J. Spano.



Ana werbel and Yaron Shemesh - August 05, 2024 at 11:19 AM

AS

“ Ana werbel and Yaron Shemesh planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael J. Spano.

Ana werbel and Yaron Shemesh - August 05, 2024 at 11:19 AM

DU

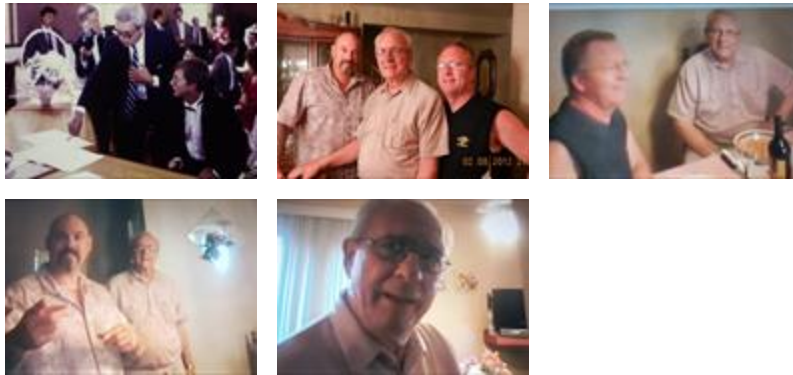
“ *Ducrocq lit a candle in memory of Michael J. Spano*



Ducrocq - August 05, 2024 at 06:01 AM

DU

“ *7 files added to the album my godfather*



Ducrocq - August 05, 2024 at 05:53 AM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Michael J. Spano.*



August 04, 2024 at 06:37 PM

AF

“ All our love, Therese, Brian and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael J. Spano.

All our love, Therese, Brian and family - August 04, 2024 at 06:37 PM

JS

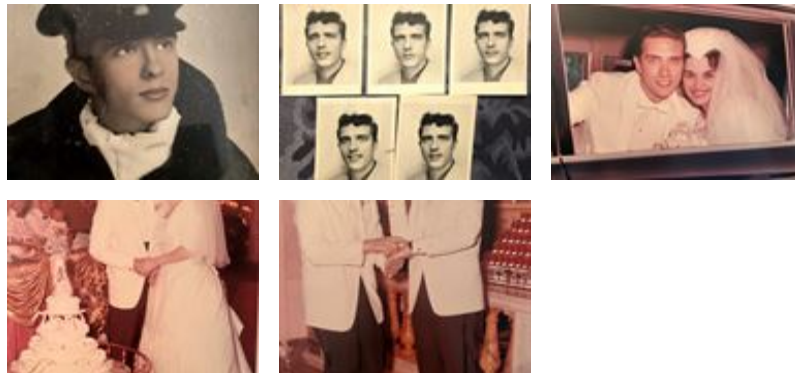
“ 5 files added to the tribute wall



Jennifer Spano - August 04, 2024 at 04:12 PM



“ 100 files added to the album LifeTributes



John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals Inc. - August 04, 2024 at 02:47 PM

JS

“ Jennifer Spano purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Michael J. Spano.



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**Jennifer Spano** - August 04, 2024 at 02:25 PM

CF

“ Camille, Joseph, Gina Spano Family purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Michael J. Spano.



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**Camille, Joseph, Gina Spano Family** - August 04, 2024 at 01:42 PM

BV

“ Bill, Anthony, Tony & Vito purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Michael J. Spano.



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**Bill, Anthony, Tony & Vito** - August 04, 2024 at 11:27 AM

BV

“ Bill, Anthony, Tony & Vito planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael J. Spano.

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**Bill, Anthony, Tony & Vito** - August 04, 2024 at 11:27 AM

SF

“ *Sal, Mario, & the DAL Electric Family purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Michael J. Spano.*



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**Sal, Mario, & the DAL Electric Family** - August 04, 2024 at 10:10 AM

DU

“ *I will always remember my first stay in the USA in 1975 and all the wonderful gifts you used to send to my on my birthdays.I know that you are having a good time in heaven with Dad.*

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**Ducrocq** - August 04, 2024 at 09:08 AM

PD

“ *Pamela DiMartino lit a candle in memory of Michael J. Spano*



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**pamela DiMartino** - August 04, 2024 at 09:02 AM

DJ

“ *Ducrocq J. purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Michael J. Spano.*



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**Ducrocq J.** - August 04, 2024 at 08:51 AM

DJ

“ *Ducrocq J. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael J. Spano.*

Ducrocq J. - August 04, 2024 at 08:51 AM

VI

“ *Vincent lit a candle in memory of Michael J. Spano*



Vincent - August 04, 2024 at 01:05 AM

VI

“ *My Uncle Micheal, who was also my godfather, was such an awesome man! He was the older brother to my father, Vinny, and I remember all the fun get-togethers we used to have with him, Aunt Rosemary, and cousins Michael, Paul, Christopher, and Matthew. These were very LOUD get-togethers with at least one smokey room filled with all of our fathers, martinis, glasses of scotch, and lots of card playing! I treasure those memories, and feel that an era has come to an end... as with the passing of Uncle Mike, the last of the Spano siblings are gone... Michael, Vinny, Maria, and Joey. All my special memories of Uncle Mike will live on forever in my heart. Lots of love from your nephew and godson, and my deepest condolences to my Aunt and my cousins. Vincent*

Vincent - August 04, 2024 at 01:03 AM

DU

*Hello Vincent, you dont know me, I'm also one of your uncle's godchildren. We may have met during my first stay in the U.S. in 1975. The day after my arrival we went crayfish fishing with your father. That's one of the good memories of my stay..A part of my life came to an end on august 2nd*

Ducrocq - August 04, 2024 at 09:22 AM

VI

*We shared a very special Godfather, Ducrocq!*

**Vincent** - August 07, 2024 at 02:52 AM

JA

“ *Jeysa, Juan, Annali purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Michael J. Spano.*



**Jeysa, Juan, Annali** - August 03, 2024 at 06:54 PM

CF

“ *CJS Family purchased the Divine Light for the family of Michael J. Spano.*



**CJS Family** - August 03, 2024 at 06:17 PM