



Philip Catalfo

October 24, 1960 - January 4, 2024

Philip M. Catalfo

10/24/60 - 01/04/24

Philip (Phil) Catalfo passed away on January 4, 2024 with his devoted wife Jayne, cherished daughter Jilian, and many loving family members by his side. In addition to his wife and daughter, Phil is survived by his father Anthony, sister Marie, and a large extended family of in-laws, cousins, and dear friends who are heartbroken at his passing. He was preceded in death by his mother, Loretta.

A proud New Yorker, Phil grew up in Glendale, Queens before eventually settling down in Staten Island, but his true calling led him to spend many of his happiest years working in the Theater District in Manhattan. Phil began his career with Ticketron before going on to work as a Support Tech at The Shubert Theater. Often referring to himself as "The King of Broadway", Phil absolutely loved the theater, and considered his coworkers there to be part of his family. He credited his Aunt Rose with instilling in him a love for art and theater from an early age, and always made sure his friends and family received the royal treatment every time they ventured into the city to see a Broadway play.

Over the years, Phil cherished the time spent at gatherings with friends and

family, including vacations in Cape May, summers at Orient Point on Long Island, block parties with neighbors, and celebrating large holiday dinners with his loved ones. Phil also had a passion for music; he enjoyed Queen and the Rolling Stones, even taking a memorable road trip with his friend Tom to see the Stones live in concert.

But Phil also had the wisdom to appreciate the simpler pleasures that came along with everyday life: eating a quiet dinner at his favorite Italian restaurants, rooting for the New York Jets, and laid back Sunday afternoons playing cards with his brother-in-law and best friend, Johnny. Phil enjoyed barbecuing-even during snowstorms!-and whipping up delicious spaghetti and baked clams on camping trips with Johnny and brothers-in-law Pat and Patrick, along with their nephew, Michael.

Phil's greatest source of happiness came from the life he and Jayne built together, and the loving home in which they raised their beautiful daughter Jilian. He was an involved and actively engaged Dad right from the start, attending Jilian's dance recitals, sharing her love for cats, going on Daddy-Daughter dates to Broadway shows, enjoying day trips and vacations together, and reveling in all of her accomplishments big and small. He also kept up with what was going on in the busy lives of his many nieces and nephews, and more recently loved seeing pictures and videos of his great nieces' adorable antics.

In his later years, Phil faced ongoing health struggles, but he refused to let that stop him from enjoying life and making each moment count. He used to say: "I'll never just lay around and watch the birds fly." Instead, even when he became disabled and could no longer work, he volunteered his time at the Eger Health Care & Rehabilitation Center, and later joined a JCC program, where he would sing for the residents there.

One of the songs Phil sang weekly was "My Way", which was especially appropriate: Phil was an inspiration to all who knew him, demonstrating extraordinary strength and determination on a daily basis, never letting anything stop him from living a life full of purpose and meaning.

The family will receive friends from 5:00 - 9:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 16, 2024, at the John Vincent Scalia Home For Funerals, Inc., 28 Eltingville Blvd. (at Eltingville Station), Staten Island, New York.

A Prayer Service will be at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 16, 2024 at the Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in Phil's memory to The Glaucoma Foundation or the Broadway League Foundation.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 16. 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

The John Vincent Scalia Home For Funerals, Inc.
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Staten Island, NY 10312

Service

JAN 16. 7:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

RG

“ Richard G. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Philip Catalfo.

Richard G. - January 19, 2024 at 09:17 PM

WC

“ With love, Laura & Curt Ciumei purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Philip Catalfo.



With love, Laura & Curt Ciumei - January 16, 2024 at 12:59 PM

AM

“ Aunt Anna and Cousin Maria purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Philip Catalfo.



Aunt Anna and Cousin Maria - January 16, 2024 at 12:51 PM

CC

“ Christine C. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Philip Catalfo.

Christine C. - January 16, 2024 at 10:03 AM

BH

“ Bree H. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Philip Catalfo.

Bree H. - January 15, 2024 at 07:28 PM



“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Philip Catalfo.



January 15, 2024 at 07:26 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Philip Catalfo.



January 14, 2024 at 03:54 PM

TO

“ The Obermaiers. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Philip Catalfo.

The Obermaiers. - January 14, 2024 at 03:54 PM

CF

“ *Cousins Grace, Marie, Anne & Families purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Philip Catalfo.*



Cousins Grace, Marie, Anne & Families - January 12, 2024 at 10:41 AM



“ *There are many lights on Broadway, but few shined brighter than Phil. Best of the best. He made every visit, every phone call, every conversation a pleasure. Phil was smart and knew his stuff. When you made a mistake, he didn't make you feel bad, didn't hold a grudge, but figured out the best way to proceed. And that laugh... I'll never forget him and wish more could be like him. Condolences to his wife, daughter, family and friends. We lost one of the good guys. :-)*

Gary Powers - January 10, 2024 at 02:00 AM

CL

“ *Everyone should learn some lessons from Phil. He never had a bad word to say about anyone. He was the eternal optimist in face of daily challenges. He brought a smile and a laugh to everyone he'd meet. You left us too soon cousin. You will be missed by every life you touched. Thank you for that. God bless and rest in peace.*

Cousin John Liantonio - January 07, 2024 at 10:32 AM



“ *Phil was one of my favorite folks I ever had the pleasure to work with! He always made me laugh, I often tell people I got to sing on Broadway and that was with Phil at the Booth Theater. The song we sang was...California Dreamin. All the leaves are brown, and the sky is gray... I went on a walk, on this winter day...and thought of you today my friend. Rest easy Phil!*

Nina Bussanich Mobilio - January 07, 2024 at 12:09 AM



“ *Very fond memories of phil at the summer gathering in Orient Point...playing cards, horseshoes and just chilling. Phil had an infectious laugh and a great attitude. Rest in peace, my friend.*

Cesar Santos - January 06, 2024 at 09:39 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Philip Catalfo.*



January 06, 2024 at 08:37 PM

VR

“ I had the pleasure and privilege of having Phil report to me from the time we acquired Ticketron until his retirement. When we acquired Ticketron, Phil was on the first list of people I wanted to hire and very quickly it became clear that was the right decision. Phil was incredibly dedicated to his clients and would do anything to help his people. That was reflected in the high regard in which he was held by the box offices and anyone else with whom he came into contact. Phil was also just a great guy all around who was always positive and spread that feeling to anyone around him. Truly a terrific guy.

Vince Rieger - January 06, 2024 at 06:20 PM

DD

“ Phil basically gave me my career. Over the next 20 years, he was supportive, demanding, giving, challenging, and always kind. Just simply the best. I will carry him with me in my heart for this and for being one of the best men I've ever known. Jayne, you and the family have my deepest sympathies.



David Dillon - January 06, 2024 at 05:13 PM