



## Saverio Tufano

February 12, 1938 - January 12, 2024

Saverio "Papa" Tufano entered into eternal life on Friday January 12, 2024 after a courageous battle with cancer. His spirit will be carried on by his three children Ralph (Barbara), Hope (Tom) and Xavier (Suzanne), 10 grandchildren Nicole (Mike), Krista (Nino), Ralph Jr. (Brittany), Joseph (Dasha), Alyssa, Christina (Kevin), Nicholas, John, Gabriella, and Xavier and seven great grandchildren Ava, Leo, Joseph, Lucas, Audriana, Alexis, and Juliette. He leaves behind his sister Irene and brothers Emanuel and John. Also survived by many nieces and nephews.

He was born February 12, 1938 in Naples, Italy to the late Raffaele and Speranza (DeSena) Tufano. He grew up helping his parents on the farm before the family moved to Brooklyn where he met the future love of his life, Adeline Falchetto ("Honey"). On their first date he told her they were going to get married. She said, "that's what you think." A year and half later they were married on June 21, 1958 in St. Catherine of Sienna Church in Brooklyn. They began their wonderful life together with the births of their children; Ralph, Hope and Xavier. Shortly thereafter they bought a home in Bulls Head and moved to Staten Island.

Saverio worked hard to support his growing family. He began as a painter but also did side jobs, then started his own painting business, and finally became a successful home builder. He believed in a strong work ethic. Saverio was

called "Papa" by his grandchildren and great grandchildren. He was always cheering them on at dance recitals, sporting events, and graduations. He was happiest when the family was all together enjoying Honey's delicious dinners. Papa and Honey became "snowbirds" in the winter months when they would travel to Florida. While he enjoyed the warm weather, he would say "good morning" to every picture of the grandchildren as he was always thinking about his family. He's also traveled to many places enjoying life.

Papa's strength and spirit will live on in his family and friends. We were all so lucky to have him as part of our lives giving us all these wonderful memories. He was a great family man and is at eternal peace with Honey. We love you forever, our Papa.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be at 9:30 AM on Wednesday at St Thomas the Apostle Church located at 50 Maguire Avenue Staten Island, New York 10309. Interment will be in Ocean View Cemetery, Staten Island, NY.

The family will receive friends from 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM and 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM on Tuesday, January 16, 2024, at The John Vincent Scalia Home For Funerals, Inc., 28 Eltingville Blvd. (at Eltingville Station), Staten Island, New York.

Online condolences may be made to the family at [www.scaliahome.com](http://www.scaliahome.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Ocean View Cemetery

3315 Amboy Rd  
Staten Island, NY 10306

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 16. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

The John Vincent Scalia Home For Funerals, Inc.  
28 Eltingville Blvd. (at Eltingville Station)  
Staten Island, NY 10312

## Visitation

JAN 16. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

The John Vincent Scalia Home For Funerals, Inc.  
28 Eltingville Blvd. (at Eltingville Station)  
Staten Island, NY 10312

## Service

JAN 17. 9:30 AM (ET)

St Thomas the Apostle Church  
50 Maguire Avenue  
Staten Island, NY 10309



# Tribute Wall

KM

“ I remember Sal put almost 40 years. We work together on different projects. I'm sorry I couldn't make the wake as I had a recent operation on my eye, but I always have fond memories . Of Sal We had a lot of laughs along the way

ken mcintyre - January 16, 2024 at 04:32 PM

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“ With our deepest sympathy.Meli Family

Anabelle Meli - January 16, 2024 at 04:21 PM



“ Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Saverio Tufano.



January 15, 2024 at 08:08 PM

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“ Love, The Falco Family ( Andy & Leslie) planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Saverio Tufano.

Love, The Falco Family ( Andy & Leslie) - January 15, 2024 at 08:08 PM

“*Memories. Sweet & Everlasting memories. That is the greatest gift that you blessed me with. Even times I spent with you at a young age are etched in my mind because of how special they were to me. You had this way about you that gravitated everyone to you. Each of your grandchildren & children adored you. All you ever wanted in life was for all your loved ones to be happy and healthy. Our bellies full & time spent all together. That made you smile the most. When all the family was together around you.*

*Papa's house was always the fun place to be. You were always having all the grandkids laughing. From your funny stories you told us on your steps after our walks on Maguire Avenue to dancing to the Chicken Dance & Hands Up in your basement. No one ever wanted to leave Papa's house. It was a safe place, a happy place, and such a special place, because we were with you.*

*When I would speak to Papa on the phone, he would tell me every day he looks at all the photos of his children and grandchildren and blows each and every one of them a kiss. The love he has for all of us is so special & even when he is gone I know in my heart he will always be blowing us kisses from the clouds in the sky from heaven above.*

*I am so blessed that I was able to spend so much time with you growing up. Some of my favorite trips were the ones I took to Florida to be with you and Honey and the trips to Atlantic City where we would talk on the bench on the boardwalk while we would wait for Honey to finish up in the casino, which would be hours lol.*

*Thank you for being my Papa and for always being so loving, caring and supporting of all of us. You would do anything for any of us and we were so blessed to have that in our lives.*

*You told me once before years ago, when it's your time to go, you don't want anyone crying. You want everyone smiling & laughing & speaking about the memories. The sweet & everlasting memories.*

*We love you, our Papa.  
Nicole, Mike, Audriana & Alexis*

**Nicole** - January 15, 2024 at 04:58 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Saverio Tufano.*



January 15, 2024 at 04:41 PM



“ *Cesar, Miranda, and Kora. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Saverio Tufano.*

**Cesar, Miranda, and Kora.** - January 15, 2024 at 04:41 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Saverio Tufano.*



