



## 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](http://www.HegartyScaliaFuneralHome.com)

# Previous 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

# Tribute Wall

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“Pete, I am so sorry for your loss. I know it has been a very long time, but if there's anything you may possibly need please do not hesitate to reach out.

Craig Renner  
craig732@yahoo.com  
518-322-0396



Craig Renner - May 18 at 09:02 AM

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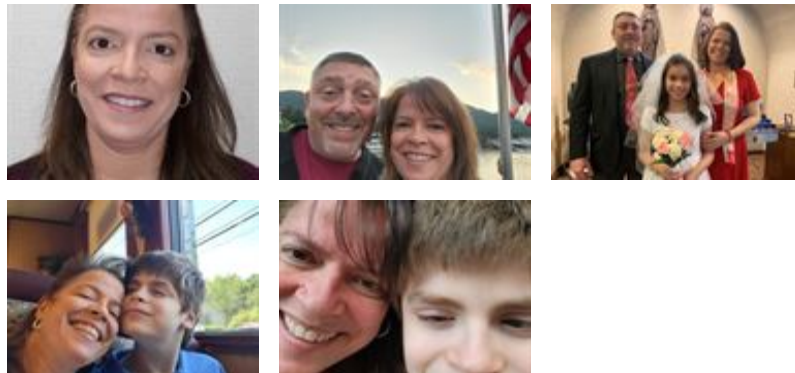
“George Diana Joanne and Elizabeth Rosa purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Maria Claudia Rao.



George Diana Joanne and Elizabeth Rosa - May 16 at 10:01 AM



“115 files added to the album Life Tributes



Michael Hegarty & John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals and Cremation Service - May 16 at 09:58 AM



“ *Heartfelt Memories* was purchased for the family of Maria Claudia Rao.



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May 16 at 12:37 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Maria Claudia Rao.



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May 15 at 06:13 PM



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

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May 15 at 06:13 PM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket* was purchased for the family of Maria Claudia Rao.



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May 15 at 02:37 PM

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“ *Juan P. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Maria Claudia Rao.*

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**Juan P.** - May 15 at 02:10 PM