



Veronica "Ronnie" Ryan

October 19, 1946 - November 18, 2025

Obituary for Veronica "Ronnie" Ryan

Veronica "Ronnie" Ryan, beloved wife, dedicated mother, cherished grandmother, and loyal friend, passed away peacefully on November 18, 2025, at Staten Island University Hospital, surrounded by her loving family. Born on October 19, 1946, in Staten Island, NY, Ronnie's life was a testament to love, resilience, and devotion.

She was the daughter of the late John May and the late Alice (Rocco) May, and she carried the warmth and spirit of her parents throughout her life. Ronnie was preceded in death by her beloved son, Robert DiGiaino, whose memory she cherished deeply.

Ronnie was the devoted wife of Robert Ryan, and together they created a home filled with love and laughter. Her heart was expansive, Ronnie's love extended to her daughter, Francine Scherma-Pagliorola, and her cherished grandson, John Francis Scherma, who brought immeasurable joy to her life, her dear son in law Carl Pagliorola and it embraced not only her immediate family but also her stepchildren, Kim Ryan and Bobby Ryan, whom she adored. She was the loving sister to Alice McNamara and loving aunt to Alice Marie Nemeth, Michael McNamara, Darren McNamara, Stephen McNamara.

As a legal secretary, Ronnie was known for her intelligence, diligence, and supportive nature. She dedicated herself wholeheartedly to her profession, demonstrating a strong work ethic that resonated well beyond her career. However, her greatest pride and joy came from her family. She was an amazing wife, mother, grandmother, and friend to all who knew her, embodying the essence of devotion and kindness.

Outside of her professional life, Ronnie found joy in the simple pleasures. She had a passion for her dog Buddy, treating him as part of the family, her furry son. Her interests and hobbies reflected her nurturing spirit, as she was always ready to lend a helping hand or share an encouraging word with those around her.

Ronnie's funeral will be held on November 24, 2025, at 10:30 AM at the John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals Inc. Family and friends are invited to join together to celebrate her remarkable life and the indelible mark she has left on all who knew her.

Private Cremation will follow services.

The family will receive friends from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM on Monday, November 24, 2025, at John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals, Inc., 28 Eltingville Blvd, Staten Island, New York.

In her life, "Ronnie" exemplified love, compassion, and devotion. Though she will be deeply missed, her spirit will linger in the hearts of her family and friends, reminding us all to embrace life with the same warmth and kindness that she so effortlessly shared.

Cemetery Details

Rosehill Crematory

792 E Edgar Rd
Linden, NJ 07036

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **24**. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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

Service

NOV **24**. 10:30 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Your friend, Veronica B. (Edward's Mom) purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Veronica "Ronnie" Ryan.*



Your friend, Veronica B. (Edward's Mom) - November 21, 2025
at 10:36 AM

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“ Mom

This just can't be real, I keep waiting to wake up from this nightmare. I don't understand how I spoke to you Sunday night and you said we would talk in the morning when I drive John to school before work. Then Bob calls Monday morning at 645 and says your not breathing and being intubated. How did you end up in multiple organ failure in a few hours with a 1% survival chance? How did you pass away a day later? How is it we are planning your funeral and I am writing a tribute to my mom, my best friend, my lifeline on a website? How can I live this life without you. I need you here with me! I can't do this without you. I need you John needs you, he needs his grandma. Grandma go sit down. Bob is devastated and heartbroken. Poor Buddy is lost, he doesn't understand where you are and why he will never see you again. I have to be strong for John so I can take care if him. I keep looking to call you 1,000 times a day just to hear your voice or tell you something and I realize I can't. I don't know how to do this without you. You were my best friend, The Wind Beneath My Wings now I am all alone. My memories are lifelong and I can't believe that is all I will have left...memories. I hope you knew I was with you, holding your hand, talking to you. I hope you heard what I was saying and heard my goodbyes. I hope you know I love you so much and I already miss you more than I ever thought possible. I have the smallest comfort in knowing you are with Rob again. You never recovered from losing him and at least you are together in Heaven. I will pull it together and figure it all out eventually. I will continue to make you proud of me. I will continue to tell John all you. I will never let you be forgotten, so many people are heartbroken. I love you so much mommy.

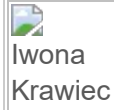
Francine Scherma-Paglierola - November 20, 2025 at 12:43 AM



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My deepest condolences 🙏😞

Iwona Krawiec - November 24, 2025 at 12:24 PM



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Krawiec

*I'm just a neighbor but I can't believe that I will never see Ronnie on the walk with Buddy , hold her grandson's arms .I thought you would make again the most beautiful decoration for Thanksgiving and Christmas.You were ready for that , but what we can do with God's plans ? I saw you voting with Bob , the same time as me and my son , it was the last moment when I saw your face .
Thank you for all your cards for us for Christmas 🌲
Rest in peace Dear Ronnie . 🙏🥲*

Iwona Krawiec - November 24, 2025 at 12:31 PM



MC

*Francine,
I hope this post finds you a bit better as you grieve your beloved mother. Ronnie was a beautiful woman in all respects and I considered her a dear friend. I haven't seen your Mom in so long as I moved to NJ 20 years ago, a couple of years after I got married. I have my own practice here and I'm raising my daughter- (age 15) which keeps me so very busy.
I just found out about your Mom since I googled her name. Your Mom's Christmas card was one of the first cards I received each year and today I realized that I hadn't received it. I was hoping that she just decided not to send cards this year and googled her name "just to be sure". I was so shocked and saddened to see her obituary. I'm so sorry and I know how much you're going to miss her- how close you both were. My heart breaks for you and I shall remember you both in my prayers. It must be terribly hard for you this Christmas but know she loved you so dearly and wouldn't want you to be sad for long. It's so awful to loose your Mom, my heartfelt condolences as you navigate through this difficult time. God bless you... All my love, Maureen A. Caffrey
(Here's my tel if you need me for 🥲 anything: 718-637-4739) Take care Francine... 🥲💔 May your Mom rest in eternal peace with your Brother, Rob, as she missed him so... 🥲*

Maureen A. Caffrey - December 22, 2025 at 08:45 PM