



Vincent J Caruana

September 10, 1953 - August 31, 2024

Vincent J. Caruana, 70, of Great Kills, passed away peacefully at home in the arms of his loving family on August 31, 2024. Born on September 10, 1953, in Buffalo, NY, Vincent was the beloved son of the late Domenic and Angelina Caruana.

Vincent leaves behind a legacy of love, laughter, and service. He was the devoted husband of Lisa Caruana. Their fairytale began when they met on duty at Victory Memorial hospital where Lisa worked as a registered nurse. On April 30, 1998, they decided to break all of the rules and get married while on duty at the place they first fell in love. Vincent was the cherished father of Nicole, Stephanie, Frankie, and Amanda. His role as a loving grandfather brought him immense joy, and he will be deeply missed by his grandchildren Joey, Anthony, and Michael.

Vincent's commitment to his country and community was evident throughout his life. He proudly served in the United States Army, demonstrating his patriotism and bravery. Following his military service, Vincent continued to protect and serve as a Police Lieutenant at 68 Precinct in Brooklyn, NY and was a first responder on 9-11. Officers he led describe him as having a "Bigger than life character that was a prototype of what a leader of men and women should be." He was a constant to his force. He treated his officers the same regardless of the audience with others or high ranking officers. That is

why he was loved with such ferocity by his Midnight Brothers. He was always the person you could go to or count on for anything personally or professionally. After retiring from the NYPD he served as a US Customs Officer, from which he retired after years of dedicated service.

Known for his infectious laughter and ability to brighten any gathering, Vincent was the heart and soul of every room he entered. His warm personality and quick wit endeared him to all who knew him, leaving an indelible mark on the lives he touched.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 9:45 AM on Thursday, September 5, 2024, at St. Clare Church, located at 110 Nelson Ave, Staten Island, New York 10308. Interment will follow at Resurrection Cemetery.

The family will receive friends for visitation on Wednesday, September 4, 2024, from 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM and 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM at John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals, Inc., 28 Eltingville Blvd, Staten Island, New York.

Vincent J. Caruana will be remembered as a loving husband, father, grandfather, and friend. His legacy of service, laughter, and love will continue to inspire all who knew him. May he rest in peace..

Online condolences may be made to the family at www.scaliahome.com

Cemetery Details

Resurrection Cemetery

361 Sharrot Avenue
Staten Island, NY 10309

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 4. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

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

Visitation

SEP 4. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

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

Service

SEP 5. 9:45 AM - 10:45 AM (ET)

St Clare Church
110 Nelson Ave
Staten Island, NY 10308

Tribute Wall



“ John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Vincent J Caruana



John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals Inc. - September 04, 2024 at 05:35 PM

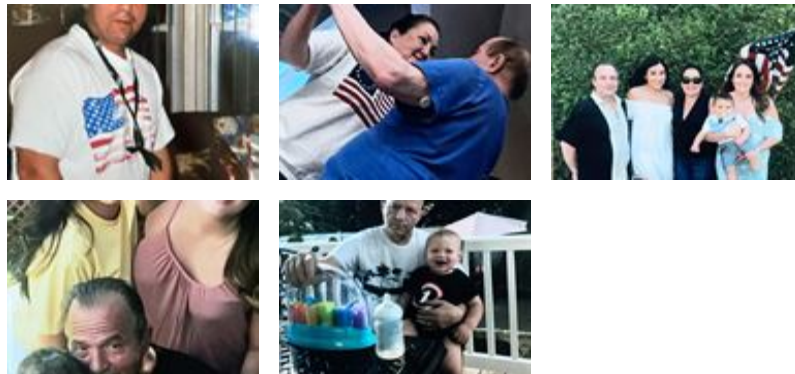


“ Nicole C. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Vincent J Caruana.

Nicole C. - September 06, 2024 at 01:43 PM



“ 141 files added to the album LifeTributes



John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals Inc. - September 04, 2024 at 01:29 PM

JC

“ **BEST BOSS I EVER HAD PASSED AWAY**

I was there yesterday and watched my friend and boss nearing death. To watch him lying there helpless was beyond heartbreaking. But the guys there all agreed, he was hands on, very knowledgeable, street smart, and looked out for us on his tour. There are some bosses who are great at certain things, but then there is Lt Caruana who was great on everything. I was a new Sergeant on the late tour and always felt safe when he was working. I knew I had backup and also knew whatever the situation, Lt Caruana would guide me in the right direction. I became a better person because of him. We had a nice day exchanging stories while he was listening. My heart broke when I left, crying on my drive home, thinking about how a Lt mentored and treated this young Sergeant back in the early 90's. I said my goodbyes and told Vinny I loved him. He will always be the best boss I ever worked for. I wish his family peace through this difficult time.

