



Rita Contessa

May 29, 1932 - November 11, 2020

Rita Contessa, 88 of New Springville formerly long time resident of Eltingville passed away on Wednesday, November 11, 2020, at home surrounded by the love of her family,

Born Sunday, May 29, 1932 in New York, New York, she was the daughter of the late Frank Marinelli and the late Christina Cutro Marinelli.

Rita, a secretary in the financial district on Wall Street, was devoted to her family. She and her husband Clement traveled the world together, but most treasured their time in Miami at their beach house. She relished the simple things like just watching movies and was most content just being with her children and grandchildren.

She was the loving wife of 65 years to Clement Contessa.

Devoted mother of William Contessa and his wife Josephine and Gerard Contessa and his wife Andrea. Cherished grandmother of Ariana, William, Gerard Jr., Christian, and Gianni. Dear sister of the late Jeanette, Marie and William Marinelli who was killed in action in WWII.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be offered at 10:00 AM on Monday at Holy Child Church located at 4747 Amboy Road Staten Island, New York 10312.

Interment will follow in Ocean View Cemetery, Staten Island, NY.

The family will receive friends from 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM on Saturday, November 14, 2020, and Sunday November 15, 2020 at the John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals, Inc., 28 Eltingville Blvd, Staten Island, New York.

Please be mindful due to the current State mandate that a mask must be worn at all times in the funeral home and social distancing requirements must be followed during the services. Due to the current Pandemic a strict 40-50 person in room policy is in effect, please adhere to this policy and allow others to pay their respects as well.

Due to the current pandemic circumstances please note:

We do not accept deliveries from outside vendors for bakery products, fruit baskets, and floral arrangements until further notice.

Floral Arrangements can be purchased from our in house floral designers who work under the most stringent sanitary conditions which include temperature checks, mask wearing, distancing and protective clothing.

We must protect the families we serve, our staff and our own

You may click the link provided to order flowers above or you are welcome to contact the florist directly at:

Kitty and Family Florist
12 Eltingville Blvd.
Staten Island, NY 10312
718-948-2016

If you should so desire to make a donation in Memory of Rita you may do so to the Alzheimer's Association online at: <https://www.alz.org/> or donation forms will be provided at the funeral home during the visitation service.

Cemetery Details

Ocean View Cemetery

3315 Amboy Rd
Staten Island, NY 10306

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **14**. 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

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NOV **15**. 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

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Service

NOV **16**. 10:00 AM (ET)

Holy Child Church
4747 Amboy Road
Staten Island, NY 10312

Tribute Wall



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



John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals Inc. - November 14, 2020 at 11:12 AM



“ *Rita Contessa*

October 04, 2023 at 06:13 PM



“ *Healing & Hope Sympathy Basket was purchased for the family of Rita Contessa.*



November 14, 2020 at 07:29 PM



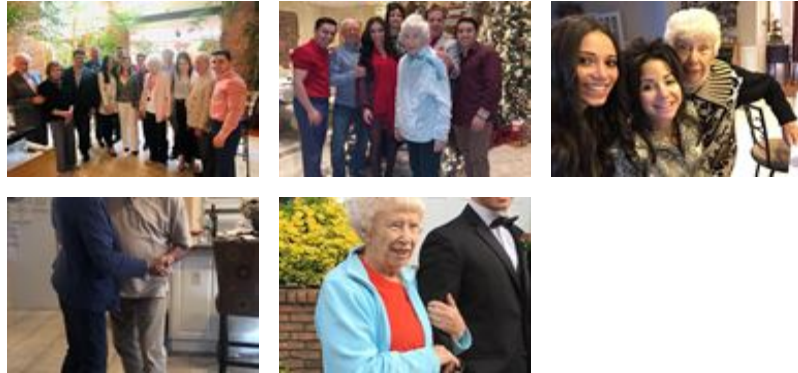
“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Rita Contessa.*



November 14, 2020 at 12:16 PM



“ 217 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals Inc. - November 14, 2020 at 11:05 AM



“ *Guiding Light Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Rita Contessa.



November 14, 2020 at 10:13 AM



“ *Care and Compassion Spray* was purchased for the family of Rita Contessa.



November 13, 2020 at 11:08 PM

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“ My dear friend you will be missed. Our regret is that we never made that one more visit to Italy but oh all the memories we made traveling to all the places we did visit. Rest In Peace dear Rita. Safe passage. Love from Marilyn And “Flame” or Tony

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“ : purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Rita Contessa.



: - November 13, 2020 at 12:00 PM

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“ Anthony and Tina and children purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Rita Contessa.



Anthony and Tina and children - November 13, 2020 at 11:49 AM



“ Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Rita Contessa.



November 13, 2020 at 11:33 AM



“ *Bright and Beautiful Spray was purchased for the family of Rita Contessa.* ”



November 13, 2020 at 10:15 AM