



## Joseph Scozzari

November 22, 1941 - November 1, 2024

Joseph Scozzari, 82 of Manalapan, New Jersey passed away on Friday, November 1, 2024, at Centra State Medical Center in Freehold, New Jersey.

Born Saturday, November 22, 1941 in Brooklyn, New York, Joseph was the only child born to the late Frank and Beatrice Scozzari.

Joseph was a graduate of St. John's Prep High School. After high school Joseph served his county in the United States Marine Corps. After earning his Honorable Discharge Joseph enrolled at St. John's University. Eventually earning multiple Master's Degree's.

Joseph would meet the love of his life Rosemarie Iascillo and the couple would marry. They lived in Queens, NY for a brief time before settling in Manalapan. There they would raise their children. Joseph began a long career in education. He worked his way through the Manalapan School system, eventually becoming the superintendent of elementary schools within the district for 20 years.

Joseph enjoyed watching sports and was a big fan of the Brooklyn Dodgers growing up. When he had time to relax Joseph enjoyed watching old cowboy movies. He enjoyed trips to Atlantic City to play the slot machines. More than anything Joseph loved the time spent with family, and he will be missed by all

those that love him.

Joseph is survived by his beloved wife of 56 years, Rosemarie, by his loving children, Claudine, and Chris and his wife Dani, and by his cherished grandchildren, Anthony and Sara.

The family will receive friends from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM on Monday, November 4, 2024, at Michael Hegarty & John Vincent Scalia Home For Funerals and Cremation Service, 3377 US Highway 9, Old Bridge, New Jersey.

A Funeral Mass will be held at 10:00 AM on Tuesday at St. Thomas More Church located at 186 Gordons Corner Road Manalapan, New Jersey 07726. Interment will be in St. Gabriel Cemetery, Marlboro, NJ.

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

# Cemetery Details

## St. Gabriel Cemetery

549 Route 520  
Marlboro, NJ 07746

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 4. 4:00 PM - 7:00 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

NOV 5. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Thomas More Church  
186 Gordons Corner Rd  
Manalapan Township, NJ 07726

# Tribute Wall

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“ Joe was my cousin. Growing up I spent a lot of time at his home since his parents were my godparents. He told endless stories about his teaching experiences and kept us all laughing. When he got married he wanted all the cousins to be at his wedding. He was smart, funny, warm, and devoted to family. He was a cousin we all looked up to and admired. I send my sincere sympathies to Rosemarie and family. From Mary Kay

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**Mary K. Verzi (Cannizzaro)** - June 23, 2025 at 05:18 PM

PS

“ We have known Joe Scozzari for over thirty years. In that time, our friendship evolved from that of an employee/supervisor relationship to one of sustained respect and admiration. Joe was a fair and compassionate superintendent of schools. However, he was more than an educational leader; he was a kind, empathetic, and caring person who was devoted to his family and his community. We will miss his warmth, humor, and friendship and we offer our deepest sympathy to Rosemarie and the Scozzari family.  
Pam and Jack Szabo

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**Pam & Jack Szabo** - November 05, 2024 at 07:54 AM

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“ Susan D. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joseph Scozzari.

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**Susan D.** - November 04, 2024 at 11:14 AM

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“ I love you DAD! You will always be my kindergarden principal at Taylor Millis School.

*For those who don't know me - My name is Claudine A. Scozzari. My father played a pivotal role in the community for all of those members of the community that stayed. Those of you who knew me; kindergarden class is ever present in our lives.*

*My last conversation with DAD before he became "bad" was "It is what it is." My kindergarden class and those at Taylor Mills School know. The burden is still on your first kindergarden class.*

*I am putting this part in your tribute because it is important to the community we were. They aren't present in your death; but your legacy lives on and is present in our everyday lives.*

*I am a CIVIL/HIGHWAY ENGINEER. And, I have been made aware of my kindergarden classes' issues that are still present in our everyday lives - not by my family, but by the DOT. All of our business attorneys are aware too.*

*For those of you who need it, the adult never comes back legally to Manalapan Township, the Department of Labor computers in the last year of his illness needed to reflect the problems the State of New Jersey has.*

*There are out of State jurisdictions where I needed to be that have "issues" in the legal system, and there are other law enforcement agencies that have to deal with the "issues" that arise. It is not always "pretty" as one would say. It isn't even considerate and humane anymore.*

*TO MY FELLOW STUDENTS - It is not us; IT IS THEM. It is the State of New Jersey, and the problems are BAD! And, only our Taylor Mills kindergarden classes will understand the impacts of the problems on the State of New Jersey.*

*We have to deal with what was done. Most of it was beyond our control.*

*To my DAD -*

*He knew what the problems were and spent most of his life trying to help his KIDS. Your KIDS are no longer in your district.*

*Your legacy and your work has left a lasting impact on the minors of not only Manalapan Township, but the State of New Jersey. Your work and dedication to the community helped so many children from the cruelty of the world.*

*The world is cruel. You attempted to make our world a little less cruel.*

*Buy Dad. Your legacy will always be in my heart. And, the State computers!*

*To Rosemarie Scozzari, Christopher and Danielle Scozzari - I am sorry for your loss. The family will never be the same.*

*To Anthony and Sara Scozzari - Dad loved being a grandparent, and I wish you knew Dad. He had a hard life prior to your arrival.*

*I also want to place a public special thanks to Marc Rosman, who was the News Transcript journalist assigned to the Manalapan-Englishtown Regional School District during my Dad's tenure. My Dad's work was very public in nature, and the respect you showed him will never be forgotten in my heart. I was out-of-State during a very difficult newsworthy time in the community, and I was an outsider looking into the community. Your respect and professionalism was noted and greatly appreciated by me during your decades of coverage of the Manalapan-Englishtown Regional District.*

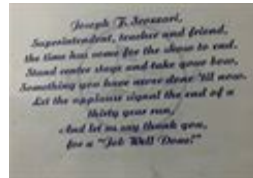
*Marc - I think I needed your work more than my Dad. Thank you!*

*The State computers reflect your respect.*

**Claudine A. Scozzari** - November 04, 2024 at 09:13 AM



“ 150 files added to the album LifeTributes



**Michael Hegarty & John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals and Cremation Service** - November 03, 2024 at 03:01 PM

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“ Virginia F. purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Joseph Scozzari.



**Virginia F.** - November 03, 2024 at 11:08 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joseph Scozzari.



November 03, 2024 at 09:02 AM



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

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“ Connie, Stephanie, Rob, Russell & family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Joseph Scozzari.



Connie, Stephanie, Rob, Russell & family - November 03, 2024 at 07:23 AM



“ Connie, Stephanie, Rob, Russell & family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joseph Scozzari.

Connie, Stephanie, Rob, Russell & family - November 03, 2024 at 07:23 AM