



## Kathy Santostefano

April 25, 1949 - May 27, 2024

Kathy Santostefano, 75, of Jackson, New Jersey, passed away at home on Monday, May 27, 2024, surrounded by the love of her family after a battle with cancer.

Kathy was born in Brooklyn, New York, the daughter of the late Stephen 'Buster' & Catherine O'Rourke. She grew up in Brooklyn with her father Stephen, her late stepmother, Vera O'Rourke, whom Kathy fondly referred to as 'Mom', her late brother Dennis O'Rourke, and her brother Louis DeName.

Kathy is survived by her husband of fifty-six years, Vito 'Willie' Santostefano. Kathy and Willie raised their family in Staten Island before retiring to New Jersey. Kathy is also survived by her three children, Stephanie Bianco and her husband Gerard, James Santostefano and his wife Dianna, Billy Santostefano and his wife Nicole, and her eight grandchildren, Brigid, Lizzie, Michael, Liam, Jaclyn, Stephen, James, and Vincent.

Kathy was a devoted, kind, and loving wife and mother. Her priority in life was always her family. Kathy was a proud homemaker who enjoyed caring for her

grandchildren

and spending time with her family. She will be remembered for her kindness, selfless

nature, and generous spirit. Kathy will be missed dearly, and her life will continue to be

celebrated by her family, friends, and acquaintances alike; for she had a tremendous

heart and made an impression on every person she met.

Kathy loved animals and helping those in need in any way she could. In lieu of flowers,

the family encourages donations in her name to two of Kathy's favorite charities: Tunnel to Towers Foundation [www.t2t.org](http://www.t2t.org) and St. Jude Children's Hospital [www.stjude.org/donate](http://www.stjude.org/donate)

A Funeral service will be at 10:00 AM on Friday at St. Thomas More Church located at 186 Gordons Corner Road Manalapan, New Jersey 07726.

The family will receive friends from 3:00 PM to 7:00 PM on Thursday, May 30, 2024, at Michael Hegarty & John Vincent Scalia Home For Funerals and Cremation Service, 3377 US Highway 9, Old Bridge, New Jersey.

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

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**MAY 30.** 3:00 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

**MAY 31.** 10:00 AM (ET)

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

## Service

**MAY 31** (ET)

Moravian Cemetery  
2205 Richmond Road  
Staten Island, NY 10306

# Tribute Wall

JM

“ We are so heartbroken for your loss , Kathy was everything to us, was like family to all of us , friend, sister, mother ,brought us so much joy and love sharing birthdays, holidays, special occasions, good times , bad times , outings with Kathy and Willie gave us so many happy memories will cherish forever in our hearts , so thankful for them, praying for her always , our deepest sympathy and love Julie,Pat and family

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julia monahan - May 31, 2024 at 10:49 PM

VK

“ Kathy will always be remembered for the special person she was, she told me that she would fight until the end, as she was always a kind and dedicated person to her family, very pleasant and with a lot of love for me and my daughter Dayane. I admired her as a human being and as a woman, for all the strength and determination she had. Thank you Kathy and Willie for allowing me to meet your family and taking care of your home for so many years. You will always be remembered by all of us with much love. I will miss you very much. Rest in peace Kathy ❤️  
Jesus said ... “ I am the resurrection and the life. He who believe in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in Me will never die” John 11:25,26

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Vera Kiefer - May 30, 2024 at 05:28 PM

MR

“ Our dear friend Kathy will be sadly and deeply missed by us and so many who adored and admired her as the wonderful person she was!

Loved by her beautiful family, her loving husband Willie, her close friends and many in her community, Kathy will always be thought of and lovingly remembered.

Rest in Peace sweet lady!

Minna and Frank ❤️❤️

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**Minna Ramson** - May 30, 2024 at 03:46 PM

MT

“ I REMEMBER KATHY ALWAYS AS A VERY CARING KIND AND GENEROUS AUNT TO MY GIRLS. I WAS VERY HAPPY TO SEE HER AND HER BEAUTIFUL FAMILY AT MY DAUGHTER JACQUELINES WEDDING. IT MEANT ALOT TO HER THAT THE SANTOSTAFANOS CAME IN FORCE TO ENJOY HER SPECIAL DAY. THANK YOU KATHY AND REST PEACEFULLY!

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**Matthew Turk** - May 30, 2024 at 12:40 PM

MA

“ MATTHEW TURK AND FAMILY- DANIELLE, ALEX purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Kathy Santostefano.



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**MATTHEW TURK AND FAMILY- DANIELLE, ALEX** - May 30, 2024 at 12:31 PM

MA

“ MATTHEW TURK AND FAMILY- DANIELLE, ALEX planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kathy Santostefano.

