



## Charles E. Donnelly

March 2, 1935 - August 4, 2017

Charles E. Donnelly, 82 of Old Bridge, New Jersey died on Friday, August 4, 2017, at home, surrounded by his loving family.

Born Saturday, March 2, 1935 in Mt. Vernon, New York. He was the son of the late Charles and Muriel Donnelly.

Charlie grew up in Bayside, Long Island. He would go on to graduate from All Hallows High School in the Bronx and then went on to serve in the U.S. Army Signal Corp. Charlie worked for United Airlines. It is there where he would meet the love of his life Kathleen Schmidt. The two would wed in 1963. Eventually they would move to Old Bridge, NJ and raise their family. Charlie was a community minded man and always gave back. He devoted much of his own time to the many organizations that he belonged to. Charlie was a former President of the Friendly Sons of the Shillelagh in Old Bridge, both in 1980 and in 1990. He was an active member of the Knights of Columbus and the Elks organizations in Old Bridge. Charlie was active with the St. Vincent de Paul Society, the Irish Festival Committee, and the Belmar St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee, which he was named Grand Marshall of in 2002. Charlie was also instrumental in forming the Friendly Sons Jersey Shore Chapter in 1991. In 2014 Charlie was named the Friendly Sons of the Shillelagh Irishman of the Year. But, more than anything, Charlie was a family man first. The biggest enjoyment in his life was being around his family,

friends, and flying the Friendly Skies. Charlie will be missed by all of us who were fortunate to have known him and have him in our lives. Earlier this year Charlie suffered a great loss when his beloved wife of 53 years Kathleen passed away, we are grateful for the love they shared together and with all of us.

Charlie is survived by his loving children Noreen Barnes and husband Dennis, Patrick Donnelly and wife Michelle, Eileen Biennas and husband Michael, and Brian Donnelly and wife Tracy, his cherished grandchildren Alexandra and husband AJ, Dennis, Jackie, Caitlin, Zach, Patrick, Maddy, Bridget, Gabe, Colm, and Brendan, and his caring sisters Elizabeth Hallick, Mary Jo Chaputian, and Maureen Mantione.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:15 AM on Wednesday, August 9, 2017 at St. Thomas the Apostle Church, Old Bridge, NJ. Interment will be in Holy Cross Burial Park, East Brunswick, NJ.

The family will receive friends from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM on Monday, August 7, 2017, and from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM and 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM on Tuesday, August 8, 2017 at Michael Hegarty & John Vincent Scalia Home For Funerals and Cremation Service, 3377 US Highway 9, Old Bridge, New Jersey.

The family asks that donations be made in Charlie's memory to the Police Unity Tour Chapter 37. [www.policeunitytour37.com](http://www.policeunitytour37.com)

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

# Cemetery Details

## Holy Cross Burial Park

840 Cranbury South River Rd  
East Brunswick, NJ 08816

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 7. 6:00 PM - 9:00 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>

## Visitation

AUG 8. 2:00 PM - 4:00 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>

## Visitation

AUG 8. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Michael Hegarty & John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals and Cremation Service  
3377 US Highway 9  
Old Bridge, NJ 08857  
(732) 679-4422  
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## Service

AUG 9. 10:15 AM (ET)

St. Thomas the Apostle  
1 St Thomas Plaza  
Old Bridge, NJ 08857

## Service

AUG 9. 12:00 PM (ET)

Holy Cross Burial Park  
840 Cranbury South River Rd  
East Brunswick, NJ 08816

# Tribute Wall



“ *Michael Hegarty & John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals and Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Charles E. Donnelly*



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**Michael Hegarty & John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals and Cremation Service** - August 07, 2017 at 12:53 PM



“ *Charles E. Donnelly*

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October 05, 2023 at 11:16 AM



“ *To the Donnelly family you have our deepest sympathies. I had the pleasure and honor to have worked with Charlie in Newark for 10 years before transferring to Tampa FL. He was my mentor when I chose to be a Union Representative in Local Lodge 914. Charlie will be sorely missed. Our thoughts and prayers to the entire Donnelly family. God bless Charlie and God bless the Irish.*

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**Jimmy and Maite Condon Wesley Chapel FL** - August 08, 2017 at 12:29 PM

YT

“ *Your purple tie friends at NYS Troopaas purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Charles E. Donnelly.*



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**Your purple tie friends at NYS Troopaas** - August 07, 2017 at 04:59 PM

NN

“ *Noreen, Bob and Nicole purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Charles E. Donnelly.*



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**Noreen, Bob and Nicole** - August 07, 2017 at 04:02 PM

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“ *Chief McNichols & JFK ARFF Cadre purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Charles E. Donnelly.*



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**Chief McNichols & JFK ARFF Cadre** - August 07, 2017 at 12:52 PM



“ 100 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



**Michael Hegarty & John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals and Cremation Service** - August 07, 2017 at 12:25 PM



“ *Arrive in Style* was purchased for the family of *Charles E. Donnelly*.



August 07, 2017 at 10:35 AM



“ *The Belmar, Lake Como St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee* purchased the *Gracious Lavender Basket* for the family of *Charles E. Donnelly*.



**The Belmar, Lake Como St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee**  
- August 07, 2017 at 09:50 AM

LJ

“ Liz, Bob, Mary Jo, Bob, Maureen, and Joe purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Charles E. Donnelly.



Liz, Bob, Mary Jo, Bob, Maureen, and Joe - August 06, 2017 at 05:17 PM



“ Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Charles E. Donnelly.



August 06, 2017 at 01:56 PM



“ Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Charles E. Donnelly.



August 05, 2017 at 08:17 PM



“ Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Charles E. Donnelly.



August 05, 2017 at 05:54 PM