



Maria Claudia Rao

March 4, 1971 - May 11, 2026

Maria Claudia Rao, 55 of Parlin, New Jersey died on Monday, May 11, 2026, at her home surrounded by the love of her family.

Born Thursday, March 4, 1971 in Brooklyn, New York, Claudia was the daughter of Hugo and Maria Alvarez.

Claudia spent the early years of her life in Brooklyn and then in Argentina. She would eventually move back to Brooklyn and graduated from Bishop Kearny High School. During her high school years she worked at Pizza D'Amore in Brooklyn. Claudia would then graduate from the College of Staten Island.

Claudia met the love of her life, Peter Rao while working at Pizza D'Amore in Brooklyn. They would reconnect years later and marry. Living for a short time on Florida before settling in Parlin, New Jersey. Claudia worked for more than 20 years with Morgan Stanley in New York as a Client Service Associate. Claudia was a strong advocate for Autism Awareness and support. Claudia loved spending time with her family, and enjoyed the trips they took to Lake George. She will be deeply missed by all those that love her.

Claudia is survived by her beloved husband, Peter, by her loving children, Gabriela and Giancarlo, by her loving parents, Hugo and Maria Alvarez, by

her caring sister Gabriela Iannacone and her husband Craig, by her caring brother in law Paul Rao and his wife Cherilyn, and by her nephews, Liam, Colton, and Paul.

A memorial gathering will take place from 2:00 PM to 6:00 PM on Saturday, May 16, 2026, 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

Upcoming Events

Visitation

MAY 16. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Michael Hegarty & John Vincent Scalia Home For Funerals and Cremation Service
3377 US Highway 9
Old Bridge, NJ 08857