



Nicholas Vitale

August 4, 1923 - May 19, 2023

Nicholas Vitale, 99 of Matawan, New Jersey passed away on Friday, May 19, 2023.

Born Saturday, August 4, 1923 in Brooklyn, New York, Nick was the son of the late Luigi and Jennie Vitale.

Nick was raised in the Bedford Stuyvesant neighborhood of his beloved Brooklyn - "God's Country" where he met and married the love of his life, Catherine. They started a family of their own and raised their children in the Flatbush section of Brooklyn. For nearly fifty years, Nick worked as a jewelry salesman with William Barthman Jewelers, on Maiden Lane in Manhattan. He proudly called it the 'Tiffany of Downtown'. After retiring, Nick and Kay moved to Matawan, NJ to be closer to family.

Nick was a big fan of the Brooklyn Dodgers, and after their move to the West Coast he became a fan of the NY Mets. Nick loved the game. He volunteered for more than 30 years with the West Highway Little League in Brooklyn, which in 1968 honored him with the first ever "Good Guy Award".

More than anything else, Nick loved being surrounded by his family. Known to both family and friends as simply "Poppy", he was a loving man who will be missed by all that knew him. They will always carry with them his signature

farewell: be good to yourself.

Nick was predeceased by his beloved wife Kay, and by his siblings, Jeannette, Andrew, Gloria, and Theresa.

Nick is survived by his loving children, Nick Vitale and Barbara Vitale, his son in law Richard Medina, his daughter in law Kim Vitale, by his caring brother Thomas, by his cherished grandchildren, Michelle, Nicky, John, Evan, Richard, Victoria, Bernard, and Catherine, and by his cherished great grandchildren, Kelly, Ashley, Nicholas, Jax, Lydia, Ellie, and Nathan.

The family will receive friends from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM and 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM on Monday, May 22, 2023, at Michael Hegarty & John Vincent Scalia Home For Funerals and Cremation Service, 3377 US Highway 9, Old Bridge, New Jersey.

A Funeral Mass will be held at 9:30 AM on Tuesday at St. Clements Church located at 172 Freneau St Matawan, New Jersey 07747.

Donations, in lieu of flowers, to the American Cancer Society in memory of Nick would be appreciated.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY **22**. 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
(732) 679-4422
hegartyfh@scaliahome.com
<https://www.hegarty-scalia-funeral-home.com>

Visitation

MAY **22**. 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

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Service

MAY **23**. 9:30 AM (ET)

St. Clements Church
172 Freneau St
Matawan, NJ 07747

Service

MAY 23 (ET)

Holy Cross Burial Park
840 Cranbury South River Rd
East Brunswick, NJ 08816

Tribute Wall



“ *Nicholas Vitale*

October 05, 2023 at 11:16 AM



“ *My beloved Uncle Nick always was and will be forever adored. Love his favorite niece, Lorraine Catherine*

Lorraine Catherine - May 23, 2023 at 11:32 AM



“ *I was so sorry to hear about Nick's passing. He was my Dad's (Andy Serrao) first cousin, best friend, and co-worker at William Barthman's for many years. My 5 brothers and I always called him "Uncle Nickie" and we loved him and his wife, "Aunt" Kay. He visited our home in Richmond Hill, Queens often, and we always looked forward to seeing his smiling face and hearing his jokes. He always remembered our birthdays, and always loved telling us stories about his and my Dad's youth growing up in Brooklyn. He was the greatest! I called him annually up until a few years ago to see how he was doing, and my sister-in-law, Linda kept in touch with him often, and she loved talking to him. He gave us all lots of great memories. (Those pictures in the album are fantastic).*

*John Serrao
DeLand, Florida*

John Serrao - May 22, 2023 at 07:24 PM

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“ Tamara P lit a candle in memory of Nicholas Vitale



Tamara P - May 22, 2023 at 10:54 AM

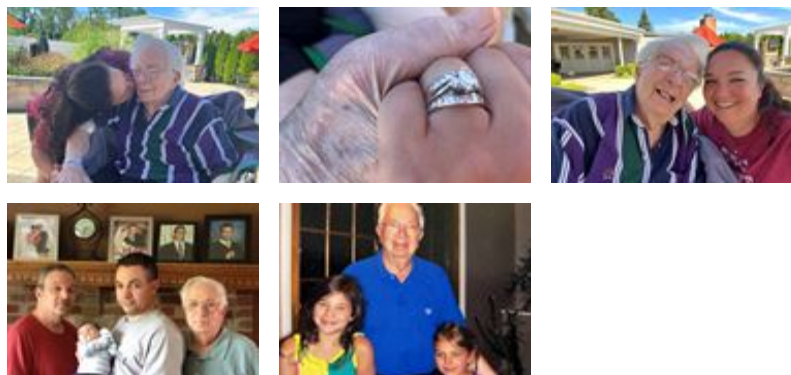
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Thinking of you during this sad time. It is unspeakable sorrow to lose a parent. Many warm hugs to you while you grieve.

Tamara P - May 22, 2023 at 10:59 AM



“ 30 files added to the album LifeTributes



Michael Hegarty & John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals and Cremation Service - May 22, 2023 at 08:51 AM

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“ Donna,Pat,Lorraine,Bob and Marilynn purchased the Pink Potpourri Bouquet for the family of Nicholas Vitale.



Donna,Pat,Lorraine,Bob and Marilynn - May 22, 2023 at 06:48 AM



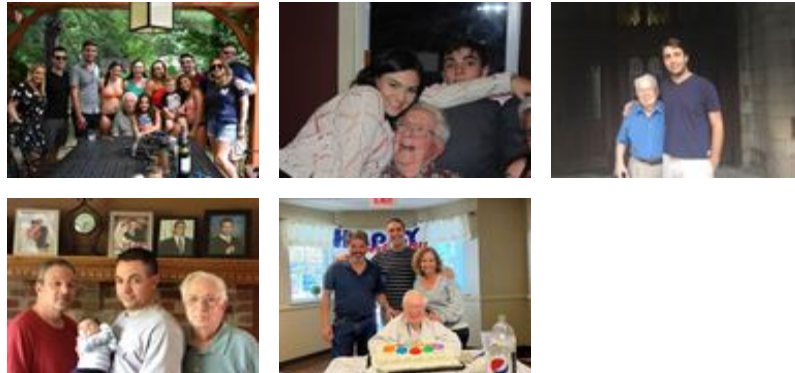
“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Nicholas Vitale.*



May 21, 2023 at 05:45 PM



“ *73 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Michael Hegarty & John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals and Cremation Service - May 21, 2023 at 02:57 PM



“ *Sincerely, Joann, Andrew, and Margie purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Nicholas Vitale.*



Sincerely, Joann, Andrew, and Margie - May 21, 2023 at 08:11 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Nicholas Vitale.*



May 20, 2023 at 06:14 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Nicholas Vitale.*



May 20, 2023 at 03:45 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Nicholas Vitale.*



May 20, 2023 at 01:53 PM