



Thomas O'Connell

December 8, 1970 - July 5, 2025

Obituary for Thomas F. O'Connell

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Thomas F. O'Connell, a cherished son, brother, uncle, and friend, who left us on July 5, 2025, at the Richmond University Medical Center. Born on December 8, 1970, in Brooklyn, NY, Thomas brought joy and laughter to everyone he encountered throughout his 54 years of life.

Thomas was the beloved son of Patrick O'Connell and the late Margaret (nee Grady) O'Connell. He shared a profound bond with his parents and dedicated himself to caring for his mother during her final year, embodying love and compassion that will forever be remembered.

He is survived by his loving father, Patrick; his brothers Michael, Patrick, and Matthew O'Connell; his sister Colleen Kelbaugh; and dear sisters-in-law Marjorie, Joy, and Sarah O'Connell. Thomas was also a proud and loving uncle to Alyssa, Michael Jr., Giana, Patrick Jr., Aidan, and Ciaran. Additionally, he is survived by a multitude of uncles, aunts, and dear cousins who will deeply miss his warm spirit.

A lifelong auto mechanic, Thomas had a remarkable talent for building and fixing anything with his hands. He was also a skilled carpenter, known for his

craftsmanship and ability to tackle any project that came his way. His love for cars and motorcycles was evident; Thomas was a true enthusiast who reveled in the thrill of speed and adventure.

Beyond his mechanical talents, Thomas had a strong passion for music, particularly rock and rap. His eclectic taste mirrored his lively personality, and he often shared his favorite tunes with his family and friends, bonding over the power of songs that resonated with their experiences.

Thomas had an unbreakable bond with his family dog, Chewy, and he was a lover of all animals. His kindness extended beyond his human relationships, showcasing a gentle spirit and a heart full of empathy.

As we gather to honor his memory, friends and family are invited to a funeral service held on July 14, 2025, at 8:00 PM at the John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals Inc. We encourage everyone to share their favorite memories of Thomas as we celebrate the remarkable life he led.

The family will receive friends from 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM on Monday, July 14, 2025, at John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals, Inc., 28 Eltingville Blvd, Staten Island, New York.

We ask that you remember Thomas through acts of kindness in your community, reflecting the love and generosity he shared with those around him.

Thomas F. O'Connell will be deeply missed but never forgotten. His legacy of love, laughter, and mechanical genius will live on in the hearts of those he touched. May he rest in peace.

Cemetery Details

Rosehill Crematory

792 E Edgar Rd
Linden, NJ 07036

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 14. 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

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

Service

JUL 14. 8:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Thomas O'Connell*



John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals Inc. - July 14, 2025 at 02:43 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Life Tributes*



John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals Inc. - July 14, 2025 at 02:34 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Thomas O'Connell.*



July 14, 2025 at 01:11 PM



“ Ray N. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas O'Connell.

Ray N. - July 14, 2025 at 10:36 AM



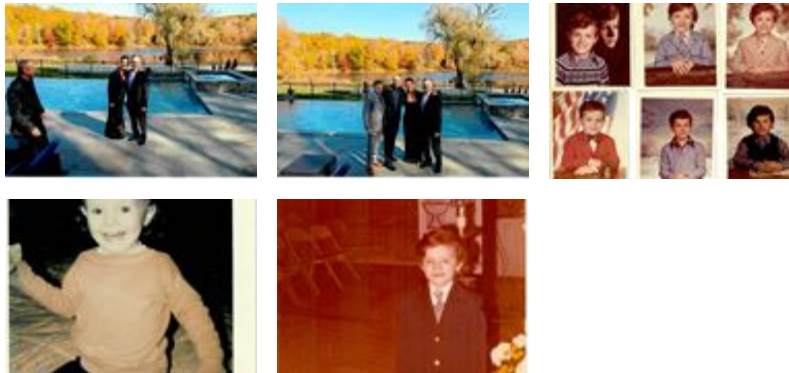
“ The Montijo Family purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Thomas O'Connell.



The Montijo Family - July 13, 2025 at 10:44 PM



“ 232 files added to the album Life Tributes



John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals Inc. - July 13, 2025 at 08:33 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Thomas O'Connell.

July 13, 2025 at 07:58 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Thomas O'Connell.*



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“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Thomas O'Connell.*



July 10, 2025 at 10:18 PM



“ *Brad, Amy and Molly Negggers purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Thomas O'Connell.*



Brad, Amy and Molly Negggers - July 10, 2025 at 07:12 PM



“ *You were one-of-a-kind, Thomas, and are loved more than you ever knew. You are my brother, and my heart will never be the same without you. Mama O brought you home, her special boy. Now, you can take care of each other.*

Marjorie O'Connell - July 09, 2025 at 11:51 AM