



## Robert Stephen Karlovits, Sr.

July 16, 1944 - May 25, 2025

Robert Stephen Karlovits passed away on May 25, 2025. He was born July, 16 1944 in New York City, the son of John and Mary Karlovits. He had 3 siblings, John (Johnny), Margaret and Barbara.

He was known to most by his nickname "Bob". He lived in all 5 boroughs of New York and spent most of his years in Great Kills on Staten Island raising his family with the love of his life, Joanne. Bob was a graduate of Xaverian High School, St. John's University and received his MBA from Fordham University in 1969.

Bob worked at Avis Car Rental for 21 years in Garden City, Long Island where he was a Senior Finance Manager. He went on to work for the New York City Transit Authority in Brooklyn, NY where he was the Director of Capital Budget and retired in 2006.

He loved to travel and took his family on many trips to places like Hawaii, St. Martin, Aruba and Mexico. He enjoyed good food and wine, traveling on Cruises and trips to Atlantic City. He was an avid rock hound and a member of the Staten Island Geological society and spent over 40 years attending events and rock shows. He recently went on his last field expedition in New Jersey in 2023. He was a member of St. Clare Church widow/widowers club and enjoyed organizing dinners and activities for the group. He was also a

member of the South Shore YMCA and still exercising at the age of 80! Bob was very social and enjoyed getting together regularly with the "Thursday night guys".

Other interests included astronomy, archaeology, Egyptology and boating. Although he never owned his own boat, he enjoyed being first mate on his son in law Paul's boat. He will be remembered for his great sense of humor, he was always able to make those around him smile even until the end.

He is predeceased by his parents, John and Mary Karlovits; siblings, Johnny and Margaret; and his loving wife Joanne Karlovits.

He is survived by his sister Barbara Stampf; his daughter, Joelle Brancov and her husband, Paul; his son, Robert Karlovits Jr; his grandchildren, John Andersen, Jen Kresz and her husband Tony, Chris Andersen, Drew Andersen, Tori Karlovits; and his great grandson, Leo Kresz.

The family will receive friends from 4:00 - 8:00 p.m. on Friday, May 30th, at John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals, Inc., 28 Eltingville Blvd, Staten Island, New York.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be offered at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 31st at St. Clare's Church located at 110 Nelson Avenue, Staten Island, New York 10308. Interment will follow in Resurrection Cemetery, Staten Island, NY.

# Cemetery Details

## Resurrection Cemetery

361 Sharrott Ave  
Staten Island, NY 10309

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**MAY 30.** 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

## Service

**MAY 31.** 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Clare Church  
110 Nelson Ave  
Staten Island, NY 10308

# Tribute Wall



“ John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Robert Stephen Karlovits, Sr.



John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals Inc. - May 29, 2025 at 02:49 PM

RH

“ We send our love and condolences to Bob's family and friends. We will all surely miss our friend and fellow rock hound Bob Karlovitz. A member of the Staten Island Geology Society for many years, Bob was the kind of person who always had a smile for you, and had the ability to make you smile, and feel happy, just being in his presence. A very engaging, and interesting person, he was always ready to share his knowledge and passion for Geology with everyone, and was knowledgeable on a wide variety of subjects. Our last bus trip to the Sterling Hill mine in New jersey with our club was an especially happy time together. We both came home with a beautiful fluorescent rock! We're standing together (wearing 'shades' on that sunny day). He is 6th from far right in the photo. A happy, kind and generous man; this is how I will always remember him.

Rob and Maureen Hartje



Robert Hartje - May 30, 2025 at 02:26 PM

LF

“ Love Danielle & the Stropoli family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Robert Stephen Karlovits, Sr..



Love Danielle & the Stropoli family - May 30, 2025 at 07:54 AM

LH

“ Love, The Fusco and the Hanleys. purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Robert Stephen Karlovits, Sr..



Love, The Fusco and the Hanleys. - May 29, 2025 at 03:38 PM

LH

“ Love, The Fusco and the Hanleys. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert Stephen Karlovits, Sr..

Love, The Fusco and the Hanleys. - May 29, 2025 at 03:38 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Robert Stephen Karlovits, Sr..



May 29, 2025 at 03:36 PM

RW

“ Ron and Mary Warwick purchased the Beautiful i  
n Blue for the family of Robert Stephen Karlovits,  
Sr..



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**Ron and Mary Warwick** - May 29, 2025 at 03:21 PM

RW

“ Ron and Mary Warwick planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert Stephen  
Karlovits, Sr..

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**Ron and Mary Warwick** - May 29, 2025 at 03:21 PM



“ 110 files added to the album LifeTributes



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**John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals Inc.** - May 29, 2025 at 02:46 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Robert Stephen Karlovits, Sr..



May 27, 2025 at 11:09 PM



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

May 27, 2025 at 11:09 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Robert Stephen Karlovits, Sr..



May 27, 2025 at 08:02 PM



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

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“ Helen Sacco and Jimmy Steiger purchased the Love's Journey for the family of Robert Stephen Karlovits, Sr..



Helen Sacco and Jimmy Steiger - May 27, 2025 at 06:37 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Robert Stephen Karlovits, Sr..*



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May 27, 2025 at 06:25 PM



“ *I truly feel alone now, that my big brother Bob, has left us all. Memories of us, are forever on my mind. But now he is with Joanne, and is free of all the pain that he has endured. Joelle & Robbie, take comfort in knowing, that I know he was proud of his children and his 5 beautiful grandchildren. We will miss such an endearing man as he was!*

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**Barbara Stampf** - May 27, 2025 at 06:15 PM