

Ralph Cugno

April 12, 1932 - February 14, 2026

Raffaele R Cugno, age 93, passed away peacefully Saturday February 14, 2026, in the loving hands of his daughter. Ralph was born and raised in Soho, New York City before moving to Staten Island and settling in Great Kills throughout his life.

Ralph was born to Domenico and Michelina Cugno in New York City. He graduated from Brooklyn Automotive High School and later earned an Associates Degree from New York City Community College.

Ralph worked for the State of New York in the department of Occupational Safety and Health through his career and retired in 1996.

Ralph served in the US Army during the and was stationed with the 101st Airborne Division. He received the Korean Service Medal with a Bronze Service Star, A United Nations Service Medal, a National Defense Service Medal and the Presidential Unit citation ROK DAGO 24 31 MAR 54.

A devout Catholic, Ralph was a parishioner of St. Clare's Catholic Church where he served as an usher at the 11:30 mass weekly for over 25 years. He was an easy-going humble man who was caring and devoted to his family and friends. He loved sports, especially boxing and was a Golden Gloves boxer and trainer. He spent the summers swimming at the

Great Kills Swim Club and loved walking and sunning at Gateway Park.

Ralph is survived by his daughter Denice Schnaak, his grandchildren Kristen DeCarlo, Jake Schnaak, and Benjamin Schnaak, his brother Anthony Cugno, and his girlfriend and companion Kathy Fortino.

A Funeral service will be at 11:00 AM on Wednesday at John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals, Inc. located at 28 Eltingville Blvd Staten Island, New York 10312. Interment will follow in Resurrection Cemetery, 361 Sharrott Avenue, Staten Island, NY.

The family will receive friends from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM on Wednesday, February 18, 2026, at John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals, Inc., 28 Eltingville Blvd, Staten Island, New York.

Cemetery Details

Resurrection Cemetery

361 Sharrot Avenue
Staten Island, NY 10309

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 18. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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

Service

FEB 18. 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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Michele/Niece - February 22 at 03:51 PM

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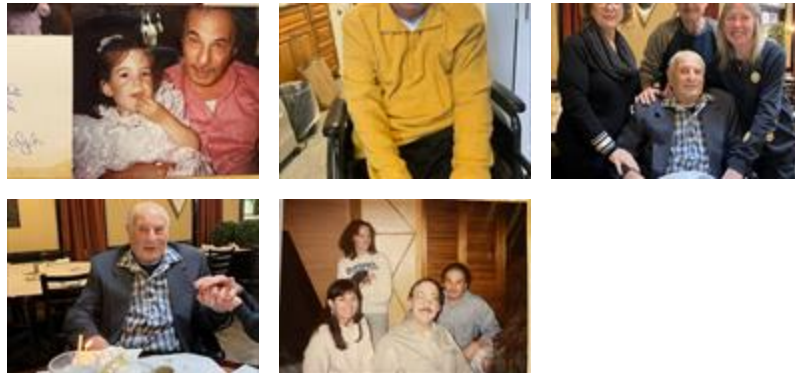
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Michele/niece - February 19 at 09:19 PM

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“ 16 files added to the album Uncle Ralph<3



Michele Cugno/ Niece - February 17 at 11:16 PM



“ Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ralph Cugno.



February 17 at 11:17 AM

SS

“ Stephanie Santos lit a candle in memory of Ralph Cugno



stephanie santos - February 17 at 09:27 AM

MC

“ *Mr and Mrs Peter Carrara purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Ralph Cugno.*



Mr and Mrs Peter Carrara - February 16 at 01:33 PM

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“ *Mr and Mrs Peter Carrara planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ralph Cugno.*

Mr and Mrs Peter Carrara - February 16 at 01:33 PM