



Vito Defonte

January 2, 1931 - March 19, 2018

Owner/Operator of Defonte Sandwich Shop, Brooklyn.

Vito Defonte, 87, passed away on Monday, March 19, 2018.

He was born and raised in the Red Hook section of Brooklyn. He also lived in Gravesend, before settling in Staten Island in 1972.

Vito proudly served his Country in the United States Army during the Korean War, achieving the rank of Corporal, and was honorably discharged in 1953. In 1969, he and his brother, Daniel, took over their father's business, Defonte Sandwich Shop in Brooklyn, until his retirement in 2000. The business is still in existence today. Vito was a member of the New Dorp Beach Friendship Club. He was fluent in many languages, and one of his favorite pastimes was music, especially in his younger years, playing the drums in his band, "Vic Defonte and his Orchestra" in Brooklyn. Vito was a devoted father and grandfather, who centered his life around his family. He was predeceased by his beloved wife of 61 years, Gertrude, who passed away in October of 2017.

He was the loving father of Nick (Eileen), Maryann Procopio (Joseph) and Lenore Palladino (John); dear brother of Philip, Teresa, Anna, Angelica and Fran; devoted grandfather of Nicholas and Alicia Defonte, Jessica, Joseph and Jenna Procopio, Vanessa Schiavone, Gina and Victoria Palladino and great grandfather of Stephen Schiavone.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be offered at 11:00 a.m. on Friday at Holy Child Church located at 4747 Amboy Road, Staten Island. Interment will follow at Resurrection Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. on Thursday at The John Vincent Scalia Home For Funerals, Inc., 28 Eltingville Blvd. (at Eltingville Station), Staten Island, New York.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Vito's memory to The American Heart Association would be greatly appreciated.

Cemetery Details

Resurrection Cemetery

361 Sharrot Avenue
Staten Island, NY 10309

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 22. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

The John Vincent Scalia Home For Funerals, Inc.
28 Eltingville Blvd. (at Eltingville Station)
Staten Island, NY 10312

Visitation

MAR 22. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

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Service

MAR 23. 11:00 AM (ET)

Holy Child Church
4747 Amboy Rd
Staten Island, NY 10312

Tribute Wall



“ *Vito Defonte*

October 04, 2023 at 06:13 PM



“ *We send our sincerest condolences to the family of Vito & Trudy.*

Our hearts and prayers are with you at this difficult time.

May they rest in peace.

*Ann & Vinny Tomo
(former East Fifth Street neighbors)*

Vin Tomo - March 22, 2018 at 12:00 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Vito Defonte.*



March 22, 2018 at 08:41 AM