



## Stephanie Schillizzi

October 1, 1946 - February 11, 2023

On February 11, 2023, Stephanie Jaciw Schillizzi "Steph/Mama Step" passed away peacefully at the age of 76 after a long illness. Her family was by her side when she took her last breath. She was the biological mother of three children. However, many people considered Steph their surrogate mother. She cared deeply for her family and friends.

Stephanie worked as a Unit Clerk for Rockefeller University for 35 years. She retired in 2016. She was an exceptional mother, mother-in-law, grandmother, and friend to all. She had a warm compassionate heart and a personality to match. Her smile was contagious and her quirkiness made her so lovable. She had a wonderful sense of humor and the best laugh. To many people she was known as "Mama Step". She always put her children and grandchildren first. She was also thoughtful, caring, and beyond generous.

Her favorite moments were times spent with her two grandsons, Michael and Nicholas and going on family outings and trips. She enjoyed shopping and never missed a sale or a good bargain. She treated her close girlfriends like they were her sisters. She loved taking walks to Central park and going to museums. She had a passion for culture and the arts. She was an avid reader, loved to crochet and knit, and she enjoyed her Bingo and Solitaire games.

Stephanie is predeceased in death by her youngest son, Frank Schillizzi who passed away in 2001. She is survived by her daughter, Debbie (Jaciw) Spano, her son, Michael Jaciw, her son in-law, Michael Spano, and her grandsons, Michael and Nicholas. Stephanie 's passing has left a huge void in their hearts.

The Family will receive friends and extended family for Stephanie on Friday, February 17, 2023 from 2-5 & 7-9 PM at the John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals, 28 Eltingville Blvd., Staten Island, NY, 10312. A Mass of Christian Burial will be offered on Saturday, February 18th at 10:00 am at the Church of the Holy Child. Interment to follow at Resurrection Cemetery.

# Cemetery Details

## Resurrection Cemetery

361 Sharrott Ave  
Staten Island, NY 10309

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 17. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

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

## Visitation

FEB 17. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

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## Service

FEB 18. 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 Stephanie Schillizzi*



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**John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals Inc.** - February 16, 2023 at 03:48 PM



“ *Stephanie Schillizzi*

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October 04, 2023 at 06:13 PM



“ *Debra Race lit a candle in memory of Stephanie Schillizzi*



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**Debra Race** - February 17, 2023 at 08:51 PM

DR

“ I was so saddened to hear of the passing of Stephanie. I haven't seen her in quite a while, however, my memories of her are vivid. She was always sweet, fun to be with and had that awesome smile. Her calm demeanor was comforting. It was a pleasure knowing you, Stephanie. May you RIP. Sending prayers and sincere condolences to Stephanie's family and friends.  
With heartfelt sympathy, Debra Raehse and Brian Zazzi

Debra Race - February 17, 2023 at 08:49 PM



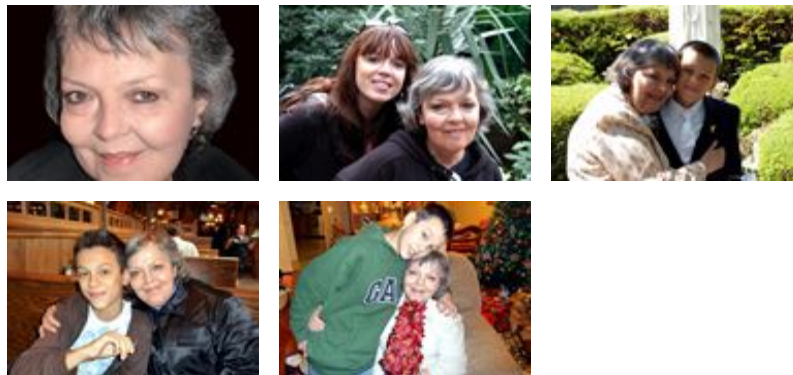
“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Stephanie Schillizzi.



February 16, 2023 at 06:50 PM



“ 96 files added to the album LifeTributes



John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals Inc. - February 16, 2023 at 03:47 PM

JC

“ To our dearest friend Stephanie...we will miss you terribly. Your friendship over all these years was golden. You have secured a special place in our hearts. Your wings of gold are waiting for you in Heaven! You will be in our hearts and prayers daily. Sending our love to your family - Judy Cuozzo and Bill Flynn

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**Judy Cuozzo** - February 16, 2023 at 11:09 AM

KF

“ Stephanie was one of my aunt's close friends when I was growing up. She would often visit my home, and I have lots of fond memories of her over the years. She was always so sweet. Sending my love and condolences to her family. - Kimberly (Cuozzo) Fisher

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**Kimberly (Cuozzo) Fisher** - February 16, 2023 at 10:56 AM

BC

“ Dear Mike, Debbie, and Family,  
I was so sad to learn of the passing of Stephanie. I have many fond memories of her. She was a dear friend of my sister-in-law, Judy, and we spent a lot of time together over the years. I'll always remember her smile and laugh. We had plenty of those. I know you will all miss her so much but remember that she will always be a part of you. She is your guardian angel now, watching over you. May she rest in peace.  
With my love, prayers and sympathy,  
Barbara Cuozzo

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**Barbara Cuozzo** - February 16, 2023 at 10:56 AM

LG

“ *Love your friend Gladys purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Stephanie Schillizzi.*



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**Love your friend Gladys** - February 15, 2023 at 03:47 PM

GM

“ *We were very close friends  
I've known Stephanie for over 60 years.  
She was a kind and loving friend  
Always a smile and kind words.*

*Fly with the angels*

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**Gladys McMilleon** - February 15, 2023 at 03:02 PM