



## Richard John Franceschini

February 25, 1949 - January 6, 2025

Richard J. Franceschini, age 75, of Staten Island New York passed Monday, January 6, 2025, with the comfort of family by his side.

Richard was born to Aldo and Lucy Franceschini where he lived and spent most of his childhood on Jefferson Street with his sister, Irene Coughlin. It was there where he played baseball at the Berry Homes Field and graduated from New Dorp High School in 1966.

Richard served in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War and was appointed 2nd platoon leader on the USS Haleakala (AE-25) ammunition ship on January 11th 1967. He was honorably discharged in January of 1973.

Richard worked for the United States Post Office for 40 years where he was known as the "Merry Mailman". Beloved by colleagues with friendships remaining to this day.

Rich was loving, caring, and devoted to his family. He was a God-fearing man and dedicated to serving the lord. His ministry was to visit many in need with prayer and spread the gospel to all. His infectious laugh and sense of humor was a source of laughter at every family gathering. He was known for suddenly singing songs after hearing a word reminding him of the song, much like a human jukebox, and loved listening to artists like Sinatra and The

Beatles. Richard was a lifelong Yankees fan and his passion for baseball were his biggest hobbies.

Richard met the love of his life Margaret after returning from Vietnam in 1970. They married on November 17th 1973 at Saint Michaels Church in Mariners Harbor and enjoyed a loving and devoted marriage of 51 years. Their honeymoon was a tour in Europe including Luxembourg, Italy, France and Switzerland. Richard and Margarets' marriage was blessed with three children: Russell, Gilda, Adam and a cherished daughter in law Josmary, who he loved calling "Chiquita". He also shared a special bond with his grandson Sammy(of Gilda and Lenny), who he nicknamed "Scooch".

Friends may visit with the family at the John Vincent Scalia Home for Funeral at 28 Eltingville Blvd, Staten Island, NY, on Friday, January 10th, 2025, from 2-4 PM and 7-9 PM. Funeral Services will be held at 10:00 AM on Saturday, January 11, from the funeral home, then interment to follow in Ocean View Cemetery at 3315 Amboy Rd, Staten Island, NY 10306.

# Cemetery Details

## Ocean View Cemetery

3315 Amboy Rd  
Staten Island, NY 10306

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 10. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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

## Visitation

JAN 10. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

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## Service

JAN 11. 10:00 AM - 10:45 AM (ET)

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



# Tribute Wall

DS

“ Rich always seemed to bring happiness whenever he entered a room. He was so genuine and caring and we will miss him

Dr. Steven Breines and Staff - February 07, 2025 at 03:33 PM

FR

“ Fabian R. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard John Franceschini.

Fabian R. - January 10, 2025 at 11:29 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Richard John Franceschini.



January 10, 2025 at 08:48 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Richard John Franceschini.

January 09, 2025 at 09:56 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard John Franceschini.*



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January 09, 2025 at 09:56 PM



“ *From Russell's Team purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Richard John Franceschini.*



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**From Russell's Team** - January 09, 2025 at 08:23 PM



“ *Paul, Ed, Alex, Dan, Will, Nick, Eric purchased the Heavenly Heights Bouquet for the family of Richard John Franceschini.*



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**Paul, Ed, Alex, Dan, Will, Nick, Eric** - January 09, 2025 at 02:31 PM



“ *Sean Blackwood purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Richard John Franceschini.*



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**Sean Blackwood** - January 09, 2025 at 11:39 AM

SB

“ Sean Blackwood planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard John Franceschini.

Sean Blackwood - January 09, 2025 at 11:39 AM

DJ

“ Darlene J. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard John Franceschini.

Darlene J. - January 09, 2025 at 09:20 AM

DS

“ Donna S. lit a candle in memory of Richard John Franceschini



Donna S. - January 08, 2025 at 08:03 PM

JF

“ Joe Serra and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard John Franceschini.

Joe Serra and family - January 08, 2025 at 05:39 PM

JF

“ Joe Serra and family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Richard John Franceschini.



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**Joe Serra and family** - January 08, 2025 at 05:39 PM

TF

“ The Sacco Family. purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Richard John Franceschini.



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**The Sacco Family.** - January 08, 2025 at 02:04 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard John Franceschini.



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January 08, 2025 at 10:26 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Richard John Franceschini.

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January 08, 2025 at 10:26 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Richard John Franceschini.

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January 08, 2025 at 10:04 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Richard John Franceschini.*



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January 08, 2025 at 10:04 AM



“ *Richie had a unique laugh. No matter where you were on the floor of the post office you could hear his laugh. That would be something I will always remember about him. What a good guy he was. He used to tell me he was always praying for me. And then when I told him I became a born again Christian, he said I've been praying for you for years. God rest his soul. Praying for the family for comfort at this difficult time.*

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**Diane Hologounis** - January 08, 2025 at 06:52 AM



“ *Richie was one of my dearest friends my postal buddy and a fellow Vietnam vet He always accompanied me to our group meetings and veteran functions I will always remember the great times we had in my back yard pool after we finished our postal routes I will miss him terribly rest in peace brother Love ya pal Marty Forrester*



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**Rosemarie Forrester** - January 07, 2025 at 11:29 PM

RG

“ *Richard Garofalo lit a candle in memory of Richard John Franceschini*



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**Richard Garofalo** - January 07, 2025 at 09:40 PM

MF

*Thank you*

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**Margaret Franceschini** - January 07, 2025 at 10:30 PM

DC

*Richie has been our beloved friend for several years. My husband, John worked with Richie in the post office. Richie led my dad to Jesus. We love Richie and the way he led his life. A wonderful husband, dad, grandfather. We remember him as always laughing. Most of all, we remember his unwavering faith in Jesus. We love our beloved friend and will miss him dearly. You are now resting in the arms of Jesus. Rest in peace beloved friend and brother in Christ. With our deepest sympathy and love to the Franceschini Family, Love the Cimino Family*

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**donna cimino** - January 08, 2025 at 11:31 AM

JL

*I was very good friends with the man we called Brother Rich. We worked at the post office together, he loved the Yankees as much as I do. Rest in peace Brother Rich..*

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**Joe LaBargo** - January 08, 2025 at 01:54 PM

DK

“ *Dave and Project Kena planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard John Franceschini.*

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**Dave and Project Kena** - January 07, 2025 at 08:24 PM

DK

“ Dave and Project Kena purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Richard John Franceschini.



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**Dave and Project Kena** - January 07, 2025 at 08:24 PM

TH

“ Brother Richard was a loving and devoted husband, father, grandpa, father in law, brother, and great friend to me and my husband. We remember going to their home on several fellowship outings and as always the table was spread, the laughter and love that we shared will forever be etched in our hearts. Job well done brother and reward well deserved ❤️🙏.

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**Tom abd Sharon Haynes** - January 07, 2025 at 06:58 PM

MF

*Thank you my dear friends*

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**Margaret Franceschini** - January 07, 2025 at 10:31 PM

RS

*Sending my belated deepest sympathy and condolences. I worked with Richie for many years and was one of the better people to work with. Always had a smile and his laugh. A great person. Rest well Richie .*

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**Richard Shiroky** - February 09, 2025 at 10:05 AM