



Michael T Murphy

December 22, 1940 - January 21, 2026

Michael T. Murphy, age 85, on January 21, 2026. He was born on December 22, 1940, in Mount Hope, Kansas, to the late Clyde and Mary Murphy. One of five children, Michael was raised on a farm in St. Paul, Kansas, surrounded by many generations of hardworking farmers. Those early years instilled in him a lifelong love of the land and an appreciation for honest work - values he carried with him throughout his life. He truly loved being outdoors and the simple satisfaction of working with his hands.

In 1961, Michael proudly enlisted in the United States Navy, where he served as a skilled welder. While on leave in New York City, fate intervened when he attended a Cardinal Spellman Dance and met the love of his life, Marianna. It was love at first sight. Michael was instantly enamored, and their romance began with a first date at Rockefeller Center followed by dinner at the Top of the Sixes. From that moment on, they were inseparable. Michael and Marianna were married on February 27, 1965, beginning a loving partnership that spanned decades.

The couple first made their home in the Gravesend neighborhood of Brooklyn before settling in Staten Island in 1971, where they raised their three sons. After his military service, Michael attended John Jay College and, in 1966, began a distinguished career with the New York City Transit Police.

Michael was an avid outdoorsman who found peace and joy in fishing, hunting, and hiking, especially during time spent upstate, a place that held deep meaning for him. Exceptionally handy and a master carpenter, he could fix or build just about anything. Known for his reliability and strong work ethic, Michael was always willing to lend a helping hand and looked out for everyone around him. He lived with kindness and thoughtfulness, often reminding others, 'If you have nothing nice to say, don't say anything at all.'

A devout Catholic, Michael was a devoted parishioner of Most Holy Redeemer Church, where he was very active and deeply committed. He generously gave his time and energy to church fundraisers and community efforts. His guiding principles were simple yet profound: 'Faith, Family, and Upstate.' These were the pillars of his life.

Above all, Michael adored his granddaughters, holding a special place in his heart for them and showering them with love and affection.

Michael T. Murphy will be remembered as a devoted husband, loving father and grandfather, faithful servant of God, and a man of integrity whose quiet strength and generosity touched all who knew him. His legacy of faith, love, and kindness will live on in the hearts of his family and friends.

Michael is predeceased by his beloved wife of 60 years, Marianna, who passed away only this past November. He is also predeceased by his siblings Patty Ast and Richard Murphy.

Michael is survived by his loving sons Anthony, Thomas and his wife Kristine, and Joseph, by his adoring granddaughters Stephanie and Elizabeth, and his caring sisters Marylin Wooster and Susan Wetta.

In lieu of flowers the family asks that donations are made in Michael's memory

to St Jude Children's Research Hospital at www.stjude.org/donate

The family will receive friends on Friday, January 30, 2026 from 2:00 PM -4:00 PM & 7:00 PM- 9:00 PM at Michael Hegarty & John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals located at 3377 US Highway 9, Old Bridge, NJ 08857.

A Funeral Mass will be held on Saturday, January 31, 2026 at 10:00 AM at Most Holy Redeemer Church located at 133 Amboy Rd, Matawan, NJ 07747.

Interment to follow at Holmdel Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

HOLMDEL

Holmdel Road
Holmdel, NJ

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 30. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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

Visitation

JAN 30. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

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

Service

JAN 31. 10:00 AM (ET)

Most Holy Redeemer Church
133 Amboy Road
Matawan, NJ 07747

Service

JAN 31 (ET)

Holmdel Cemetery
900 Holmdel Road
Holmdel, NJ 07733

Tribute Wall

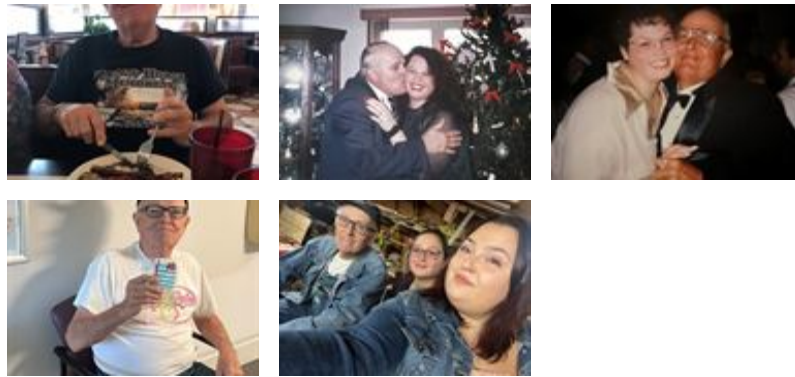
BH

“ *When I was stationed in Brooklyn (Districts 32, 33, 34) I would occasionally bump into Mike. He was always a gentleman, watched your back, and shared in a few laughs. My heart and prayers go out to his family.*

Bill Hall - January 29 at 11:01 AM



“ *241 files added to the album LifeTributes*



Michael Hegarty & John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals and Cremation Service - January 28 at 04:37 PM

TL

“ *The Executive Board and members of the NYC Retired Transit Police Officers Association offer our deepest condolences and sympathies to the Murphy family. Michael was a lifetime member, and he will be missed by the many fellow Transit officers who worked with or knew him. May Michael rest in peace.*

Tony Lomanto - January 25 at 12:23 PM

JD

“ *Such a beautiful obituary! I am very sad to lose Uncle Mike and Aunt Marianna. I have such fond memories of visiting them in New Jersey and it was always great seeing Mike in KS. My heart goes out to Anthony, Thomas, Joseph, Kristine and his granddaughters, as well as his sisters Aunt Marilyn and Aunt Susan. Such a big loss. Also such a beautiful gift for Mike and Marianna to not be separated for long. A gift from God! Love, Juliette*

Juliette Dols - January 24 at 11:06 PM