



Christa Carapella

September 24, 1939 - August 12, 2022

Christa Carapella, 82 of Old Bridge, New Jersey passed away on Friday, August 12, 2022.

Born Sunday, September 24, 1939 in Manheim, Germany, Christa was one of 18 children born to the late, Johann and Anna Schubach.

Christa would meet Vincent Tortorici, a US Army Serviceman stationed in Germany. The couple got married and began a family while stationed there. They then moved to the United States, settling in Vincent's home in Manhattan, New York. The family moved and settled in Brooklyn, New York to raise their children.

Later in life Christa and Vincent divorced and she met and married Ray Carapella. The couple eventually moved to Florida. After Ray's passing Christa moved to Syracuse, New York to be closer to her daughter Cathy and family. In 2015 Christa relocated to Old Bridge, New Jersey closer to her other children and grandchildren.

Christa enjoyed playing the board game Trouble and cards very much with family and friends. She always kept a clean home, a value she passed along to her children. Her most precious love was her grandchildren. She always loved being surrounded by them and spending as much time with them as

possible. She was a loving and caring woman who will be missed by all those that love her.

Christa was predeceased by her husband Ray Carapella, ex husband Vincent Tortorici, and by her step sons Kelly and Paulie.

Christa is survived by her loving children, Cathy Ungleich and her husband Ted, Michael Tortorici and his wife Ellie, Pat Tortorici and his wife Karen, Anna Fern and her husband Alan, and John Tortorici and his wife Ola, by her loving step children, George Carapella and his wife Lee, Albert Carapella and his wife Dawn, Vicki Carapella, and Margo Carapella, and by her many cherished grandchildren and great grandchildren.

The family will receive friends from 3:00 PM to 8:00 PM on Wednesday, August 17, 2022, at Michael Hegarty & John Vincent Scalia Home For Funerals and Cremation Service, 3377 US Highway 9, Old Bridge, New Jersey.

A Funeral service will be at 11:00 AM on Thursday at Michael Hegarty & John Vincent Scalia Home For Funerals and Cremation Service located at 3377 US Highway 9 Old Bridge, New Jersey 08857. Interment will be in Marlboro Memorial Cemetery, Morganville, NJ.

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

Cemetery Details

Marlboro Memorial Cemetery

361 HWY 79
Morganville, NJ 07751

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 17. 3:00 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
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Service

AUG 18. 11:00 AM (ET)

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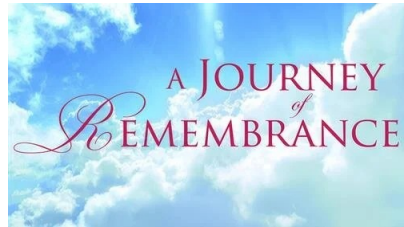
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Tribute Wall



“ *Michael Hegarty & John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals and Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Christa Carapella*



Michael Hegarty & John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals and Cremation Service - August 17, 2022 at 01:09 PM



“ *Christa Carapella*

October 05, 2023 at 11:16 AM

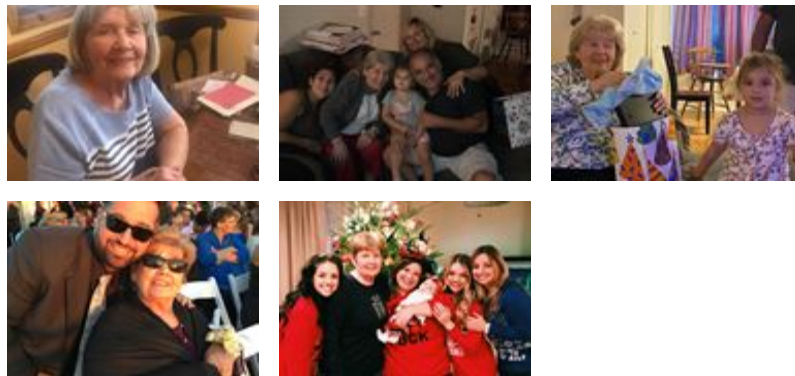
MM

“ Chris,
When I first knew about you I didn't want to like you,then we met and you were kind and understanding..but still I wasn't sure. With time I witnessed how happy you made my dad and how even my mom came to love you so my heart started to find a place for your love and presence. As the years went on I watched how you loved our family how you cared about my mom when she was sick, and devastated when she past. Yes you filled my heart with love and kindness, became an amazing grandma to ALL the kids (even their friends) and together you and my dad made our families ONE. Yes we were all truly blessed to have you in our lives.
I will miss you mama Chris I only wish I was able to bring one millionth of the compassion and love to you as you have to me.
Enjoy the eternal happiness you so deserve with all the people you love in God's grace.
I love you, Always your Margo

Margo Milliman - August 21, 2022 at 10:27 PM



“ 67 files added to the album Life Tributes



Michael Hegarty & John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals and Cremation Service - August 17, 2022 at 12:32 PM

JA

“ As a teen, Christa always made me feel welcome in her home. I enjoyed being friends with her boys and eating her wonderful cooking.

