



Thomas W. Costagliola

October 26, 1933 - September 11, 2025

Thomas W. Costagliola, 91, of Staten Island, passed away peacefully in his sleep on September 11, 2025.

Thomas was born in Mineola NY in 1933 to Angela Scopellite and Thomas W. Osborne. Angela (Jean) later re-married and Thomas was adopted by Rafael Costagliola of Procida, Italy. Thomas grew up in Brooklyn and graduated from The NYC High School of Performing Arts in 1952, majoring in the Violin. He graduated City College in 1957 where he majored in Education.

Thomas was a beloved Language teacher for over 40 years at various schools, including PS 201 Dyker Heights, Brooklyn, IS-24 Barnes and Countess Moore HS in Staten Island. During his summer recesses, he worked at JFK Airport, first for Alitalia Airlines and later as an Inspector for the US Immigration and Naturalization Service.

Thomas was an accomplished violinist and had a lifelong love of classical music and Opera. Thomas was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 66 years, Graziella (Grace), and two brothers, Grant and Robert Osborne. He is survived by his brother David Osborne of Michigan, three sons, Ralph, Mario and Thomas, and six grandchildren.

A Memorial Mass will be held on October 25th, at 1045 AM, at Holy Family RC Church, 366 Watchogue Road, Staten Island NY 10314.

Cemetery Details

Rosehill Crematory

792 E Edgar Rd
Linden, NJ 07036

Previous Events

Memorial Mass

OCT 25. 10:45 AM (ET)

Holy Family Rc Church
366 Watchogue Road
Staten Island, NY 10314

Tribute Wall

DO

“*My wife and I are so grateful that we got to know my brother Tom in his later years especially. Of my three brothers, he was the last living one. I was grateful for the time we had together. He and his family have been such a blessing to us and we treasure our friendship with them. We enjoyed visiting him in Staten Island, and also in our home in Michigan.*

We had so many phone calls with Tom, with him sharing the latest on his family. He valued his family so much. He had a great sense of humor and a wonderful wit and intelligence. I wish I could've sat in his classroom, as I'm sure he was so fantastic with those young people.

We had music in common with him. As we know, he studied the violin and loved to play and listen to classical music. I taught vocal music for 30 years and my wife taught vocal music, directed church choirs, and now plays and sings with the Worship group at church and teaches piano.

He was so knowledgeable about so many things. It was such a pleasure to talk to him. One time when my wife, Donna, shared with him that I was in the hospital, and what I was going through. He actually cried over the phone. He had such compassion. He also was honest about what he was going through and we appreciated that so we could support him. For the last year or so, he was eager to share about how much Jesus meant to him. He brought up the subject many times which we thoroughly enjoyed, as I am a brother in Christ also.

We believe he really made a difference in this world to his family, his students, and us. We love you dearly, Tom, now and forever.

David Osborne - February 10 at 01:55 PM

RA

“ Rosalba A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas W. Costagliola.

Rosalba A. - October 23, 2025 at 08:15 PM

MA

“ I am saddened by the loss of Senor Costagliola. He was my Spanish teacher in high school and was a wonderful teacher. He was kind, dedicated and funny. I was also lucky to work with him as a teacher after graduating college and he was helpful and supportive. He will be greatly missed.
Matteo

Matt - October 20, 2025 at 02:35 PM

AG

“ Remembering Tomasso. We met in the CCNY cafeteria in the fall of 1952. We started a dialogue that lasted until his passing, more than 70 years. Two kids from Brooklyn who wanted to know and found the answers. And now we say ciao, ci vediamo. Cuando? Non so. Addio, mio amico. Freddie Giusto

Alfred Giusto - October 19, 2025 at 06:45 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Thomas W. Costagliola.



October 19, 2025 at 06:32 PM

TF

“ The Giusto Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas W. Costagliola.

The Giusto Family - October 19, 2025 at 06:32 PM

PA

“ I would like to send my Sincere condolences to the Costagliola family for the loss of their beloved father and my Uncle. We was a Great father , uncle grandfather and friend to all and respected by everyone that knew him. Rest peacefully Uncle Tom your kindness and wisdom will stay with us forever. R.I.P. Uncle Tom ❤️🙏 Philip Arcuria

Philip Arcuria - October 18, 2025 at 03:19 PM

RA

“ My Uncle Tom was my second father to me . He was the fun Uncle always entertaining me and his sons when we were young and continued this tradition with his grandchildren. He was always there for me in good times and bad times. I will miss him dearly and pray for him to Rest in Peace. Forever in my heart Zio Tom.

Rosalba Arcuria - October 18, 2025 at 03:16 PM

JF

“ John & Scott Richardson and Family purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of Thomas W. Costagliola.



