



Michael Reres

July 26, 1952 - August 11, 2025

Michael Reres was born in Bayonne, NJ but knew Staten Island as his home, living in New Dorp, Westerleigh, and Eltingville. In 2002 he moved to his home in Matawan, NJ. While he lived in Old Bridge, NJ for a time, he called Staten Island his home until making a permanent move to New Jersey.

Michael, affectionately known as Mike, worked in the Post Office on Manor Road for more than 30 years, retiring as an MPE Mechanic in 2004.

Mike attended training in Norman, Oklahoma for the Post Office, completed EMT training and then attended night school at St. Vincent's in Manhattan to become a paramedic. He graduated in 1991. He worked for Richmond County Ambulance performing advanced life support transports of patients to Manhattan for heart surgeries before these services were available on Staten Island. He volunteered for various ambulance squads in Staten Island and New Jersey. He also worked as a paramedic at Woodstock'94. He met his wife, Liz, through the volunteer ambulance squad and, after their first date, they saw or spoke to each other every day for over 35 years.

Michael was a disabled Veteran who served in the Army during the Vietnam era.

Mike was a member of the South Amboy American Legion Post 62 and DAV

Chapter 74 in Freehold, NJ. He enjoyed participating in parades and various events throughout the year. He was very much interested in the well being of fellow veterans.

Michael had a passion for classic cars. He enjoyed car shows and made many friends through these events over the years. He owned a 1967 Pontiac GTO and a 1988 Camaro convertible. He also enjoyed working on his cars and was a member of the Legendary Muscle Cars Auto Club.

Michael was the son of the late Earnest Reres and Helen (Reed). He is survived by his beloved wife of over 30 years, Elizabeth (Peterson). He was a loving father of Raymond (Geraldine) and Michelle; cherished grandfather of Lauren, Andrew, and Ava; loving brother of Joseph Reres and the late Annette Martin. Through marriage, he gained many brothers and sisters, Charles (Betty) Peterson, Margaret (Michael) Grace, Edward (Susan) Peterson, James (Deanna) Peterson, as well as many nieces and nephews who will miss him greatly. He was also the best Dog Dad to his three beagles: Milo, Benny and Luke.

Michael loved his family and friends and would do anything for them. He was always there to offer a ride to a doctor's appointment, airport run, or help to build or fix something. If you called, Mike answered. He was loved and will be missed.

Donations in Mike's memory can be made to Disabled American Veterans (DAV) or Wounded Warrior Project in lieu of flowers.

A Funeral service will be held at 10:15 AM on Saturday at Michael Hegarty & John Vincent Scalia Home For Funerals and Cremation Service located at 3377 US Highway 9 Old Bridge, New Jersey 08857.

The family will receive friends from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM and 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM on Friday, August 15, 2025, 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

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 15. 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

AUG 15. 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

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Service

AUG 16. 10:15 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

PL

“ sorry for your loss he is now in a much better place may he rest in peace



Pete Lukshis - January 13 at 11:45 PM

DS

“ Im so sorry Liz, may he rest in eternal peace! 🙏

Dawn E Staniforth - August 22, 2025 at 09:35 PM

ID

“ Mike was a great friend and bowling team buddy. We bowled together with Burt and Manny for many seasons both good and bad but we always had a ball.

Mike was always ready and willing to help out with projects big and small. When the floor in our home office was water damaged he ran right over with the power tools and helped to rip up the sub-floor and lay down a new one, not something I could have done alone.

We will truly miss you Mike.

Ian & Jen Drake, Coimbra Portugal

PS Liz, we would have liked to have come to the funeral but we're caught in the middle of bureaucracy and can't travel right now. Much love to you!

Ian Drake - August 17, 2025 at 05:39 PM

JK

“ Jamie and Liz Kingston purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Michael Reres.



Jamie and Liz Kingston - August 15, 2025 at 06:05 AM

MG

“ 12 files added to the album More Family Photos



Margaret Grace - August 14, 2025 at 09:20 PM



“ 149 files added to the album LifeTributes



Michael Hegarty & John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals and Cremation Service - August 14, 2025 at 04:05 PM



“ *Written in the Stars was purchased for the family of Michael Reres.*



August 14, 2025 at 12:23 PM



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

August 14, 2025 at 12:23 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Michael Reres.*



August 14, 2025 at 07:49 AM



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

August 14, 2025 at 07:49 AM



“ *Joe & Judy Reres planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael Reres.*

Joe & Judy Reres - August 13, 2025 at 09:04 PM

CK

“ Charlie Betty and kids purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Michael Reres.



Charlie Betty and kids - August 13, 2025 at 09:01 PM

PR

“ Paul, Billy, Barbara and Paul C Rotondo purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Michael Reres.



Paul, Billy, Barbara and Paul C Rotondo - August 13, 2025 at 05:07 PM

PR

“ Paul, Billy, Barbara and Paul C Rotondo planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael Reres.

Paul, Billy, Barbara and Paul C Rotondo - August 13, 2025 at 05:07 PM

JF

“ Jane Stout and Family purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of Michael Reres.



Jane Stout and Family - August 13, 2025 at 04:24 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Michael Reres.



August 13, 2025 at 04:19 PM



“ *Tender Tribute* was purchased for the family of Michael Reres.



August 13, 2025 at 04:18 PM



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

August 13, 2025 at 04:18 PM



“ *With love from Lynn and Keith xxx* purchased the *Beautiful in Blue* for the family of Michael Reres.



With love from Lynn and Keith xxx - August 13, 2025 at 03:57 PM

HL

“ *Harry & Mary Ann Letchworth purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Michael Reres.*



Harry & Mary Ann Letchworth - August 13, 2025 at 03:47 PM

FV

“ *From cousin Ronnie, aunt Ronnie and Vane purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Michael Reres.*



From cousin Ronnie, aunt Ronnie and Vane - August 13, 2025 at 03:39 PM