January 15, 2024 at 02:45 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Saverio Tufano.*



January 15, 2024 at 01:02 PM



“ *Hope Tufano Couteau lit a candle in memory of Saverio Tufano*



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**Hope Tufano Couteau** - January 15, 2024 at 09:19 AM



“ *Dad Thank you for all of the love and support you have always given to us. You were always there to help us when we needed a helping hand. Everyone around you loved you. You and Mom were always the biggest cheerleaders for your children and grandchildren. You were always happy when we were all together. Thank you for a wonderful life and all of the memories they will live on forever. I'm so lucky to have your love and guidance in my life. You will always be my Superhero!! Give Mommy hugs and kisses till we meet again I hold you forever in my heart. I love you More!!!*



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**Hope Tufano Couteau** - January 15, 2024 at 09:16 AM

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“ Dad, Thank you for everything you did for us over the years. From making sure we had a good life and for always being there for us and your grandchildren. The best gift you and Honey have ever given us was your “time” .

You have always made time for us, and especially for your grandchildren. Every special moment you were there for Ralphie and Christina. We were so happy you spent so much time too with our Juliette who loved her Papa.

We could always count on you for everything.

Thank you for all the beautiful memories and for being the best loving dad , grandfather & great grandfather anyone could ask for. Love you, and will miss you xo Barbara

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**Barbara Tufano** - January 15, 2024 at 07:33 AM



“ Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Saverio Tufano.



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January 14, 2024 at 05:56 PM

JS

“ I had the honor privilege to know the Tufano family since high school . Mr Tufano as he will always be to the Stefanski was a honest hard working man who did everything for his family and others. He sponsored Tufanos baseball team where great friendships were formed to this day. I will always remember his smile laugh and his generosity without looking for anything in return. My memories will last forever

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**Jim Stefanski** - January 14, 2024 at 01:44 PM

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“ I will always remember Papa with a smile on his handsome face. I enjoyed our conversations. My most memorable was saying how nice Xavier & Hope were. Then I would say what happened with Ralph, he must have been adopted. Papa would laugh but ended the conversation with “Ralphie a good boy, Ralphie a good boy”.RIP Papa. Love, Dorothy

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**Dorothy** - January 14, 2024 at 12:29 PM

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“ Friday night we lost the heart of the Tufano family, my papa, my best friend & my walking buddy. Papa you were loved by so many & during your last days it was so evident the impact you had on your family as a father, grandfather, sibling, uncle. Seeing their love for you made me realize why family values & showing up for the big & little things is instilled in my brain as the most important trait to have. You always showed up for family until you couldn't & that's why we stood by your side as one big family until you reunited with the love of your life, our honey. You were the perfect role model of a what to look for in a husband & although you couldn't make my wedding due to this unfortunate fast acting cancer, I told you in the hospital, it's ok because your marriage is a reason how/why I found a man like Kevin which is the greatest gift you could have given me. You loved Kevin so much which meant the world to me, you constantly told me “good boy, good family”. I am beyond grateful for that. You impacted my life in many ways. We have so many memories growing up because of you & what you instilled in my parents. You were my #1 fan for everything, you came to every softball game and all my milestones. When I became a PT you told everyone that I was Dr. Tufano. You loved to be active so when I worked with you in PT, you truly respected/listened to everything I said to do to make yourself stronger. Plus, you would be doing your exercises before I even came just so we had time to talk about your childhood, make sure I ate & to sing *Americano*, *O sole mio*, and *Funiculi, funicula* outside on our very long walks outside. I'll always remember the day I decided to play the chicken dance & made you do it with me to remind you of when us grandchildren used to dance to the record player with you. These are only some of many memories you have given me not only as a child but as an adult. When you moved into my parents, I got to know you even more, I received less voicemails from you, because I saw you most days of the week whether it be before or after work which I am beyond grateful for that time we shared. I love you very much, *Te voglio bene assaje*. Always always





**Christina Tufano Carangelo** - January 14, 2024 at 12:05 PM



“ *Dear Uncle Sal: I have many great memories of you including the time we went to Florida( Aunt Adeline, my parents me) and I loved talking to the phone every so often, as well as the family times we would all share. I love you We all love you and we miss you. I know you are with Aunt Adeline your honey at peace watching over your whole family. Love: Your baby sister Irene, Lorraine, Joe, Dino and family*

**Lorraine Cappuccio** - January 14, 2024 at 11:59 AM



*One of the great memories I have of Uncle Sal is when he & Aunt Adeline took me, my parents, and Dino III, Jojo , Maria & Vince apple picking in NJ. Just a few months I talked about it briefly with Joe (nephew) who said he remembered he had fun with Uncle Sal.*

**Lorraine Cappuccio** - January 16, 2024 at 11:01 AM

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“ *Dad, you weren't just my father, you were my older knowledgeable friend, and hero. Your common sense values and work ethic truly carved me into the man I am today. You were the true Patriarch of our family. Everything I do today for my family is direct reflection of you and mom. Thank you for a wonderful childhood and given me a great start in my life.*

*I love you and I'm going to miss you, please say hello to mom*

*“Honey”*

*Your son Ralph*

**Ralph Tufano** - January 14, 2024 at 09:53 AM

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*Me & Ralph are who we are today because of the values he instilled in you - we love you ❤️*

**Christina Tufano Carangelo** - January 14, 2024 at 12:06 PM

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*So sorry to hear about your dad Ralph. You have my deepest Sympathy*

**Nunzio** - January 14, 2024 at 06:33 PM

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*Deepest sympathies to Christina and the Tufano family. Your "Papa" must have been a wonderful person. May he rest in peace. Peter and ELAINE NOTO*

**ELAINE NOTO** - January 16, 2024 at 07:32 PM