



## James Greco

January 12, 1939 - June 26, 2017

James Greco, 78 of Old Bridge, New Jersey passed on Monday, June 26, 2017, at Clara Maass Medical Center in Belleville, New Jersey.

Born January 12, 1939 in Brooklyn, New York, he was the son of the late Carmine and Angelina Greco.

James was raised in Brooklyn and it is there where he would meet his wife, Mary. Growing up James found an interest WW II and enjoyed watching many war movies. He would perform in different Doo Wop bands, he was a member of the Concepts and also a member of the Dardenelles. James and Mary would marry in 1960 and start their family. In 1967 they moved to Old Bridge, NJ. James was a Jeweler and worked for many years in the Diamond District of New York City, he spent more than 30 of those years working for Feature Ring. James enjoyed riding his motorcycle with his brother Carmine. He also enjoyed watching Nascar, but more than anything James loved being with his family.

James is survived by his beloved wife of 57 years Mary, by his loving daughter Diana Mateyka and her husband John, by his cherished grandchildren Nicole Getz and her husband Keith, John Mateyka, and Dylan Mateyka, by his adoring great grandson Rocco Dominick James Getz, by his caring brother Carmine Greco Jr, and by his sister in law Christine Marsella and brother in

law Anthony Picarelli. James was pre deceased in 1998 by his beloved daughter Gina Greco and he was also pre deceased by his brother in law Joseph Picarelli.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10:15 AM on Friday at St. Thomas the Apostle. Interment will be in Chestnut Hill Cemetery, East Brunswick, NJ.

The family will receive friends from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM on Thursday, June 29, 2017, at Michael Hegarty & John Vincent Scalia Home For Funerals and Cremation Service, 3377 US Highway 9, Old Bridge, New Jersey.

In lieu of flowers donations in James' memory can be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital at [www.stjude.org/give](http://www.stjude.org/give) or to The Wounded Warrior Project at [www.woundedwarriorproject.org/donate](http://www.woundedwarriorproject.org/donate)

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

# Cemetery Details

## Chestnut Hill Cemetery

Old Bridge Turnpike  
Chestnut Hill Cemetery, NJ 08816

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**JUN 29.** 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

**JUN 30.** 10:15 AM (ET)

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

# Tribute Wall



“ *James Greco*

October 05, 2023 at 11:16 AM



“ *Susan, Anthony, Maria and our family purchased the Thoughts & Prayers for the family of James Greco.*



**Susan, Anthony, Maria and our family** - June 30, 2017 at 09:22 AM



“ *I am so sorry to hear about my cousin, "Pepe". That's what we called him all the time. I will remember all the times we shared growing up. Listening to you and your brother, Junior, singing do wop. I'm younger than most of my cousins but I do have fond memories of all of us at your house on McDonald Avenue in Brooklyn. Also at Grandma and Grandpa Rotunno's house. Trying to hang out with all of you when you played ball at Montauk schoolyard. My memories are in tact and I will not forget you. God bless you on your journey. I am sorry that I did not know sooner. Much Love.*



**Susan Romano** - June 30, 2017 at 08:17 AM



“ *Basket of Joy was purchased for the family of James Greco.*



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June 28, 2017 at 10:32 PM



“ *I have so many fond memories of James. One of my most cherished is when he would take me for a ride around Creighton Circle on his chopper. He is the reason I love motorcycles and ride still today. To me he was the real life Easy Rider. To this day whenever I hear Tom Jones I think of a party at the Grecos when I was very young and James putting a Tom Jones record on. I will always remember him as a very kind man. Rest well James!*

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**Andrew Mianulli** - June 28, 2017 at 12:10 AM



*Great memories! Thank you for sharing!*

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**Nicole Getz** - June 28, 2017 at 08:36 PM

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“ Poppa-- I can hear you saying "Nickles" or humming that song (Dee Dee da Dee Dee) when I use to dance on your feet from the kitchen into the living room. I missed you when I didn't see you for a few days, how do I deal with missing you forever. Thank you for always loving me like you did, I am so lucky & thankful because my life had you. I love you forever and always and I am so happy you know that. Xo



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**Nicole Getz** - June 27, 2017 at 04:24 AM

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“ My mom and I will miss visiting you across the street and going out to lunch, sharing our talks and having a good time. Rest In Peace my friend, Charlie Quattrochi and mom Peggy.

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**Charles Quattrochi** - June 26, 2017 at 04:16 PM

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*Such wonderful memories and time spent with my grandfather. Thank you for sharing!*

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**Nicole Getz** - June 26, 2017 at 06:52 PM