MATTHEW TURK AND FAMILY- DANIELLE, ALEX - May 30, 2024 at 12:31 PM

JC

“ JACQUELINE AND KEVIN CLOUGHESY purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Kathy Santostefano.



JACQUELINE AND KEVIN CLOUGHESY - May 30, 2024 at 12:28 PM

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JACQUELINE AND KEVIN CLOUGHESY - May 30, 2024 at 12:28 PM

JB

“ My deepest condolences to the whole entire family. I really can not find the words. But all I know is Kathy, my godmother, was always lighting up the room. She was a wonderful human being. She had a laugh that just made you laugh. I hear it in my head now. My greatest childhood memories are with her. Swimming in the pool, celebrating the holidays together, and stopping by for candy. You were always just 2 houses away. It's so terribly sad you're gone. But you will live in our hearts forever ❤️. May this candle shine so bright just like you. Love you.



Jennifer Barber - May 30, 2024 at 08:58 AM

FF

“ From, The Dolcimascolo Family purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Kathy Santostefano.



From, The Dolcimascolo Family - May 30, 2024 at 07:50 AM

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From, The Dolcimascolo Family - May 30, 2024 at 07:50 AM

AF

“ Amanda and the Michel Family purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Kathy Santostefano.



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**Amanda and the Michel Family** - May 29, 2024 at 02:39 PM

JF

“ Julie & Pat Monahan and Family purchased the Enduring Grace for the family of Kathy Santostefano.



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**Julie & Pat Monahan and Family** - May 29, 2024 at 02:21 PM

WS

“ Willie Santostefano lit a candle in memory of Kathy Santostefano



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**Willie Santostefano** - May 29, 2024 at 02:13 PM

WS

“ You will forever be missed. Our deepest condolences to your family. You will always be in our hearts and prayers. Sending all our love.  
Willie, Roseann & Family

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**Willie Santostefano** - May 29, 2024 at 02:11 PM

LF

“ Love Susanne Coppola Apazidis and Family purchased the Love's Journey for the family of Kathy Santostefano.



Love Susanne Coppola Apazidis and Family - May 29, 2024 at 12:39 PM

LM

“ Lori Mychalchyk purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Kathy Santostefano.



Lori Mychalchyk - May 29, 2024 at 09:40 AM

LJ

“ Lisa & Bruce, Kathy & Ian, Milissa & Jon purchased the In Memory - Angel Figurine, 8.25 in for the family of Kathy Santostefano.



Lisa & Bruce, Kathy & Ian, Milissa & Jon - May 28, 2024 at 10:46 PM

TH

“ Theresa purchased the Guiding Light Bouquet for the family of Kathy Santostefano.



Theresa - May 28, 2024 at 10:34 PM

NB

“ I am broken-hearted to hear of Kathy’s passing. Although we didn’t see each other often, when we did, we always had nice conversations catching up on family news. My condolences to the family. She will always be in my heart.  
Nanci Blake and boys



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**Nanci Blake** - May 28, 2024 at 10:28 PM

LC

“ Aunt Kathy, you were taken from us way to soon. I will always carry a piece of you in my heart, especially your strength and bravery. You will be forever missed. I love you

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**Lisa Cashman** - May 28, 2024 at 04:52 PM

BC

“ We would always have a good laugh together talking about the D Antonio sisters . Especially Aunt Connie and Aunt Vera, missing those days together was always a adventure with all their cats .  
Rest in peace Kathy  
With love  
Barbara

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**barbara coppola** - May 28, 2024 at 03:24 PM

WM

“ With Love Patrick & Laura Monahan purchased the Rose Remembrance for the family of Kathy Santostefano.



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**With Love Patrick & Laura Monahan** - May 28, 2024 at 02:40 PM

CG

“ *The Garda family is heartbroken to hear of this tragic loss. Kathy was a beautiful person, both inside and out. She was a role model to many of us. Her devotion to her family was inspiring. Kathy, I have had the pleasure of being your hairdresser for over 20 years. They say hairdressers are like therapists, but when you were in my chair, you were my therapist, always sharing life's ups and downs with wisdom and comfort. Rest in peace Kathy, and may God give strength to all of your loved ones left behind. You made wonderful memories that we will all cherish forever. Until we meet again.....*



**Cathi Garda** - May 28, 2024 at 02:35 PM

LB

*So sad to hear about Kathy she was like a second mother to me . So caring ! The memories from Darlington Avenue I will cherish forever.*

**Laura Desiderio Booras** - May 30, 2024 at 01:09 PM

LF

“ *Litwak Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Kathy Santostefano.*



**Litwak Family** - May 28, 2024 at 02:16 PM