



## Robert Johnson

March 28, 1964 - January 19, 2025

Robert James Johnson passed away peacefully after a strong and courageous battle in the early morning of January 19th, 2025 surrounded by his loving wife and children. He was born on Saturday March 28th, 1964 in Brooklyn, New York to the late Donald and Maureen Johnson. He attended Brooklyn College where he proudly played football, as a four year letterman, with his Kingsmen brothers. He gathered many stories that he shared passionately with his children over the years, always carrying his Brooklyn spirit.

He met his loving wife Christine, while working at IBJ Schroder in Manhattan. He never hesitated to show his love for her with his weekly flower deliveries on Monday mornings, this created quite the buzz around the office. The two were married in November of 1994. After relocating to New Jersey to begin raising his family he continued his career in finance, working with Merrill Lynch/Bank of America and most recently Mizuho Bank.

Despite a long commute, and NJ Transit delays, he never missed a game, concert, or school play. He was the proud parent of three University of

Delaware graduates, and was always known to be decked out in his UD gear. He was an avid New York Giants fan, which meant Sundays were for football and family dinners, and he never lost faith in them. He was an animal lover, particularly to his dog Lola, and was often known to sneak her way too many treats.

Robert leaves behind his loving wife of 30 years, Christine Johnson (Mulè), his three children, Matthew, Erica, and Carissa; along with his siblings Donald, Linda, Christopher, and Richard; among many more loved ones.

Friends and Family are asked to gather on Friday from 2-4 pm and 6-9pm at The John Vincent Scalia Home For Funerals and Cremation Services 28 Eltingville Blvd. Staten Island. A Mass of Christian Burial will be offered at 10:00 a.m. Saturday at Our Lady Star of the Sea Church. Interment will follow in Resurrection Cemetery.

# Cemetery Details

## Resurrection Cemetery

361 Sharrot Avenue  
Staten Island, NY 10309

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 24. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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

## Visitation

JAN 24. 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

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28 Eltingville Blvd  
Staten Island, NY 10312

## Service

JAN 25. 10:00 AM (ET)

Our Lady Star of the Sea Church  
5411 Amboy Rd  
Staten Island, NY 10312



# Tribute Wall

BF

“ Dear Christine, I am broken hearted by the passing of Rob. With his positive attitude and his courage, I was hopeful he would beat this. I remember the day he came into my office to let me know he wanted to play football at Brooklyn College. Little did I know it would turn into a friendship that would last 40 years. He was an incredible athlete, a true leader on our team, who led by example. He was loved and respected by his teammates and coaching staff. I send my condolences and ask God to bless his soul and provide comfort to you and your family.  
Bruce "Coach" Filosa

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**Bruce Filosa** - February 07, 2025 at 06:26 AM

VM

“ Vincent M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert Johnson.

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**Vincent M.** - January 25, 2025 at 10:05 AM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Robert Johnson.

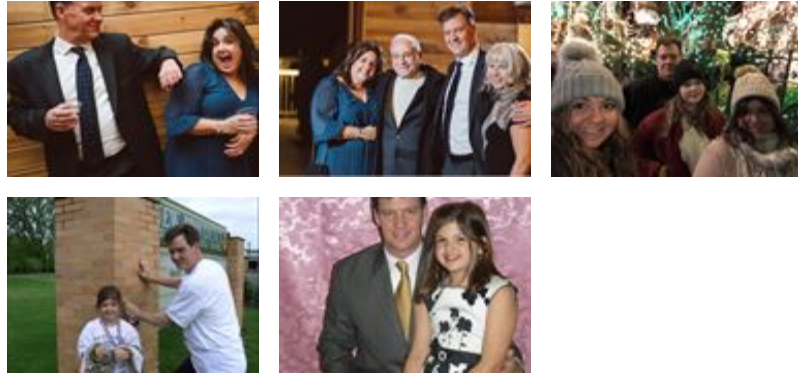


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January 25, 2025 at 07:12 AM



“ 149 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



**John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals Inc.** - January 24, 2025 at 01:55 PM



“ *Richard, Irene and family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Robert Johnson.*



**Richard, Irene and family** - January 24, 2025 at 09:29 AM



“ *Richard, Irene and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert Johnson.*

**Richard, Irene and family** - January 24, 2025 at 09:29 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Robert Johnson.*

January 24, 2025 at 08:17 AM

FD

“ Dear Johnson Famil- Our thoughts and condolences are with you always. Sincerely Fabienne, Rolland and Rhett Spadacene

Fabienne DeRise - January 24, 2025 at 08:15 AM

KL

“ Kreizer Law purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Robert Johnson.



Kreizer Law - January 23, 2025 at 01:33 PM

CB

“ Carol B. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert Johnson.

Carol B. - January 23, 2025 at 08:09 AM

ST

“ Susan T. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert Johnson.

Susan T. - January 22, 2025 at 03:47 PM

G#

“ Gary Mandel #90 purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Robert Johnson.



Gary Mandel #90 - January 22, 2025 at 03:28 PM

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“ Gary Mandel #90 planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert Johnson.

Gary Mandel #90 - January 22, 2025 at 03:28 PM

BJ

“ Beth and Ray Jones purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Robert Johnson.



Beth and Ray Jones - January 22, 2025 at 03:19 PM

BJ

“ Beth and Ray Jones planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert Johnson.

Beth and Ray Jones - January 22, 2025 at 03:19 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Robert Johnson.



