



Vito J. Ernesto

January 9, 2026

Vito Ernesto, a devoted family man, proud New Yorker, and dedicated public servant, passed away on January 9 2026 at the age of 96, surrounded by love.

Born on February 3, 1929 in Williamsburg Brooklyn, Vito was deeply proud of his Italian heritage, which shaped his values of hard work, loyalty, and family. Those values guided him throughout his life, especially during his years of service as a New York City, police officer. He wore the badge with honor and integrity, dedicating himself to protecting others and serving his community with quiet strength and commitment.

Outside of his career, Vito found peace in the outdoors. He was an avid vegetable gardener, who took great pride, in tending his garden, patiently nurturing, each plant and generously sharing his harvest with family and friends. He also loved Hunting, valuing the discipline, tradition, and time spent in nature that it brought him. Whether in the garden or in the woods, he appreciated self reliance, and the simple rewards of effort and patience.

Above all else, Vito cherished his family. He was the steady presence, reliable, thoughtful, and deeply caring. His love was shown not through grand gestures, but through consistency, guidance and always being there when it mattered most.

Vito is survived by his four children Robert, Maria, Carolyn, and Patricia. He has nine grandchildren and eight great grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his loving wife, Camille and grandson, Matthew.

Cemetery Details

Resurrection Cemetery

361 Sharrott Ave
Staten Island, NY 10309

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 11. 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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

Service

JAN 12. 10:30 AM (ET)

St Thomas Church
6135 Amboy Rd
Staten Island, NY 10309

Tribute Wall

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“ *The Melvin Family purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Vito J. Ernesto.*



The Melvin Family - January 10 at 07:03 PM

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“ *The Melvin Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Vito J. Ernesto.*

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“ *All the Caricato's purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Vito J. Ernesto.*



All the Caricato's - January 10 at 10:26 AM

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“ *All the Caricato's planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Vito J. Ernesto.*

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“ Steve & Marianne & stevie purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Vito J. Ernesto.



Steve & Marianne & stevie - January 09 at 06:45 PM

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