Jimmy C - September 04, 2024 at 09:38 AM

SG

& you were there for his family when we needed it most ❤️ we will forever be grateful for the time and energy and care you gave to us this past week

stephanie grillo - September 05, 2024 at 04:29 PM

IG

“ *Irine G. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Vincent J Caruana.*

Irine G. - September 04, 2024 at 08:14 AM

IG

“ *Irine G. purchased the Love's Journey for the family of Vincent J Caruana.*



Irine G. - September 04, 2024 at 08:14 AM

SG

“ *Vinchenzo .. for once in my life I'm at a loss for words. It's taken me a few days to process that your gone. Thank you for waiting for me .. I'm grateful I will always remember our last words. You fought so hard for so long to be with us & I know you were suffering. Thank you for choosing me to be your daughter even though my 9 year old self did not deserve it.. thank your for never letting me fall.. for talking me through every life crisis.. for teaching me so many things. For showing me fairytale love stories do exist - I saw yours first hand with mommy.. for giving me Nicky. Your stink weed will always rise up & I'll protect your sunflower. I love you Vinny. I know you are in your glorified form wrapped in Jesus' love and not suffering anymore & we will all be together again one day.. until then keep sending us signs we miss you so much*

stephanie grillo - September 02, 2024 at 07:12 PM

NC

I love you

Nicole Caruana - September 02, 2024 at 07:41 PM

SG

I love you more ❤️

stephanie grillo - September 02, 2024 at 09:43 PM

DB

“ Dolly (Ma Barker) purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Vincent J Caruana.



Dolly (Ma Barker) - September 02, 2024 at 06:01 PM

JA

“ Jen(Ug/Red),Ramo, Aiden and Ava purchased the Divine Light for the family of Vincent J Caruana.



Jen(Ug/Red),Ramo, Aiden and Ava - September 02, 2024 at 04:51 PM

JG

“ Vinny was the greatest. He was the glue to our family. He would cook for hours on Christmas Eve. He would even make me an extra tray of eggplant parmigiana to take home because he knew it was my favorite. He was thoughtful. He was respectful. He loved his family fiercely. He set very high standards for the men in our lives. You could go to him for anything and he would help you, no questions asked. He had nicknames for everyone. He loved to tell us jokes- some I can never repeat. He was just an all around special person and there are truly not enough kind words to describe him. I'll miss him so much and I am forever grateful for all he has done for me throughout my life. Rest in Peace Vin.

Jen G - September 02, 2024 at 04:40 PM

SG

He loved you red❤️

stephanie grillo - September 02, 2024 at 06:20 PM

NC

He loved his ugly. He always had a nickname for everyone ❤️

Nicole Caruana - September 02, 2024 at 06:45 PM

NF

“ *May God bless you and keep you my friend. It was an honor to have known and served along side you. Thank you for being an authentically real person. I will forever cherish the years we worked together, all the stories, insight, perspective, and laughs made me look forward to coming to work. Above all, Vinny loved his family and always had your well being on his mind. He was truly one of a kind and will be missed. My deepest condolences and thoughts are with you, as I know he would not want to see you suffer through the grieving process.*

Rest in Peace Vin 🙏

Nick Frewin - September 02, 2024 at 11:58 AM

DH

“ *Drew Vukov JFK H&W planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Vincent J Caruana.*

Drew Vukov JFK H&W - September 02, 2024 at 10:11 AM

DH

“ *Drew Vukov JFK H&W purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Vincent J Caruana.*



Drew Vukov JFK H&W - September 02, 2024 at 10:11 AM

OF

“ Condolences to his family. It was a pleasure to work alongside Vinnie at JFK. He always made me smile.

Officer - September 02, 2024 at 09:50 AM

NC

“ My Father, best friend, and shoulder to lean on. Dad, you fought so hard for almost 6 years to spend more time with your family that you loved so much. Learning how to navigate through life without you in it will forever be the biggest obstacle I will constantly run into moving forward. You were the glue to this family. Thank you always making me feel so loved throughout my entire life and showing me what real love is. I know you will always be with me and forever in my heart although it feels like you took my entire heart with you when you left. Thank you for fighting and for giving us more time with you but knowing you are no longer in pain gives me peace. Us girls will stay strong for you because we know that's what you would have wanted. One day we will be together again.

Nicole Caruana - September 02, 2024 at 12:58 AM

SG

His bunny, his sunflower the light of his life

stephanie grillo - September 02, 2024 at 06:20 PM

DH

“ Rest easy Vinny. God Bless. 🙏

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.



Dan H - September 01, 2024 at 10:45 PM

AC

“ Amanda Catti-Amici planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Vincent J Caruana.

Amanda Catti-Amici - September 01, 2024 at 07:06 PM



“ Tender Tribute was purchased for the family of Vincent J Caruana.



September 01, 2024 at 07:06 PM

AM

“ Angelo M purchased the Divine Light for the family of Vincent J Caruana.



Angelo M - September 01, 2024 at 06:44 PM

DD

“ What a beautiful tribute for an amazing man. I worked overnights with Vinny at Customs. If I had to use one word to describe him it would be laughter. He had such a way with storytelling, always made us laugh. He was such a hardworking man who loved his family tremendously. Rest In peace, Vinny.

Diana Domingo - September 01, 2024 at 06:21 PM

SG

Thank you for sharing. Hearing stories of all of these happy memories and the people he touched is really getting us through this incredibly difficult time ❤️

stephanie grillo - September 01, 2024 at 06:44 PM

PH

“ I remember the good times with your beautiful daughter Amanda and handsome son Frank and good times we all shared with your sisters Rita and Maria and brother Frank.. Your mom Angie...now rest in peace with your mom..

Paula Hipsher - September 01, 2024 at 04:36 PM

SC

“ He was a prolific character who made midnights memorable. Will never forget working with him.

Sharon Cesario - September 01, 2024 at 04:18 PM