



Paul J. Arena

February 7, 1944 - March 11, 2024

Paul Arena rests in peace after passing away at the age of 80 years on March 11, 2024.

Paul was born in Brooklyn, NY to Maria and Giacomo ("James") Arena. He graduated from Brooklyn Automotive High School in 1961 and became a mechanic at O.D. Auto Electric Service in Bay Ridge. Eventually, he purchased the business and operated the repair shop under the same name until 1990. Afterwards, he signed on with CUNY and finished his career as a laborer in the mechanic's garage at the College of Staten Island, retiring in 2010.

Paul married Annette Vallinoto on October 10, 1964 and following the births of their son Paul in 1968 and daughter Barbara in 1971, moved to a new home in Great Kills, Staten Island. He remained in that same house for the rest of his life.

Along with serving in the United States Army, Paul was a prominent member of the Staten Island Region of the Antique Automobile Club of America since 1976, serving numerous terms as club president. Among several of his cars, his 1964 Buick Riviera is a nationally recognized award winner many times over.

Predeceased by his wife, he is survived by his son Paul, daughter Barbara Padovano, daughter-in-law Sandy and son-in-law Paul. He leaves behind his cherished grandchildren Marialena Padovano, Paul Padovano, Vincent Arena and Noah Lancia. He is also survived by his in-laws Rosalie & Dennis Brannick, his three nephews Michael, Kevin and Dennis Brannick, and their families.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be offered at 11:00 AM on Friday at St. Clares Church located at 110 Nelson Avenue Staten Island, New York 10308. Interment will follow in Resurrection Cemetery, Staten Island, NY.

The family will receive friends from 4:00 PM to 9:00 PM on Thursday, March 14, 2024, at John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals, Inc., 28 Eltingville Blvd, Staten Island, New York.

Cemetery Details

Resurrection Cemetery

361 Sharrott Ave
Staten Island, NY 10309

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 14. 4:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

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

Service

MAR 15. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Clares Church
110 Nelson Avenue
Staten Island, NY 10308

Tribute Wall

RT

“ *Rosa and Natalie Tripodi purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Paul J. Arena.*



Rosa and Natalie Tripodi - March 13, 2024 at 09:18 PM

RT

“ *Rosa and Natalie Tripodi planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Paul J. Arena.*

Rosa and Natalie Tripodi - March 13, 2024 at 09:18 PM

KK

“ *Paul. may you rest in peace. The Staten Island Region Antique Automobile Club is what it is today because of you. You will be missed at our car show and annual trips to Hershey,*

Kevin Keenan

Kevin Keenan - March 13, 2024 at 08:54 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Paul J. Arena.*



March 13, 2024 at 06:35 PM

TF

“ *The Rago Family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Paul J. Arena.*



The Rago Family - March 13, 2024 at 02:34 PM

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“ *The Rago Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Paul J. Arena.*

The Rago Family - March 13, 2024 at 02:34 PM

GE

“ *Dear Paul I know that you are at peace and in the eternal light of our LORD. I have not known you for a very long time but in the time that I have you have been a wonderful caring and loving man. You will live on in the memories of many. Rest in eternal peace my dear friend. Jerry Esposito*

Gerard Esposito - March 13, 2024 at 10:55 AM

GF

“ *Rest in peace Paul. Condolences to the family. You will be missed at the shows.*

Gorgia Family - March 13, 2024 at 09:43 AM

JT

“ *Jack and Roxanne Tagliavia purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Paul J. Arena.*



Jack and Roxanne Tagliavia - March 13, 2024 at 09:26 AM