



## Deborah Ann Cioffi

January 11, 1957 - April 2, 2025

Deborah Ann Cioffi, a loving mother, grandmother, and nurse, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, April 2, 2025, at the age of sixty-eight (68), surrounded by the love of her family.

Born on January 11, 1957, in Brooklyn, New York, Deborah was the cherished daughter of the late John and Mary Kelly.

Raised in the vibrant Windsor Terrace neighborhood of Brooklyn, she was a proud graduate of St. Joseph High School. Her passion for education led her to the College of Staten Island, where she laid the groundwork for a career dedicated to caring for others. She later earned two Masters Degrees, a Master of Science in Administration (MSA) from Central Michigan University and a Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) from Monmouth University embodying her commitment to lifelong learning.

Her healthcare career began at Caledonian Hospital in Brooklyn, where she met her future husband, John Cioffi. They were married on October 31, 1981, and started their family in Brooklyn. After living on Staten Island, New York, they eventually settled in Manalapan, New Jersey in 1992, where Deborah quickly became an integral part of her community.

A devoted nurse, Deborah held several important roles during her

distinguished career. She was the Director of Emergency Services at RWJBH Monmouth Medical Center and later served as a Risk Management Specialist at Hackensack University Medical Center JFK. She was a proud member of the Emergency Nurses Association (ENA), where she passionately served as the NJ State Delegate and held various leadership positions, including Chair of Government Affairs for the NJENA. Her exceptional service was honored with the NJ Emergency Nurses Leadership Award in 2012 and the ENA Award for Quality Safety & Injury Prevention in March 2025.

Beyond her professional accomplishments, Deborah was known for her unwavering love and support for her family. Whether it was cheering at sporting events or planning family gatherings, she made it a point to be present in the lives of her children and grandchildren. Deborah had a huge heart, with a larger-than-life personality. Her love for her family and her ability to always make others feel special were hallmarks of her character.

Her legacy lives on through her husband, John, her children, Daniel and his wife Kate, Nicole, and Christopher, and her cherished granddaughters Bella and Lucia. She is also survived by her brothers, Edward Kelly and his wife Margaret, and John Kelly. Also, by her niece Erin Kelly and nephew Patrick Kelly.

Deborah was a shining light to all who knew her. Her caring nature, compassion, and commitment to making the world a better place, whether at the bedside or in her own home, have left an indelible mark on the hearts of everyone who had the privilege of knowing her.

Family and friends are invited to gather and celebrate her life on Wednesday, April 9, 2025, from 3:30 pm to 8:30 pm at Michael Hegarty & John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals and Cremation Service, 3377 US Highway 9, Old Bridge, NJ. A Funeral Mass will take place on Thursday, April 10, 2025, at

10:00 am at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, 2805 Fort Hamilton Parkway, Brooklyn, NY. Interment will follow at Greenwood Cemetery in Brooklyn, NY. After the services, her family invite all to join them for a repass lunch at her favorite restaurant, Ponte Vecchio, 3863 Route 516 East, Old Bridge, New Jersey.

In honor of her lifelong dedication to the nursing profession, the family requests that, in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the Emergency Nurses Association (ENA) Foundation Scholarship Fund to establish a scholarship in her name. This fund will support nurses attending continuing education conferences something Deborah always championed.

Donations can be made online at <https://portal.ena.org/donatenow?pid=a1B8W00000C63BJUAZ>

or by mailing a check to: ENA Foundation, 930 E. Woodfield Road, Schaumburg, IL 60173. If mailing a donation, please include a note indicating your donation is in tribute to Deborah Cioffi.

Deborah will be missed more than words can express, but her love and her legacy will live on in the hearts of all who knew her.

# Cemetery Details

## GREENWOOD

500 25th Street  
Brooklyn, NY 11232

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR **9**. 3:30 PM - 8:30 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

APR **10**. 10:00 AM (ET)

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church  
2805 Fort Hamilton Parkway  
Brooklyn, NY 11218

## Service

---

APR 10 (ET)

Greenwood Cemetery  
500 25th Street  
Brooklyn, NY 11232

# Tribute Wall

GS

“ *Gracinda Silva lit a candle in memory of Deborah Ann Cioffi*



---

**Gracinda Silva** - April 09, 2025 at 03:40 PM

GS

“ *Deborah was a beautiful lady, every time she would see me in the hallway she would say how is the housekeeping department Gracinda, great i say and we would talk, i still can't believe she is gone, until we meet again ,thank you for all you did, god bless you*

---

**Gracinda Silva** - April 09, 2025 at 03:39 PM

CW

“ *Sending my deepest condolences to the Cioffi family for the loss of your dear Debbie. I was fortunate enough to work with Debbie for many years at JFKUMC. She was always so energetic, eager to help, and did so with a smile. She was very passionate about being a nurse, but more passionate about her beloved family. She will be missed. Keeping Debbie and her family and friends in my thoughts and prayers*

