

## Rita Avallone

August 6, 1930 - July 5, 2025

Rita was born on August 6, 1930, in Brooklyn, New York to Anna and Leonard Giasi, the youngest of 9 siblings. Her father, a cement mason, passed away suddenly when Rita was 4 1/2 years old. Rita was very close with her siblings, was proud to say "we were five boys and four girls - Tony, Danny, Frankie, Joey, Sal, Francie, Marie, Rosie and Rita." Times were tough for the brood growing up with the loss of their Dad, but all grew to be honest and hard-working and very close.

Rita's first job after leaving school was behind the counter at Woolworths. She would say "there were 18 stools" that she waited on. I'm sure all her customers enjoyed her pretty smile and friendly demeanor.

One day brother Joey brought home a coworker to install a new stove in the apartment. Emil Avallone, Jr. was smitten with Rita and the two fell in love and were married in Brooklyn on June 13, 1953. They honeymooned in Niagara Falls. Rita and Emil's marriage was blessed with two children, Emil and Carolann, and they enjoyed a loving and devoted marriage until Emil's passing on August 2, 2011.

Rita and Emil spent their entire married life in the home Emil was born in on Bay 16th Street in the Bensonhurst section of Brooklyn, New York. Rita spent most of her life there as a homemaker except for a period of a few years when

she worked as a saleslady at Toby Lee, a local young women's clothing store where she was everyone's favorite saleslady. The home was open to family and friends with many happy memories created. Rita was always willing to add more "meatballs to the sauce" or "more macaroni to the pot" when friends or family showed up unexpectedly. And everything was so delicious!

During her spare time Rita enjoyed watching game shows on TV, crocheting, and in later years with hubby playing the slots at Atlantic City. She also loved playing friendly games of poker with friends at local senior clubs and with family. Every Saturday, Rita and Emil attended afternoon mass at St. Finbar's Church followed by dinner at the Vegas Diner on 16th Avenue and then playing poker for "\$5 pie" with her siblings Frankie, Marie, and Joey and their spouses Rose, Buddy, and Little Rose. She loved those games!

Rita was a very caring and loving mother to Emil and Carolann as well as a loving mother-in-law to Brenda and John, with whom she enjoyed special relationships. She was also a favorite aunt to many. Son Emil's passing on June 21, 2013, was devastating and left a hole in her heart, but she somehow still remained a beautiful and loving soul. Rita was also a loving grandmother to John and Michael Contrera, Michael and Katherine Avallone, Nicole Avallone, John Riccardi (now deceased), Erica and Frank Zaloga and great-grandchildren Frankie and Jemma Zaloga. Unfortunately, due to her illness Rita was unable to enjoy her most recent great-grandchildren, Emilia and Robert Avallone.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be offered at 9:15 a.m. on Thursday, July 10, 2025 at St. Charles Church located at 644 Clawson Street Staten Island, New York 10306.

The family will receive friends from 2:00 - 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 9, 2025, at John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals, Inc., 28

Eltingville Blvd, Staten Island, New York.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 9. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

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

## Visitation

JUL 9. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

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

## Service

JUL 10. 9:15 AM (ET)

St. Charles Church  
644 Clawson Street  
Staten Island, NY 10306

# Tribute Wall



“ John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Rita Avallone



John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals Inc. - July 08, 2025 at 04:05 PM

DT

“ Dennis and Cynthia Thornlow planted a grove of 10 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rita Avallone.

Dennis and Cynthia Thornlow - July 14, 2025 at 05:35 PM

LC

“ Aunt Rita you will always be force of Love! Always with a smile, a warm and special welcome! I will never forget our visits to your home in Brooklyn. Len and I always loved visiting you, when Uncle Emil was alive and after when you were there. I will always treasure our visits. When we visited you in Staten Island always a welcome and love. Our last visit with you was wonderful when you kept repeating our names. Always you will be engraved in my heart. Guonda Bell! Linda Capobianco



Linda Capobianco - July 10, 2025 at 08:14 AM

MY

“ Manuel and Judi Yglesias planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rita Avallone.

Manuel and Judi Yglesias - July 08, 2025 at 04:51 PM

MY

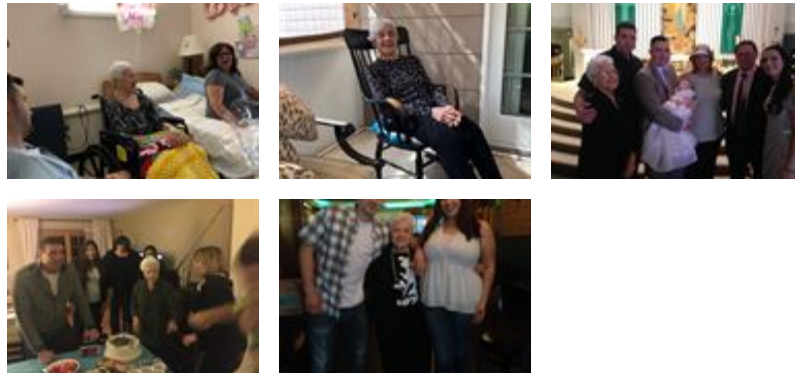
“ Manuel and Judi Yglesias purchased the Rose R emembrance for the family of Rita Avallone.



Manuel and Judi Yglesias - July 08, 2025 at 04:51 PM



“ 96 files added to the album Life Tributes



John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals Inc. - July 08, 2025 at 04:03 PM

LD

“ Leonard, Elizabeth, & Dennis purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Rita Avallone.



Leonard, Elizabeth, & Dennis - July 08, 2025 at 03:59 PM

YS

“ Your Goddaughters Michele & Dawn & Chris, Vicky, Jenn, Mike, Lisa, Andrew, Chris Jr & Sophia purchased the Treasured Lilies Spray for the family of Rita Avallone.



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**Your Goddaughters Michele & Dawn & Chris, Vicky, Jenn, Mike, Lisa, Andrew, Chris Jr & Sophia** - July 08, 2025 at 12:47 PM

CR

“ Mom, My heart is broken. I will miss you so much. You were a wonderful mother and grandmother and loved by all who knew you. We had a special connection, and I feel you with me even now. You were my best friend my dear and beautiful Mom. Love you always with all my heart . . . until we meet again, Carolann XOXOXO

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**Carolann Riccardi** - July 08, 2025 at 08:48 AM

JC

“ John Contrera lit a candle in memory of Rita Avallone



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**John Contrera** - July 07, 2025 at 11:52 PM

CM

“ Carmela Millie Mondella lit a candle in memory of Rita Avallone



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**Carmela Millie Mondella** - July 07, 2025 at 08:43 PM



“ *Rose Remembrance was purchased for the family of Rita Avallone.*



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July 07, 2025 at 07:53 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rita Avallone.*



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July 07, 2025 at 06:50 PM



“ *My name is Antoinette Byron Rita was a dear friend and lovely woman. I met Rita through a mutual friend and shared many good and fun times every Wednesday at the Knights of Columbus. We had many laughs while playing cards. I was blessed to know her. The fun and good times will continue. I have formed a wonderful friendship with Rita's daughter Carolanne. Rita I'm sure you will look down on your family and give them blessings. Rest in Heaven my dear friend. Love Antoinette*

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**Antoinette Byron** - July 07, 2025 at 06:46 PM