January 22, 2025 at 02:31 PM



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

January 22, 2025 at 02:31 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Robert Johnson.*



January 22, 2025 at 02:17 PM



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

January 22, 2025 at 02:17 PM



“ *Abby Gironda and Lisa Malak purchased the Encanted Cottage for the family of Robert Johnson.*



**Abby Gironda and Lisa Malak** - January 22, 2025 at 12:51 PM

“ I am eternally grateful to have grown up with Rob. Looking back at our childhood in Brooklyn, I realize now more than ever how blessed we were to live in that house on Ryder Street. Five siblings, each one different from the others. We could fight like cats and dogs, but we were four brothers and a sister, and we loved each other.

Our days were filled with every sport you can imagine—touch football, baseball, basketball, and hockey—all played on the streets, in the park, or at the schoolyard. Rob always seemed to play a role in coordinating these games, and he played to win. He was incredibly determined. Although his typical state of mind was gentle, he would switch into a tenacious competitor when it came to sports. While I was not the competitive athlete Rob was, he inspired a tenacity that has served me well throughout my life. He always gave his best!

One small example of his tenacity comes from a one-on-one basketball game we played in Marine Park. It was an intense match, playing to 10 points, and we were tied at 8-8. After a rebound on a shot that clanked off the rim, we both leaped into the air to grab the ball. He snatched it, and when I landed, I accidentally stepped on his foot. He was in tremendous pain. I suggested we call it a tie because, to me, that felt like a win. But Rob insisted on finishing the game. He sank a shot from behind the line to go up 9-8. I took advantage and managed a lay-up to tie it at 9-9. Then he sank another shot from behind the line, achieving his goal of winning the game. We then walked half a mile to our house, and later that day, he ended up at the ER with a broken foot. I was amazed that he wanted to finish the game, and I felt sorry for accidentally causing his injury.

When we weren't playing sports, we were watching them. The TV was always buzzing with New York sports—Mets and Yankees baseball, Rangers hockey, Knicks basketball, and football. We watched two NFL games every Sunday: the 1 PM and the 4 PM

*games for the Jets and Giants, with the Giants being our favorite team. We had the thrill of watching Super Bowl XXV together at home—a thrilling Giants victory that came just a few months after we celebrated the cathartic World Series victory of the 1986 Mets.*

*We attended so many games in person—Mets, Yankees, Knicks, Rangers, Jets, and Giants. We even went to Game 1 of the 1998 World Series!*

*Rob loved playing football. I remember attending his games at Beach Channel High School, where he played on the offensive line and as a tight end. Regardless of the final score, win or lose, I was proud to have a brother on that field. My favorite part of those games was watching the plays he was involved in, and the same was true when he played at Brooklyn College. I enjoyed being around him and his teammates, especially when they let me join in their summer softball games!*

*Rob was always a gifted student, earning high honors academically because he did things the right way. Whether in his studies or his career, he set a high bar for himself and served as an example for his younger brothers on how to approach the responsibilities of life. He modeled and taught this to his own children.*

*Together with Christine, he created a beautiful family. Matthew, Erica, and Carissa are three of the kindest souls, all on their paths in life, following their aspirations and doing things the right way, just as Dad modeled for them and helped teach them. It is a joy and a blessing to know them—Christine and the kids. They bring sunshine into this world.*

*Rob showed all of us what courage, strength, and grace look like. He demonstrated the power of love; you could feel it when you were with him and his family.*

*I wish I hadn't been such a nomad in my life, constantly moving from coast to coast and being thousands of miles away. There were*

*periods when we were not in regular contact. But no matter where I was in life or what I was doing, Rob's example was always a part of me. When I battled hearing loss and it seemed my career might end, many things helped me fight back. I couldn't have done it without having had Rob in my life. He showed me how to persevere, to be determined, to be tenacious.*

*For the past year, Rob and I communicated regularly. We loved discussing sports, talking about our children and families, and reminiscing about our childhood. Having the opportunity to see him in Cape May and spend time with him was a divine gift. Through everything he was going through, Rob embodied courage, strength, grace, and love. The last thing we told each other was that we loved one another.*

*I am grateful for his life and the life he lived. I'm grateful for the family he created and for the impact he had on me while we grew up together and continues to have now. To the extent that I can be what he was—a good man, a good husband, a good father—I'll always have his example. We will all have his example.*

*I never imagined that I would have to say goodbye to one of my siblings. No matter how old you are, when you think of your brothers and sister, it feels like you are young again. My heart breaks for him and all his family and friends, but I know that he is at peace and with that part of our family that we lost to Heaven. He's in a place where the Giants win the Super Bowl every day and where Brooklyn College wins a National Championship every day. I look forward to celebrating all of that with him!*

*The life Rob lived on this earth and the family he and Christine created is truly beautiful.*

*Thank you, Rob, for our childhood together, for all the brotherly love, kindness, and grace you've shown throughout the years. Being connected with you regularly and having you and your family in my life is a divine blessing. I will do my best to live up to your example.*

*You are loved.*



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**Christopher Johnson** - January 22, 2025 at 12:43 PM

KK

“ Karen K. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert Johnson.

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**Karen K.** - January 22, 2025 at 10:58 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Robert Johnson.



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January 22, 2025 at 10:31 AM



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

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January 22, 2025 at 10:31 AM



“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Robert Johnson.



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January 22, 2025 at 10:20 AM