



## Beneda Rivera

October 8, 1934 - March 25, 2025

Beneda Rivera, 90 of Holmdel, New Jersey passed away peacefully, surrounded by loved ones, on Tuesday, March 25, 2025, at Bayshore Community Hospital in Holmdel, New Jersey.

Born Monday, October 8, 1934, Beneda was one of 14 children born to the late Eustaquia Felix and Ignacio Reyes.

Beneda grew up on a farm in Patillas, Puerto Rico. It was there she would meet the love of her life, Paulino Rivera. The couple married and started a family of their own.

In 1956, the Rivera family moved to Queens, NY. In New York their family continued to grow. For many years, Beneda worked to support her family, first as a factory worker then as a Chef when the family lived in Brooklyn. After a brief stop back in Queens, Beneda and Paulino moved to New Jersey to be closer to family.

A devout Catholic, Beneda never missed a night of reciting her Rosary at 6:00 PM. Beneda would attend mass regularly at her parish, Saint Mary Mother of God Church in Middletown. In her spare time Beneda enjoyed crocheting, and making clothing for her family and friends. One of Beneda's greatest joys in life was having large gatherings and cooking for her loved ones. Beneda was

a loving and caring woman who will be deeply missed by all those that were blessed to have her in their lives.

Beneda was predeceased, by her husband Paulino, her son Paulino Jr., her grandson Julio Jr., and her brothers and sisters.

Beneda is survived by her children, Julio Rivera (Elizabeth), Maridza Molina (Angel), Nancy Rivera (Alex Moran), Evangelina Rivera (Jason Diaz), Benny Gonzalez (Wilson), Rosalina Hartsough (David), Julissa Rivera (Jeff), by her grandchildren, Julissa Vazquez (Harry), Mario Vazquez (John Volpe), Angelica Molina, Tomas Gonzalez, Eduardo Gonzalez, David Hartsough Jr. (Cheryl), and Angelina Rivera (Roger), by her great grandson Finn Gallagher, and by her beloved nieces Teresa Lopez and Gloria Alicea.

The family will receive friends from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM on Friday, March 28, 2025, at Michael Hegarty & John Vincent Scalia Home For Funerals and Cremation Service, 3377 US Highway 9, Old Bridge, New Jersey.

A Funeral Mass will be held at 10:30 AM on Saturday at The Church of St. Catharine at 108 Middletown Rd, Holmdel, NJ, 07733, Entombment to follow at Holmdel Cemetery.

Online condolences may be made to the family at [www.HegartyScaliaFuneralHome.com](http://www.HegartyScaliaFuneralHome.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR **28**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Michael Hegarty & John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals and Cremation Service  
3377 US Highway 9  
Old Bridge, NJ 08857  
(732) 679-4422  
hegartyfh@scaliahome.com  
<https://www.hegartyscaliafuneralhome.com>

## Service

MAR **29**. 10:30 AM (ET)

Church of St. Catharine  
108 Middletown Rd  
Holmdel, NJ 07733

## Service

MAR **29** (ET)

Holmdel Cemetery  
900 Holmdel Road  
Holmdel, NJ 07733

# Tribute Wall



“ *Cathy, Cassie, Joann, and Families planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Beneda Rivera.*

Cathy, Cassie, Joann, and Families - March 28, 2025 at 08:38 PM



“ 167 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Michael Hegarty & John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals and Cremation Service - March 28, 2025 at 02:58 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Beneda Rivera.*



March 28, 2025 at 11:20 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of *Beneda Rivera*.

March 28, 2025 at 11:20 AM



“ Her niece *Gloria, Juan and family, FL* purchased the *Beautiful in Blue* for the family of *Beneda Rivera*.



**Her niece Gloria, Juan and family, FL** - March 28, 2025 at 10:13 AM



“ *Kristin Foley* purchased the *Beautiful in Blue* for the family of *Beneda Rivera*.



**Kristin Foley** - March 28, 2025 at 09:16 AM



“ *Kristin Foley* planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of *Beneda Rivera*.

**Kristin Foley** - March 28, 2025 at 09:16 AM

TF

“ The Volpe Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Beneda Rivera.



The Volpe Family - March 28, 2025 at 08:39 AM

JA

“ Jo A. planted a grove of 5 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Beneda Rivera.

Jo A. - March 28, 2025 at 07:54 AM

RR

“ Raul Rivera purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Beneda Rivera.



Raul Rivera - March 28, 2025 at 01:43 AM

RR

“ Raul Rivera planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Beneda Rivera.

Raul Rivera - March 28, 2025 at 01:43 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Beneda Rivera.



March 27, 2025 at 11:09 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Beneda Rivera.

March 27, 2025 at 11:09 PM



“ Love always, Ashley purchased the Love's Journey for the family of Beneda Rivera.



Love always, Ashley - March 27, 2025 at 09:13 PM



“ Your Nice Teresa and daughters. purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Beneda Rivera.



Your Nice Teresa and daughters. - March 27, 2025 at 07:49 PM



“ Elena Grigorovich purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Beneda Rivera.



Elena Grigorovich - March 27, 2025 at 12:54 PM



“ *Heavenly Heights Bouquet was purchased for the family of Beneda Rivera.*



March 27, 2025 at 12:48 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Beneda Rivera.

March 27, 2025 at 12:48 PM



“ *Barry & Harriet Lipsitz, Barry, Brent purchased the Heavenly Grace Spray for the family of Beneda Rivera.*



**Barry & Harriet Lipsitz, Barry, Brent** - March 27, 2025 at 12:35 PM



“ *Barry & Harriet Lipsitz, Barry, Brent planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Beneda Rivera.*

**Barry & Harriet Lipsitz, Barry, Brent** - March 27, 2025 at 12:35 PM

MD

“ *Ms. Jo & families, & Education In Dance purchased the Pretty Please for the family of Beneda Rivera.*



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**Ms. Jo & families, & Education In Dance** - March 27, 2025 at  
11:13 AM