James Antonelli - August 16, 2022 at 07:14 PM



“ Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Christa Carapella.



August 16, 2022 at 11:33 AM



“ Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Christa Carapella.



August 15, 2022 at 08:44 PM



“ A New Sunrise Spray was purchased for the family of Christa Carapella.



August 15, 2022 at 08:08 PM

JA

“ *Jen, Anatole, & Evelyn Ashraf purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Christa Carapella.*



Jen, Anatole, & Evelyn Ashraf - August 15, 2022 at 12:48 PM

JT

“ *Joe, Pam, Stella, and Joe Joe Tortorici purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Christa Carapella.*



Joe, Pam, Stella, and Joe Joe Tortorici - August 15, 2022 at 11:47 AM

LE

“ *Love, Michael & Ella purchased the Treasured Lilies Spray for the family of Christa Carapella.*



Love, Michael & Ella - August 15, 2022 at 09:50 AM

LC

“ *My beautiful Grandma,
You were the best to ever do it. I hadn't seen you in a few years but
you were thought of often as were the memories I have with you.
You will continue to be thought of often and I will be sure to tell my
daughter all about how wonderful my Grandma truly was. Until the
next time we meet, I love you*❤️
-Your Little Leah



Leah Carapella - August 14, 2022 at 04:44 PM

RC

“ *12 files added to the tribute wall*



Raymond Carapella - August 14, 2022 at 03:47 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Christa Carapella.*



August 14, 2022 at 10:03 AM



“ *A New Sunrise Spray was purchased for the family of Christa Carapella.*



August 14, 2022 at 09:59 AM



“ *Don Johnson purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Christa Carapella.*



Don Johnson - August 14, 2022 at 02:01 AM

DC

“ My loving mother-in-law, I am so blessed to have spent so much time with Chris when Albert and I lived in New York and while Chris and Ray lived in Florida. She was a good, remarkable person and I learned a lot from her.

Chris was a magnet for children - her grandchildren, her grandchildren's friends - the more the merrier. Wherever Chris went, children would follow. It was a typical day to see Chris sitting on the floor playing and singing with children. She was so remarkable, that when I started babysitting for one of my grandchildren, my friend literally asked me how I compared to Grandma Chris. I told her that Chris was so gifted that on my best day, I could not measure up. Chris was also a wonderful homemaker. Her home was full of love and warmth- grandkids comfortably coming in and out. When I lived in New York, it was Chris' kids (and grandchildren), Ray's kids, and their friends coming and going. In Florida, grandkids came in and out of the house daily - always loved, always fed (possibly overfed). I haven't thought about this for some time, but Chris loved Tom Jones and Engelbert Humperdinck. I'm gonna put some Tom Jones on in Chris' honor. Here's to you Chris. I love you.

Dawn Carapella - August 13, 2022 at 08:39 PM

AC

“ Mom, I can't express how grateful and fortunate Dawn and I are that we had you in our life and that Raymond and Leah were safe with you in a loving environment while Dawn and I were creating a future for our kids. Your love showed when we would come in at 5:00 or 6:00 in the evening and after dinner, Raymond and Leah never wanted to leave. You were an amazing person who showed so much love to your children and grandchildren. My Dad was very fortunate that he had you by his side. We are fortunate for that too. I know that you are in a better place and that you and Dad will be happy through eternity together. I love you. Love, Albert

Albert Carapella - August 13, 2022 at 08:21 PM

LL

“ *Love. Dawn , AL, Raymond , Leah purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Christa Carapella.*



Love. Dawn , AL, Raymond , Leah - August 13, 2022 at 08:15 PM

PB

“ *Today is hard day as the reality of losing you truly sets in. I take comfort in knowing Grandpa was waiting there for you when you reached those pearly gates. I will cherish all of the many memories of the great times we had with you. You were the best Grandmother anyone could ever imagine and we were blessed to get to be your Grandchildren. I love you Grandma and I will see again some day.*



Patrick Bilancione - August 13, 2022 at 06:03 PM

CF

“ She was a beautiful woman inside and out! I am lucky enough to be named after her and always get compliments about what a beautiful name it is and will forever be proud to say I was named after my beautiful grandma! She had a nickname for me in German “Sila” which meant baby pig since I was such a chubby baby!! I will always be her sila! She loved going to Atlantic City and loved playing the board game trouble for hours !! Even though she would get mad if anyone else beat her and occasionally get caught cheating to win but we could never let her know we saw. Even with her slightly broken English she knew her curse words perfectly! She was a tough woman with a heart of gold and if you ever met her you will never forget her ! I will miss her and remember the good old days forever! Rest peacefully grandma



Christa Fern - August 13, 2022 at 05:19 PM