



## Ralph D'Elia

December 26, 1954 - January 16, 2022

Ralph D'Elia of Annadale, passed away at home on Sunday January 16, 2022 surrounded by his loving family. Born in Manhattan to the late Vincenzo and Rosa D'Elia, Ralph grew up in the Woodside section of Queens. At the age of 19 he began working for the Transit Authority retiring out of the West Side Depot in Manhattan as a supervisor. He quickly grew bored with retirement and began a second career with the Transit Authority at the Castleton Avenue Depot until his retirement in 2017.

Ralph was a graduate of Aviation High School in Queens and then went onto NYC Community College where he earned his Associates Degree. Ralph was a fixer of cars and a avid cyclist. He was a Biathlon athlete in running and biking. He showed his affection for people by giving them a bicycle.... which meant he liked you. Ralph even built cars from the ground up, often swapping parts from one car to another. He enjoyed all sports but truly enjoyed watching football and horse racing. He also enjoyed fine arts and would often accompany his companion Pearl to museums and galleries throughout the City.

Ralph was the loving father of Jennifer Pietrunti, Daniel and Christopher. Dearest brother of Maria Di Salvo and Tony. Cherished grandfather of Olivia, Charlotte, Declan, Juliette, Christopher and Cali. He is also survived by his dear companion Pearl Fuhr, and Jean Mc Dermott , his children's mother.

A gathering of family and friends will take place on Thursday from 2-5 p.m. & 7-9 p.m. at The John Vincent Scalia Home For Funerals, Inc. 28 Eltingville Blvd. Staten Island NY.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be offered on Friday at the Church of the Holy Child at 10:00 a.m. Interment will follow in Resurrection Cemetery.

# Cemetery Details

## Resurrection Cemetery

361 Sharrott Ave  
Staten Island, NY 10309

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 20. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

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

## Visitation

JAN 20. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

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## Service

JAN 21. 10:00 AM (ET)

Holy Child Church  
4747 Amboy Road  
Staten Island, NY 10312



# Tribute Wall

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“ I met Ralph D'Elia many years ago when he was a young boy through his brother Tony D'Elia. I have pictures of him that I would like to share his family.

*Eileen Beener Lisoski 239-288-9694*

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**Eileen Lisoski** - May 13, 2024 at 03:00 PM



“ *Ralph D'Elia*

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October 04, 2023 at 06:13 PM

RA

“ *Ralph was one of the nicest people I have ever met not only in the industry, but on the planet. God's Speed Ralph...RIP my friend.*

*Rick Austin*

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**Rick Austin** - January 25, 2022 at 01:04 PM

SM

“ *On behalf of the New York City Transit, Dept. of Buses, Maintenance Training, we express our condolence to the D'Elia family. Ralph was an icon and a gentleman who will be truly missed. Our prayers go out to his family and may God give them strength at this time.*

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**Sam Martin** - January 25, 2022 at 12:07 PM

PC

“ *Ralph was a good man hard working always made you feel comfortable .I always remember working with him at MJQ depot as DTS and at Castleton depot as a Bus Maintainer on his second go around at the TA.God Bless you always Pat Casterlin*

Patrick A. Casterlin - January 23, 2022 at 05:30 PM



“ *Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Ralph D'Elia.*



January 19, 2022 at 11:59 AM

UF

“ *Uncle Frank purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Ralph D'Elia.*



Uncle Frank - January 19, 2022 at 09:16 AM

MM

“ *Marie Murphy purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Ralph D'Elia.*



Marie Murphy - January 18, 2022 at 10:36 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Ralph D'Elia.*



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January 18, 2022 at 10:35 PM



“ *From our Family our deepest Condolences to the Family D'Elia for the lost our dear Family Friend Ralph*

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**Vincenzo Carpinelli** - January 18, 2022 at 07:28 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Ralph D'Elia.*



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January 18, 2022 at 07:04 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ralph D'Elia.*



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January 18, 2022 at 05:19 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Ralph D'Elia.



January 18, 2022 at 04:26 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Ralph D'Elia.



January 18, 2022 at 02:37 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray* was purchased for the family of Ralph D'Elia.



January 18, 2022 at 11:26 AM



“ *Jill & Adam Katz* purchased the *Serenity Wreath* for the family of Ralph D'Elia.



**Jill & Adam Katz** - January 18, 2022 at 10:24 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Ralph D'Elia.



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January 18, 2022 at 09:28 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Ralph D'Elia.



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January 17, 2022 at 06:12 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray* was purchased for the family of Ralph D'Elia.



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January 17, 2022 at 06:00 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Ralph D'Elia.



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January 17, 2022 at 03:29 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ralph D'Elia.* ”



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January 17, 2022 at 03:24 PM