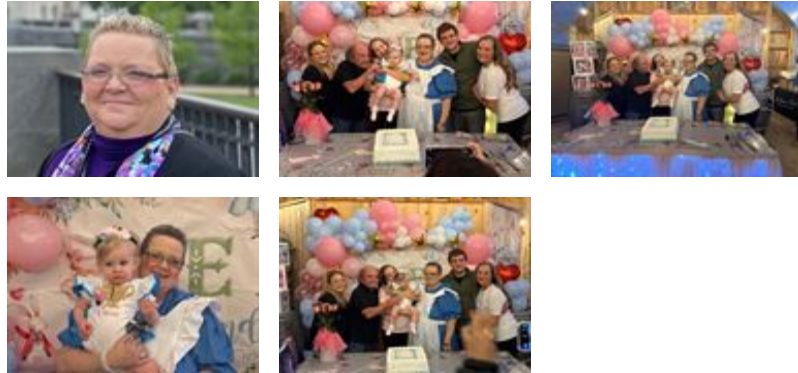
*Chris Wade*

---

**Christine Wade** - April 09, 2025 at 01:57 PM



“ 97 files added to the album Life Tributes



**Michael Hegarty & John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals and Cremation Service** - April 09, 2025 at 09:38 AM



“ Love, Al and Ashley Lynch and Family purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Deborah Ann Cioffi.



**Love, Al and Ashley Lynch and Family** - April 09, 2025 at 08:22 AM



“ From Maria and Daniel purchased the *Divine Peace Bouquet* for the family of Deborah Ann Cioffi.



**From Maria and Daniel** - April 09, 2025 at 12:21 AM



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

April 08, 2025 at 05:21 PM



“ Geri Samuel purchased the *Simply Elegant Spat hiphyllum* for the family of Deborah Ann Cioffi.



**Geri Samuel** - April 08, 2025 at 12:30 PM



“ Geri Samuel planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Deborah Ann Cioffi.

**Geri Samuel** - April 08, 2025 at 12:30 PM



“ Dear Cioffi family, I am very saddened by the news of Debbie's passing. I worked along side of her at JFK Medical Center for many years and remember her passion for nursing and her dedication to patient care. When my team needed nursing support Debbie was always there at a moment's notice. Although dedicated to her work she often spoke very dearly and fondly of her family-- we knew you were the light of her life. It was a pleasure knowing and working with her. Sincere condolences and prayers for you at this time.  
*Mirta Morado Tonda* -

**Mirta Morado Tonda** - April 08, 2025 at 10:54 AM

TN

“ Daniel, Praying for you and your family - Wayne & Breana Neal

Terry W Neal - April 08, 2025 at 10:05 AM

JL

“ John, Grace, David, Sue, Liz purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Deborah Ann Cioffi.



John, Grace, David, Sue, Liz - April 07, 2025 at 08:09 PM

WH

“ With love, Aunt Helen planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Deborah Ann Cioffi.

With love, Aunt Helen - April 07, 2025 at 06:34 PM

WH

“ With love, Aunt Helen purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Deborah Ann Cioffi.



With love, Aunt Helen - April 07, 2025 at 06:34 PM

MC

“ *Deborah was an extraordinary person, a nurse, and a colleague. Her smile, positive attitude, and compassion will never be forgotten. She will be truly missed. My deepest condolences to the Cioffi family. With sympathy,*  
*Magdalena Ciuba*



---

**MAGDALENA CIUBA** - April 07, 2025 at 06:19 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Deborah Ann Cioffi.*



---

April 07, 2025 at 04:17 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Deborah Ann Cioffi.*



---

April 07, 2025 at 03:13 PM

RW

“ *On behalf of the JFK University Medical Center Bioethics Committee, we would like to express our heartfelt sympathies for your loss. Deb was a respected and well loved long term member of the Bioethics Committee and we will miss her very much.*

---

**Robin Winter** - April 07, 2025 at 03:02 PM

KE

“ Kathryn Kelly Erickson lit a candle in memory of Deborah Ann Cioffi



---

**Kathryn Kelly Erickson** - April 07, 2025 at 02:45 PM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Deborah Ann Cioffi.



---

April 07, 2025 at 02:32 PM

PC

“ Deb came to help us at Raritan Bay and Old Bridge Medical Centers and immediately became part of our family and made a difference. Our sympathies to her entire family. She will be missed. With sympathy, Pat Carroll

---

**Pat Carroll** - April 07, 2025 at 01:01 PM

RJ

“ Our deepest condolences to the Cioffi family as you grieve the loss of your dear mother, grandmother and aunt.

*Deborah was always a welcoming presence wrapped in her love for people. We will all miss her at JFK University Medical Center.*

*Blessing,*

*Reverend George Akins, Jr.  
Pastoral Care Services*

---

**Reverend George Akins, Jr.** - April 07, 2025 at 11:27 AM