John & Scott Richardson and Family - October 16, 2025 at 02:49 PM

JF

“ John & Scott Richardson and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas W. Costagliola.

John & Scott Richardson and Family - October 16, 2025 at 02:49 PM

KM

“ Kathleen Richardson McCorkell purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Thomas W. Costagliola.



Kathleen Richardson McCorkell - October 16, 2025 at 02:39 PM

KM

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Kathleen Richardson McCorkell - October 16, 2025 at 02:39 PM

RF

“ Rania Dahlan and family purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Thomas W. Costagliola.



Rania Dahlan and family - October 16, 2025 at 10:48 AM

RF

“ Rania Dahlan and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas W. Costagliola.

Rania Dahlan and family - October 16, 2025 at 10:48 AM

RM

“ Robert Molle MD purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Thomas W. Costagliola.



Robert Molle MD - October 16, 2025 at 08:17 AM

LL

“ Linda and Tom Lamar purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Thomas W. Costagliola.

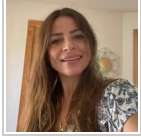


Linda and Tom Lamar - October 15, 2025 at 05:24 PM

LL

“ Linda and Tom Lamar planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas W. Costagliola.

Linda and Tom Lamar - October 15, 2025 at 05:24 PM



“ I am so sorry for your loss. I remember how kind Thomas was and I feel grateful I could help him until the last moment, he was full of wisdom, and I learned so much from him. May his soul rest in peace.

Rania Dahlan - October 15, 2025 at 05:14 PM

MC



Mario costagliola - October 15, 2025 at 06:27 PM

RA

My Uncle Tom was my second father to me and my family thru out my life. He was the fun uncle always entertaining me and his sons when we were young and continued this tradition with his grandchildren. He was always there for you in good times and bad times. I will miss him dearly and pray for him to Rest in Peace . You are always in my heart Zio Tom.

Rosalba Arcuria - October 18, 2025 at 09:28 AM

DA

“ Diane, Mike and Ang purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Thomas W. Costagliola.



Diane, Mike and Ang - October 15, 2025 at 01:32 PM

DA

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TJ

“ My Dad is a great Man. He was the father when growing up that all of our friends wished they could have. He worked 2 jobs insuring that this 3 sons would have everything they wanted. He taught me many important things. How to be happy and enjoy life. He rode motorcycles with us. I remember many scenic ride through the countryside. We had many family ski trips. He told me many times how proud of me he was. As a son that was very important for me to hear. He left this world knowing that he did a great job raising his children. I know he is at peace now with Mom watching over his family.

Thomas Costagliola Jr - October 15, 2025 at 12:15 PM

MC



Mario costagliola - October 15, 2025 at 01:39 PM

JC

“ To the family, allow me to offer my condolences. I never meet the deceased. Having said that Colonel Costagliola was my CO for many years . Dr. I also meet and was also a wonderful man. These two me were shaped by their father who did a wonderful job. Rest In Peace.

John Creighton - September 14, 2025 at 06:25 PM

MC

Thanks John

Mario costagliola - October 15, 2025 at 01:02 PM

MM

Uncle Tom, what can I say? There are many memories with him. He took us to movies when we would come visit. He would take us to Coney Island. He took us to Radio City Hall and when I lived there for a while, he brought me to the school that I was supposed to attend. He loved aunt Grace. He loved his children. He loved us. He loved his music opera!! and he got mad at Mario when he was talking about being the grandson of son of Sam. I remember doing the Ouija board and him coming out and letting us do it. I think it was a little intrigued. He would always pick us up when we flew to JFK. I don't know what else can I say there's so many memories. I love him so much and I'm so sorry for your loss and I will truly miss him.

Mila Lolacono Metidieri - October 16, 2025 at 09:28 AM

MM

Rita Lolacono

Maria rita Lolacono Metidieri - October 16, 2025 at 09:29 AM

MM

What to say he loved his politics. He also love to talk about it with my father.

Maria rita Lolacono Metidieri - October 16, 2025 at 09:30 AM

DS

“ So sorry for your loss. I worked with Tom 30 years ago in a catholic high school. He was the nicest kindest man there, always with a smile & a joke & kind word. Welcomed me as a new teacher & treated me as a new friend. I adored him! Everyone did. He made me feel welcomed in a new awkward situation. He was the best!

Deborah Steinman - September 14, 2025 at 10:01 AM

PZ

“ To the Costagliola family, We wish you our heartfelt condolences. To Colonel Mario Costagliola, we are with you in thoughts and prayers. God bless you and your family.

SSG Pete Ziegeler Sr.
SGT Peter W. Ziegeler
SPC Donna-Lee Ziegeler

Peter Ziegeler - September 12, 2025 at 04:44 PM

MC

Thank you Pete!

Mario costagliola - October 15, 2025 at 01:04 PM