



## James Altobello

April 3, 1957 - July 13, 2023

James (Jim) Altobello, 66 of Monroe Township, New Jersey, passed away on Thursday, July 13, 2023, at Chelsea at Forsgate.

Born Wednesday, April 3, 1957, in Bensonhurst Brooklyn, New York, he was son to the late Joseph Altobello and Jean Barresi Altobello.

Jim went to high school at John Dewey and furthered his education at the New York Institute of Technology, where he obtained his Bachelor of Science degree, with a major in Architecture, leading him into a career of designing fire sprinkler systems for commercial buildings. In 1986, Jim and his Mom Jean purchased a new construction condominium together at the Harbour Club in Parlin, New Jersey, where they moved, and enjoyed the amenities offered, including an in-ground pool that led Jim to becoming an avid swimmer, eventually swimming up to 100 laps a day. In 1995, Jim moved to Springfield, Virginia, to pursue employment opportunities with Virginia Sprinkler Company, as a designer of fire sprinkler systems. In time, Jim purchased his own townhouse in Springfield, where he resided until taking early retirement in 2016, due to some health issues. Jim returned to New Jersey where he bought his current condo in the active adult community of Rossmoor, in Monroe Township.

Jim had a lifelong passion for trains, and often used his designing experience

for his layouts with his model trains. He belonged to numerous train clubs over the years, and currently was a member of Jersey Central N-Trak. Jim loved hanging out with family and friends, whether to help prepare Easter pies (Pizza Rustica), meet up to take a train trip, go to a baseball game to cheer on the NY Mets, see a concert, attend holiday family gatherings, or just assist his Mom and sister with handyman tasks. In more recent years, Jim had a very active social life at Rossmoor, participating in pickleball, bocce, swimming, walking, as well as being a member of the computer and cooking clubs; he was also quite good at oldies music trivia and loved participating in those games, as well as attending oldies dances. Jim really enjoyed his time at Rossmoor and the people he met there. He also had a soft spot for all the pets his friends and family owned. Jim was very special, an all around nice, great guy, who always had a smile on his face and a kind word for anyone; he will be missed by all who were lucky enough to know and love him.

Jim is predeceased by his beloved Mom Jean, and Dad Joseph, and his loving Aunt Diana Feinberg and close Uncle and Godfather Sam Greco.

Jim is survived by his loving sister Lynn Altobello, and by his brothers Frank and George Altobello, his loving aunt Irene Greco and cousin Carol Poveromo, caring uncle Paul Feinberg and cousins David, Andy and Brian Feinberg, loving adopted sister, Theresa Mordarski; as well as his extended Bronx family, Tina, Joanne, Vinny, Goddaughter Amanda, and Valerie; adopted nieces Nicole and Melinda; stepmother Tina and niece Alexa and nephew Joseph; plus all appropriate spouses; and Jim's close, dear friends, especially John, Joe, Pete and Bobby.

The family will receive friends and loved ones from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM on Thursday, July 20, 2023; and on Friday, July 21, 2023, from 9:30 AM to 10:30 AM, at Michael Hegarty & John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals and Cremation Service, 3377 US Highway 9, Old Bridge, New Jersey.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11:00 AM on Friday, July 21, 2023, at Church of the Sacred Heart, Roman Catholic Church located at 531 Washington Ave, South Amboy, New Jersey 08879. Interment will follow at Holy Cross Burial Park, 840 Cranbury South River Road, East Brunswick, NJ.

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

JUL 20. 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

JUL 21. 11:00 AM (ET)

Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church  
531 Washington Ave  
South Amboy, NJ 08879

## Service

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JUL 21 (ET)

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

# Tribute Wall



“ *James Altobello*

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October 05, 2023 at 11:16 AM



“ *William D. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Altobello.*

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**William D.** - July 20, 2023 at 01:37 PM



“ *Jimmy was a great friend and more like a family member! He never missed one of my children's birthday parties and was always up for playing sports. He was always at my Good Friday's dinner and helped making the many Easter pies and the cooking of the large dinners I made that evening. He was also one of the smartest men I've ever known and I'd always hoped he'd be on my team for the trivial pursuit games we played down the shore especially his knowledge of music and history! He is very much missed and will always live in my heart! REST IN PEACE JIMMY, many loved you!*

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**John Vitale** - July 20, 2023 at 11:04 AM

PA

“ We will miss Jim in our Church. Jim and his friends in the Jersey Central N-Trak club have given their time and talent every year for the last decade to create some of the most fantastic model train layouts. I have fond memories of the joy on the faces of young and old who came to see those layouts. The sentiments on the tribute wall and in the obituary are lovely. Certainly Jim has touched many people, shared his life and loved unconditionally. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Peace.  
Paul B.

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**Paul** - July 20, 2023 at 06:50 AM



“ Soonja and I used to see Jim everyday when he walked by our house. We will miss his friendship and smile very much. He had a gift to make his friends and neighbors feel good and smile with him. God bless you, Jim, and you rest in peace. Fondly, Soonja and Sin-U Nam

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**Sin-u Nam** - July 19, 2023 at 05:06 PM

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“ Sin-u N. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Altobello.

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**Sin-u N.** - July 19, 2023 at 04:53 PM



“ 104 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



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**Michael Hegarty & John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals and Cremation Service** - July 19, 2023 at 04:52 PM

KM

“ *I did not know Jim well but did enjoy the conversations we had in the computer lab. I found him to be a very sweet and gentle person.*

*Kristin Michaelson*

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**Kristin Michalson** - July 19, 2023 at 10:31 AM

RP

“ *Remembering your brother Jim. Sincerely Rudy Palma and Linda Grant.*

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**Rudy Palma** - July 18, 2023 at 09:40 PM

JM

“ Lynn & Altobello Family,

*I was very saddened to learn of Jim's passing. He was a genuine great guy. Several years ago we were fellow volunteers on several Harbour Club Condo committees. And, many a day we would meet at the community pool for relaxation. I remember how dedicated Jim was to his model train hobby. He will be missed, prayers at this Sunday Mass.*

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**John McDevitt** - July 18, 2023 at 07:28 PM

WF

“ with love from the Della Cerra family purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of James Altobello.



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**with love from the Della Cerra family** - July 18, 2023 at 06:58 PM

WF

“ with love from the Della Cerra family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Altobello.

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**with love from the Della Cerra family** - July 18, 2023 at 06:58 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of James Altobello.



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July 17, 2023 at 08:17 PM



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

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July 17, 2023 at 08:17 PM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of James Altobello.



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July 17, 2023 at 05:45 PM